

Network 11

Educational Improvement and Quality Assurance meeting

ECER 2026, 18-21 August 2026

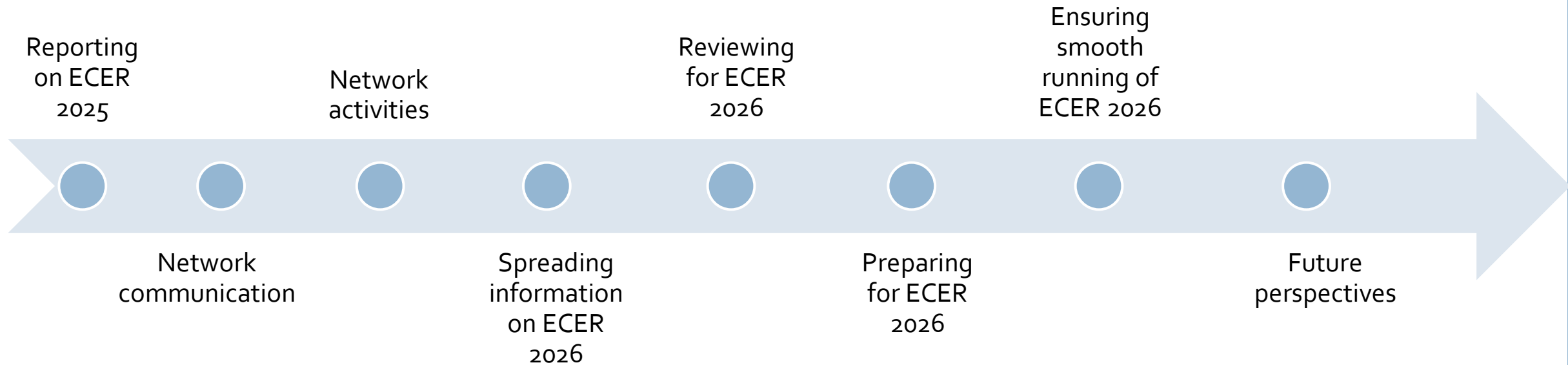


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Network 11 activities

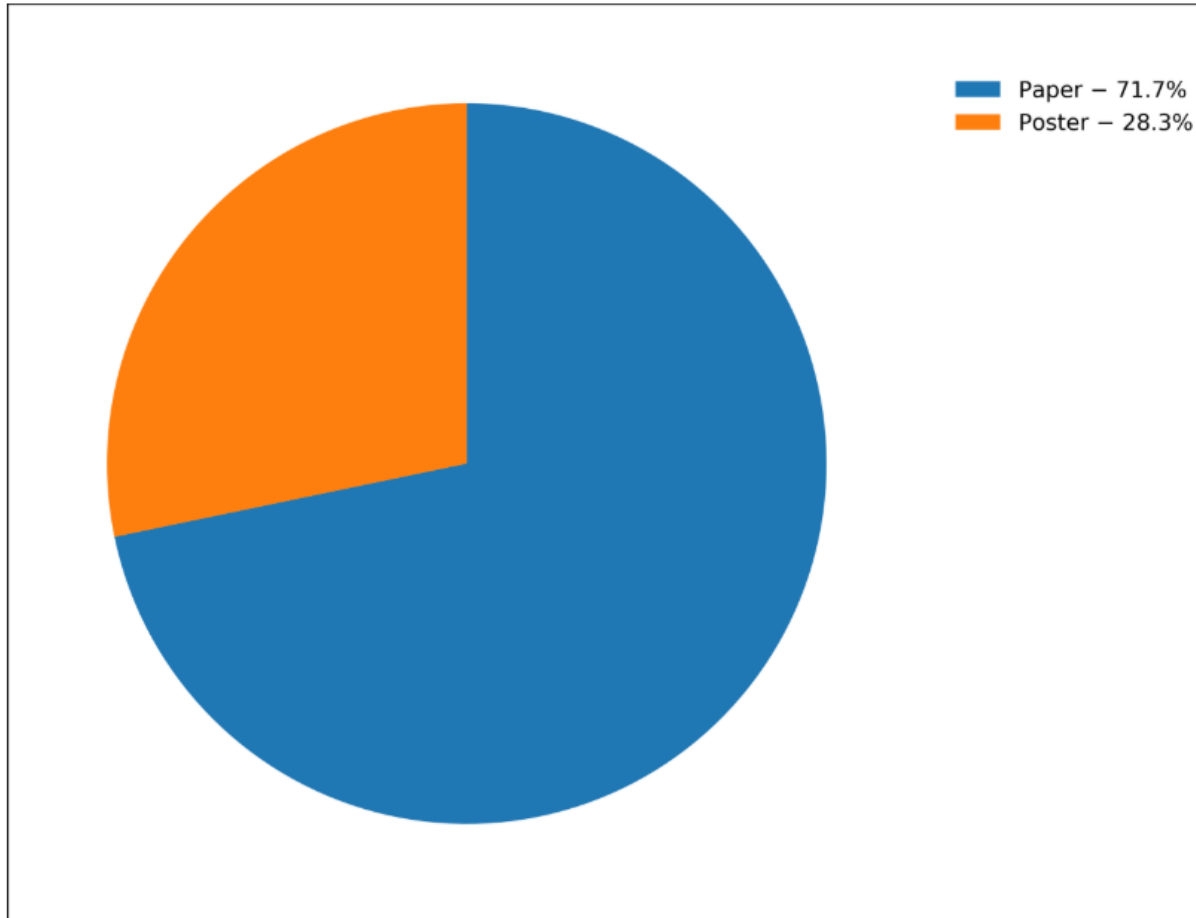
(September 2025 – August 2026)

Timeline



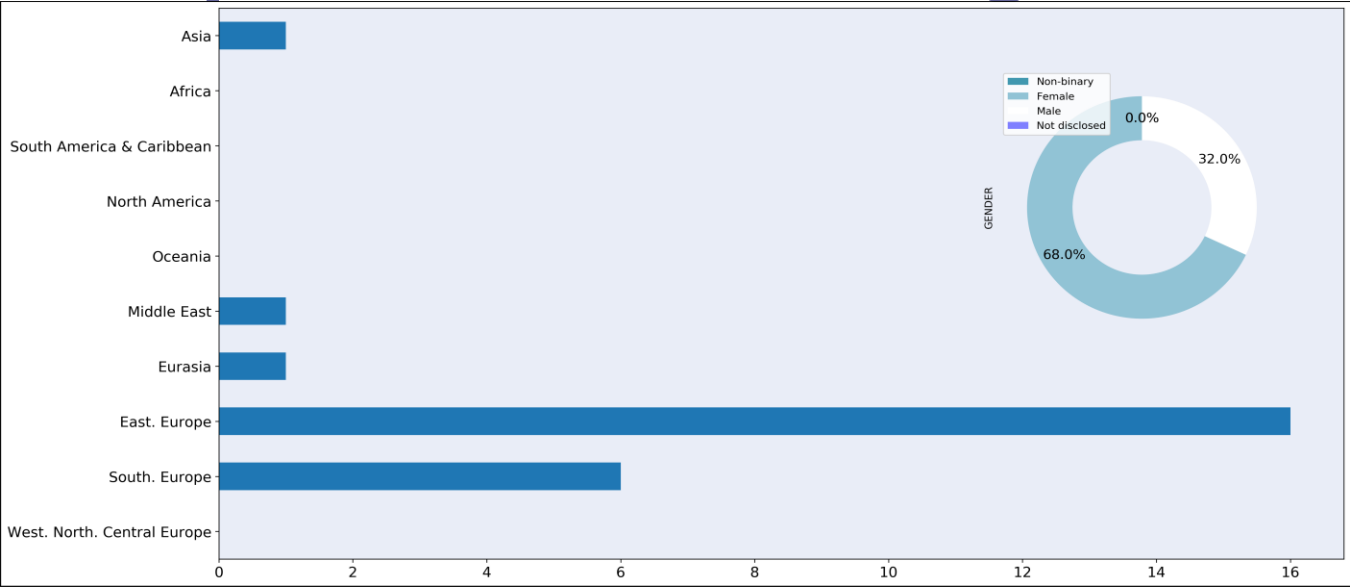
Report on ECER 2025 (I)

46 submissions presented



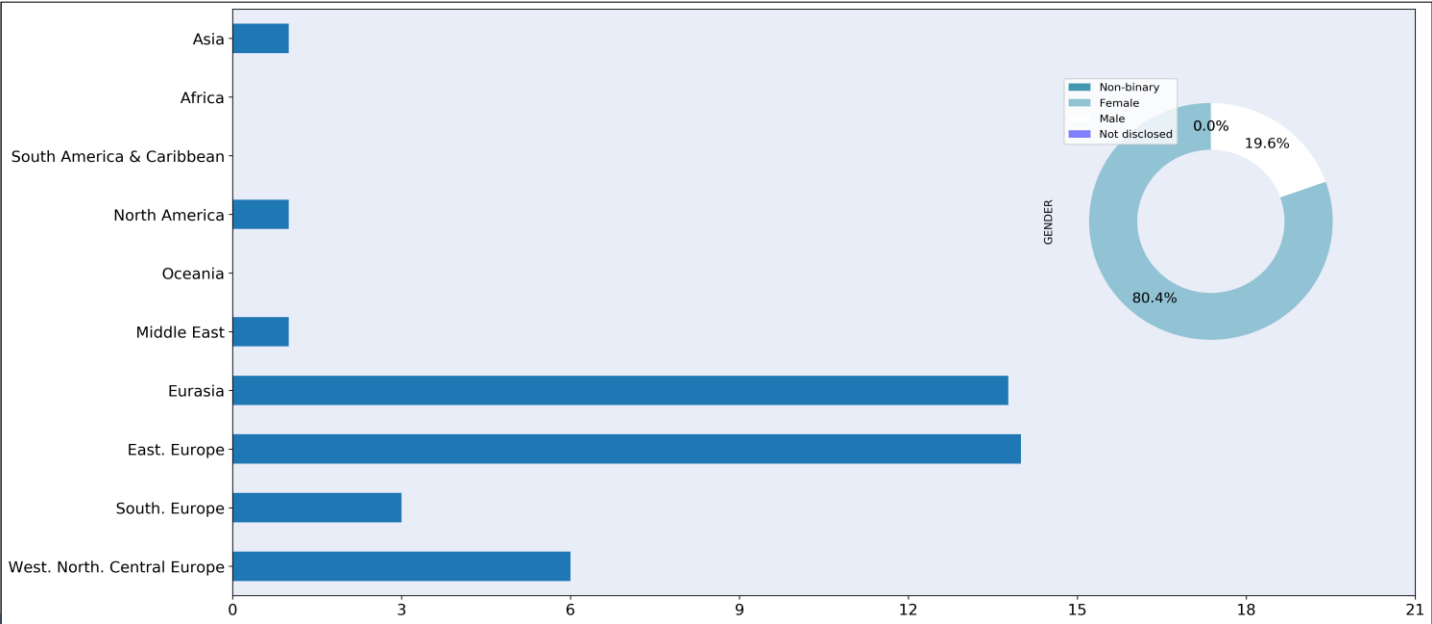
- Minutes: https://eera-ecer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/Networks/NW11/Minutes_of_the_Network_11_Meeting.pdf
- Presentation: https://eera-ecer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/Networks/NW11/Network_11_meeting_11092025.pdf
- Annual report: <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/11-educational-improvement-and-quality-assurance/annual-reports/annual-report-2025-belgrade>

Report on ECER 2025 (II)



25 reviewers

46 submitters



Network communication

- Link Convenor and 11 co-convenors, 10 active co-convenors
- Two honorary NW members: Prof. Samuel Gento and Dr. Heidi Flavian
- Link convenor sent out e-mails to convenors with news and work process at regular intervals

NW11 activities

- NW meeting during ECER2025 in Belgrade
- Nomination for the 3 papers to be voted for the best paper award in ECER2025 for Karina Spridzane & Zanda Rubene (Latvia)
- An open lecture by Assoc. Prof. Valerija Drozdova (Turība University, Latvia)
“Digitalization in English for Specific Purposes (ESP) in the University Setting: Theoretical Perspectives and the Turība University Example” (16.01.2026)
- Paula Martinez Enriquez’s (UNED, Spain) blog about Early Childhood Education: [NW11 Educational Improvement and Quality Assurance Archives - EERA Blog](#)
(18.02.2026)

Spreading information on ECER 2026

- Increase in contributions, especially posters
- NW mailing list: nw11-subscribe@lists.eera-ecer.de
- Personal channels were used successfully, no special promotion this year except during EERA ECER2025 conference in Belgrade
- Contributions:
 - ✓ 97 contributions submitted in the first round
 - ✓ 8 incoming during the second round
- NW ended with 73 contributions accepted, 65 contributions expected at the conference (7 papers and 1 poster withdrawn after the results announced at a later stage during the program planning)  **big NW** (more than 54 contributions)

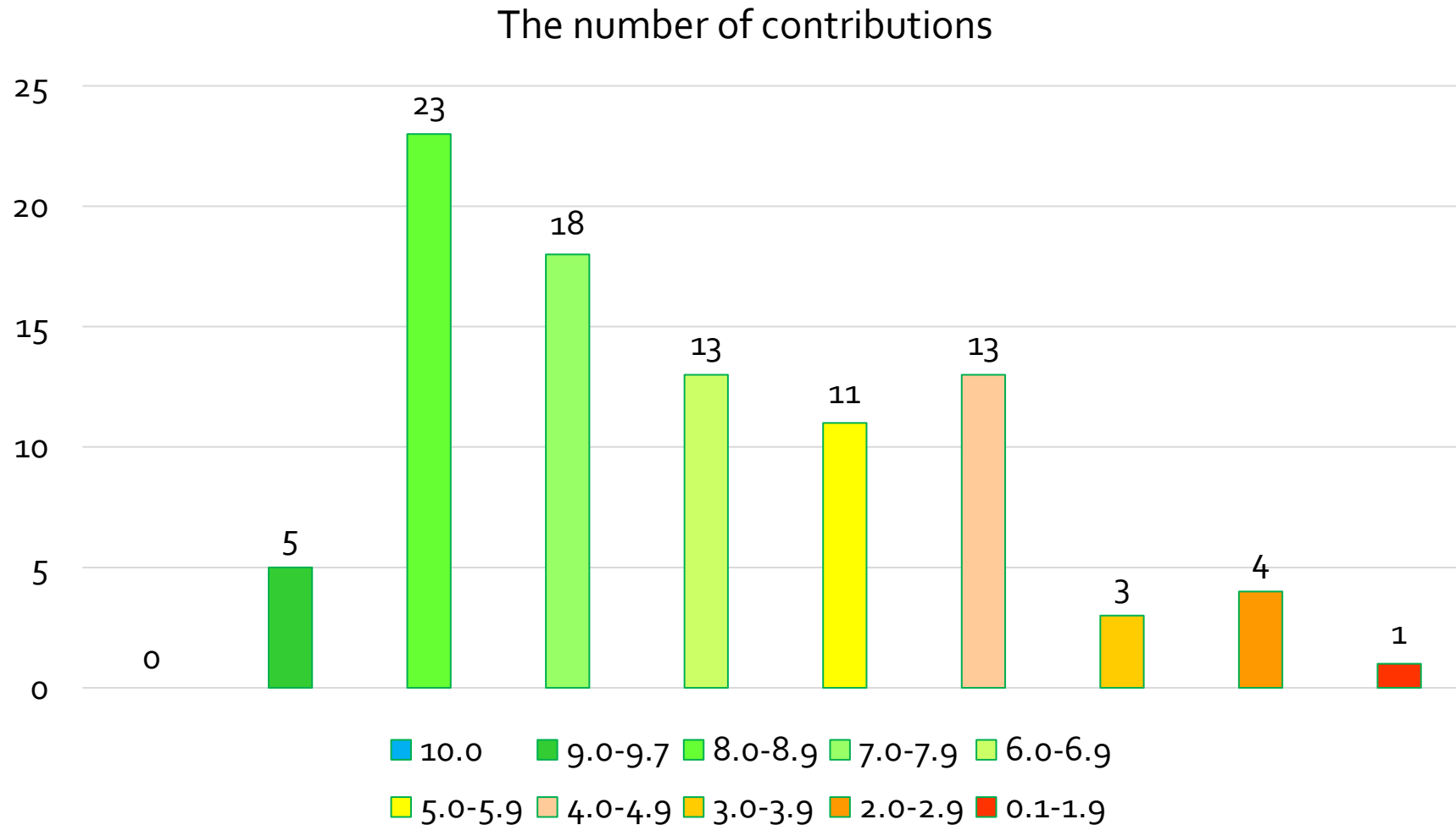
Contributions for ECER 2025 and 2026 (I)

	ECER 2025	ECER 2026
Contributions in the first round	65: 56 – accepted 4 – rejected 5 – redirected	97: 74 – accepted 21 – rejected 2 – redirected
Contributions in the second round	10: 7– accepted 3 – rejected	8: 3 – accepted 5 – rejected
Final number of contributions	75: 63 accepted	105: 76 accepted
Rejection rate	9,86%	23,42%
Reviewers	25	27 (+3 new; -1 experienced; 8-9 reviews per reviewer)
Reviews done	150+7=157	210 +22=232
Meta reviews	7	22

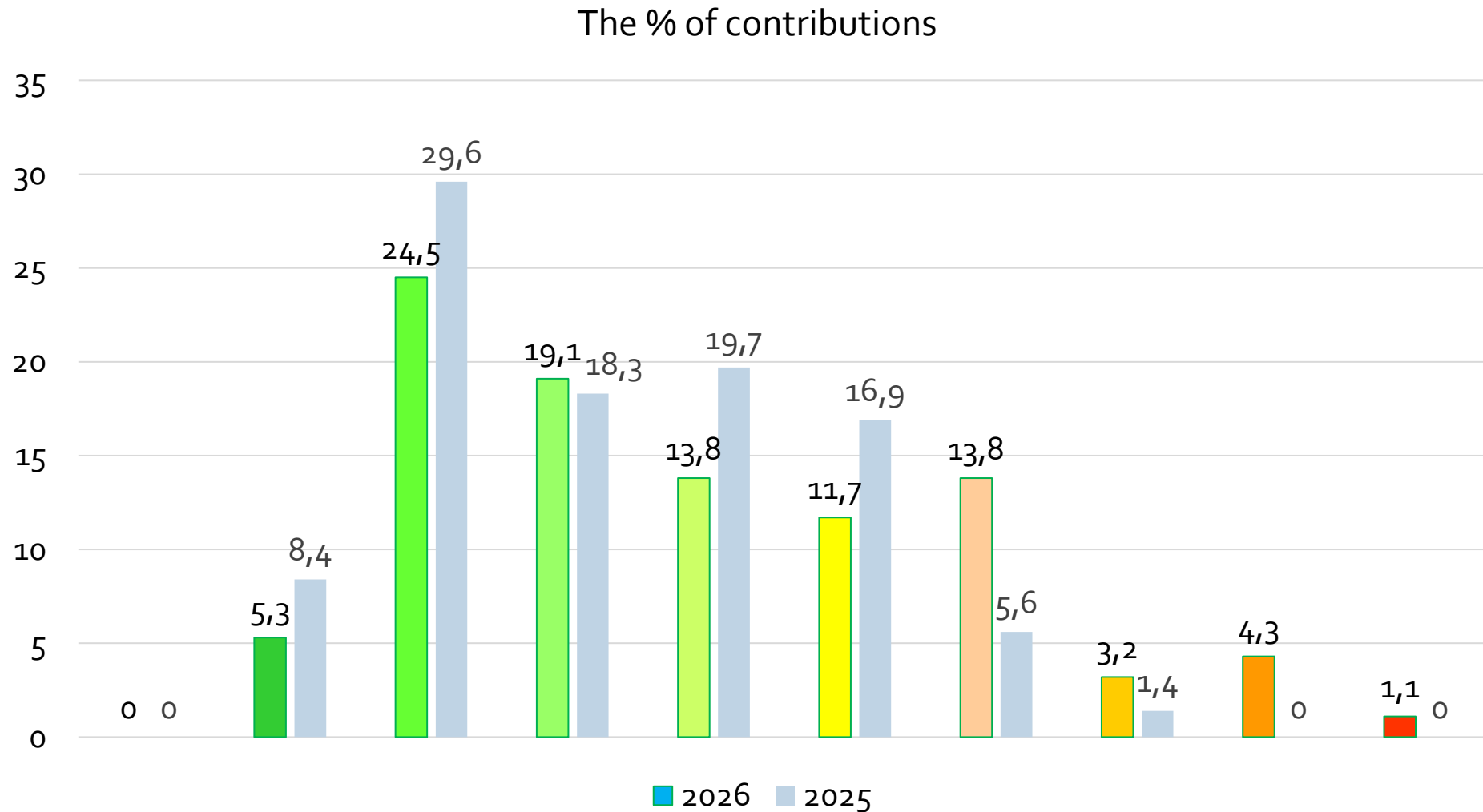
Contributions for ECER 2025 and 2026 (II)

	ECER 2025	ECER 2026
Papers	50: 45 – accepted 2 – rejected 3 - redirected	69: 54 – accepted 13 – rejected 2 – redirected
Posters	22: 18 – accepted 4 – rejected	27: 18 – accepted 9 – rejected
Ignite talk	1: 0 – accepted 1 – rejected	4: 2 – accepted 2 – rejected
Video	1 – redirected	1 – accepted
Research workshop	1 – redirected	1 – rejected
Panel discussion	-	1 – rejected
Symposia	-	2 – accepted

Reviewing for ECER 2026



Reviewing for ECER 2026 vs. 2025



Countries represented (Papers)

Country	Accepted	Country	Accepted
Kazakhstan	7	Arab Emirates	1
Latvia	7	Belgium	1
Spain	5	Brasil	1
Australia	5	Czechia	1
China	4	Finland	1
Lithuania	2	Germany	1
Turkey	2	Finland & Palestine & UK	1
Austria	2	Israel	1
Chile	2	Norway	1
Thailand & Latvia	2	Serbia	1
UK	2	Thailand	1
Turkey & Ireland	1	Total	54

Countries represented (Posters)

Country	Accepted
Kazakhstan	11
Latvia	3
Portugal	2
Romania	1
Slovenia	1
Total	18

Reviewing criteria

- Coherence in Argumentation and Methodology – 8%,
- Research question(s) or focus of enquiry – 8%,
- Research Methods – 8%,
- Analytical / Theoretical Frame – 8%,
- Awareness of Previous Work and Own Contributions – 34%,
- European Perspective – 34%.
- Average [weighted] (out of 10)

ECER 2026 in numbers

- In 2026 there were 4 409 submissions (+1 496) compared to the baseline of 2 913 submissions per conference.
- 1 061 PhD students among the participants.
- The most represented countries in 2026: Kazakhstan (455), Finland (403), Germany (357), UK (327), Sweden (192), Norway (143), Spain (127).
- NW 11: 14 sessions out of 14 allocated (12 with 4 presentations, 2 sessions with 3 presentations), 16 posters – Commission for evaluation created.
- 12 Session chairs for paper sessions: Valerija Drozdova, Ieva Rudzinska, Ineta Luka, Nijolė Burkšaitienė, Loreta Chodzkienė, Buratin Khampirat, Tamara Pigozne, Paula Martínez-Enríquez, Mudassir Arafat, Daiga Kalnina, Arturs Medveckis, Jana Poláková Vašátková.
- 2 Chairs and 2 Discussants for 2 symposia: Stephen Gorard (chair), Mariane Koslinski (discussant) and Anna Gieschen (chair), Ineke Pitten Cate (discussant).

Thank you for your contributions and assistance!

Future perspectives of NW₁₁

- Publication opportunities
- Summer School for PhD students – Open Call for 2027 – 2029
- Network projects supported:
 - ✓ Summer school (funding 6000 EUR max)
 - ✓ Organize a seminar, meeting for new plans (funding 6000 EUR max)
 - ✓ Publication (3500 EUR max)
 - ✓ NW related publications (1500 EUR max)
- **Future ECERs:** Debrecen, Hungary (30.08.2027-03.09.2027), Salamanca, Spain (2028), East of Paris (2029).

NW11 perspectives of EERA ECER (discussion)

- The role of posters?
- Shorter conference formats?
- Rejection rates?
- Other formats of contributions?
- A limit of presentations per participant / per NW?
- Recruiting reviewers?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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