

Network 10 Business Meeting Minutes

Dear Network 10 colleagues,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Network 10 meeting during ECER 2026. It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces, and to engage in rich discussions about the future of teacher education and our network.

A Growing and Active Network

Network 10 continues to be one of the largest EERA networks, with around 250 contributions represented this year. Our Monday evening social event was also a great success, bringing together approximately 40 colleagues for informal networking and exchange.

We are grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment shown by members throughout the conference and look forward to building on this momentum over the coming year.

Discussion Themes

During the meeting, participants worked in groups to discuss three key questions:

- How can we maintain high-quality teacher education in an era of teacher shortages?
- What would you like Network 10 to do during and between conferences?
- How can members contribute to the network's activities?

Several important themes emerged from the discussions.

Teacher Shortages: A Shared Challenge

Teacher shortages were a prominent topic across groups. Participants highlighted how this issue is experienced differently across countries and stressed the value of examining it from a broader European and international perspective. Discussions touched on working conditions, teacher workload, professional autonomy, teacher migration, and strategies for attracting and retaining teachers in the profession.

Many participants emphasized that addressing shortages requires not only recruiting new teachers but also creating the conditions that allow teachers to thrive and remain in the profession.

Teacher Motivation, Identity and Professionalism

Members expressed strong interest in exploring teacher motivation and professional identity in greater depth. Questions were raised about why individuals choose teaching as a career and how teacher commitment and professional agency can be supported

throughout different career stages. Interest was also shown in organising future sessions in these areas.

AI and Technology in Education

Participants identified artificial intelligence and educational technology as important areas for future network activities. Suggestions included workshops and discussions focused on AI agents, digital tools, simulations, avatars, and the integration of technology into teacher education and professional development.

Looking Beyond Our Network

Several participants suggested developing more opportunities for collaboration across EERA networks through joint symposia, workshops, and special sessions. Such collaborations could help us address common challenges and create richer opportunities for scholarly exchange.

Ideas for Future Network Activities

Members encouraged the network to:

- Organise online workshops and seminars between conferences.
- Develop thematic activities around current research topics.
- Organise joint calls with other networks (one with NW1 (Professional Learning and Development) on teacher educators' professional development, and another with NW27 (Didactics – Learning and Teaching) on immersive experiences in teacher learning, such as using avatars and simulations to train student and practicing teachers).
- Create opportunities for informal networking and collaboration.
- Strengthen engagement with the network blog and other communication channels.
- Continue exploring emerging issues in teacher education across different national contexts.

Next Steps

In the coming months, the network convenors will:

- Bring together for an online meeting on **5 October 2026** the convenor group and conference participants who would like to become more actively involved in the network and potentially join the convenor group in the future.
- Continue recruiting and coordinating reviewers and volunteers.
- Develop initiatives based on the ideas generated during the meeting.

- Invite further contributions and suggestions from network members through upcoming communications.

We Want to Hear from You!

The vitality of Network 10 depends on the active engagement of its members. If you have ideas for workshops, symposia, research discussions, collaborative projects, or other activities, we would love to hear from you.

Together, we can continue to strengthen Network 10 as an inclusive and vibrant community for research on teacher education.

With best wishes,

The Network 10 Convenor Team

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