

Minutes of the Annual Network 16 Meeting

12.15 – 13.15, Thursday 20th August 2026

D13, Tampere University

Attendees present: Cornelia Connolly, Christian Cerda, Miriam Leon, Fredrick Mock Kohrenes, Denis Moynihan, Antigona Uka, Viknapergash Guraiah, Feyza Nur Sen, Muhanned Emre Boz, Cemil Gökhan Karacon, Nobert Erdmann, Abeer Watted, Pia Sander, Julija Melnikovc, Judita Kasperiūnienė, Olena Kovalchuk, Oksana Zabolotne, Christina Mercader, Lea Katharina Reis, Geidre Tamoliune, Beliz Sahin, Sude Gündüz, Lourdes Guardia, Marcelo Maina, Josephin Beeting, Hannah Teresa Napp, Funda Barutcu Yildirim, Gamze Ucak Ersizer, Javid Jafazov, Ines Springael, Stefanie Hillen, Philippe Gabriel, Thomas Viik, Tobias M. Schifferle. **Online:** Ruth Wood joined remotely via Zoom using the Link Convenor's laptop.

(For context: Ruth's remote participation was not announced to the attendees. The Link Convenor was simultaneously hosting the hybrid meeting, delivering the presentation and taking the minutes; Zoom was open in the background of her laptop).

Apologies: Karl Steffens

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cornelia, as Link Convenor, introduced herself and welcomed colleagues to the meeting. She explained the 'Responsibilities of the Link Convenor' from the EERA General Regulations.

2. NW16 submissions, reviewing, acceptance and presentations

- Network 16 received a total of 145 submissions, reflecting a 16% increase compared to the previous year, with an overall acceptance rate of 60%. The accepted NW16 breakdown was as follows: 69 papers, 12 posters, 3 symposia, 1 panel discussion, and 1 research workshop.
- The Link Convenor acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the outstanding contributions of all reviewers, extending her thanks to both the reviewers and the chairpersons for their essential role in the success of Network 16 at ECER.
- An invitation was extended to attendees to consider serving as reviewers for ECER 2027 and to engage more actively in the network's activities. *(For context, this was also raised at the meeting held on the 11 Sept 2025 in Belgrade).*

3. ECER 2027 and the future

- The location, theme, and timeline for the 2027 ECER conference were announced. A QR code linking to a Google form was shared to solicit participants' views on a potential Network Dinner and any other suggestions for the 2027 event.
- An overview was provided of network funding opportunities and the current network structure, including the roles of Link Convenor, Convenors, and Reviewers. The two Network 16 Convenors physically present in person were formally introduced.

- The EERA General Regulations concerning the election of Convenors were presented. It was noted that specific information about the arrangements proposed for the next election had not yet been circulated to Network participants. A proposal was made to circulate information to participants and to organise an online meeting within the following month to discuss and conduct the election of Convenors. No objections were raised. The detailed process and timing would be confirmed in due course. The Network 16 objectives were presented. The Link Convenor invited participants to share views on the continued appropriateness of the title and objectives. There was general agreement that the current network title is outdated and that the objectives require revision. *(For context, this discussion continued earlier work on the Network's mission and description, which had been raised at the Network Meeting held on 11 September 2025 in Belgrade and subsequently pursued through exchanges among the Convenors via online discussions and e-mail exchange during October 2025 . No final wording or formal decision was adopted during the Annual Network Meeting).*

4. Composition and renewal of the convenors' group - Philippe Gabriel

This item was addressed in earlier discussion (please see point 3).

5. AI in education, network proposal – Javid Jafarov

Javid Jafarov and Ines Springael introduced a proposal, which they and others are bringing to EERA Council for a 'AI in Education' Network.

6. Any Other Business

- The Link Convenor introduced a book proposal on 'AI Literacy in Teacher Education' which she explained will be submitted to Springer Nature as part of the Transdisciplinary Perspectives in Educational Research series. Details will be circulated when further details are available.
- The Link Convenor made everyone aware of the [EERA Blog](#), a very popular and 'most read' EERA page. She invited submissions from Network 16. The Link Convenor proposed Ed Smeets and Karl Steffens to be nominated as Honorary Members of Network 16. There was acknowledgement of the contribution of the two men, and general support to the proposal with no objections raised. The Link Convenor noted the general support for the suggestion and confirmed that the nominations would be forwarded to EERA Council for the applicable approval process.