

## **Minutes from NW 11 meeting**

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**Chair:** Ineta Luka

**Minutes taken by:** Valerija Drozdova

### **Topics:**

#### **NW 11 activities (September 2023 – August 2024):**

- ✓ The Link Convenor, Ineta Luka, introduced the NW members to the activities conducted (timeline and main activities).
- ✓ Information was provided about the report on ECER 2024 in Nicosia.

#### **Preparing for ECER 2024:**

- ✓ Fifty-four contributions were submitted in the first round, 48 were accepted, 4 were rejected, and 2 were redirected after meta-reviews. Eight contributions were submitted in the second round, 4 were accepted, and 4 were rejected. NW ended with 52 final contributions accepted.
- ✓ The reviewing process and results were discussed. Sixty-two contributions were accepted for review, and 136 reviews were completed. Twenty-two reviewers were involved, including 2 new ones, with each reviewer completing an average of 4-7 reviews.
- ✓ Data on the types of presentations (papers, posters, and ignite talks) were provided and compared. The results were shown in a comparative table. Forty-six papers were submitted, 40 were accepted, 5 rejected, and 1 redirected. Thirteen posters were submitted, 11 were accepted, and 2 were rejected. Three ignite talks were submitted, 1 was accepted, 1 rejected, and 1 redirected.
- ✓ The data about the ratings of contributions were provided using a scale from 1 to 10.
- ✓ The reviewing criteria were discussed, including:
  - Awareness of Previous Work and Own Contributions – 34%
  - European Perspective – 34%
  - Coherence in Argumentation and Methodology – 8%
  - Research Methods – 8%
  - Analytical/Theoretical Frame – 8%.
- ✓ Other management activities were discussed.

## **Analysis of ECER 2024:**

### **Contributions of NW11:**

- ✓ The audience was informed about the total number of presentations – 2,036 presenters, as well as the number of posters in 2024, with 130 accepted. NW11 had 13 slots for sessions, 10 of which were realized.
- ✓ There was only one session where one presenter failed to show up.
- ✓ Eleven posters were presented at the Poster Session.
- ✓ Session chairs: Ineta Luka, Valerija Drozdova, Daiga Kalnina, Dita Nimante, Buratin Khampirat, Gulmira Yestepbergenova, Mudassir Arafat.
- ✓ Most sessions were well attended, with 12 to 17 people, except for some sessions there were 10 people.
- ✓ The audience was thanked for their contribution and assistance.

### **The role of a Link Convenor of NW 11:**

- ✓ Since September 2024 – August 2025 is the last year for the Link convenor Ineta Luka, the discussion regarding the election of a Convenor for NW 11 for the next four consecutive years starting from September 2025 took place. This was done in order to elect the future Link Convenor and provide them a shadowing period while preparing for ECER2025.
- ✓ The participants were asked to choose a Convenor, and everyone proposed Ineta Luka for the role. They were then asked to vote in favor, against, or abstain from the selection of Ineta Luka as the Convenor. The voting proceeded by a show of hands, and all participants cast their votes, with all votes in favor of Ineta Luka for the next period from September 2025. So there will be no need for the shadowing period.

### **Future perspectives:**

- ✓ A discussion about publication opportunities and the creation of a database of high-impact journals was conducted.
- ✓ It was discussed that there is no necessity to publish a Conference Abstract Book with NW11 submissions.
- ✓ Information about EERA summer schools was provided, with an open call for the years 2027-2029.
- ✓ The possibility of having NW projects supported was discussed, including a book proposal, organizing a seminar, and a NW development project.

### **It was discussed and decided that:**

1. The Link Convenor shall inform all the NW co-convenors and reviewers about the decisions made during this meeting, and send the presentation, minutes, and annual report to all co-convenors and reviewers.

2. The question of the necessity for clearer guidelines for qualitative research evaluation was raised. It was decided to organize an online meeting with reviewers to discuss the qualitative research criteria for contribution evaluation in December 2024.
3. It was acknowledged that the European perspective was not always easy to evaluate. The Convenor clarified that contributions should incorporate a European perspective.
4. The question of introducing more reviewers for NW11 was raised. The participants who volunteered have to send their CVs to the Link convenor by mid-September. 4 conference attendants have expressed a wish to become a reviewer for NW11.
5. Ineta Luka was selected to continue as the Convenor, when the first period is over, for the next four consecutive years, starting from September 2025 and ending on August/September 2029.