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Conference submissions

Although the total number of submissions to ECER boosted in 2026, NW23 remains stable. Actually, only the number of posters spiked, which is to be welcomed since the network wants to involve emerging researchers.

	Papers	Panels	Posters	Total
2023	113	21	4	138
2024	110	12	1	123
2025	66	9	1	76
2026	94	16	8	118

Reviewing Update

Due to the retirement of several colleagues and other reasons, the number of reviewers declined from 30 in 2025 to 22 in 2026.

Network development

- A team including current and former convenors is about to deliver the manuscript of a handbook to a publisher in November 2026.
- This year the online seminars were organised as two panels on the datafication and digitalisation of education.
- Although the link convenor has discussed a few ideas with other network link convenors, these conversations have not led to specific initiatives.

Planning

- Delivering the handbook in November. Encouraging the editors to prepare posts for the EERA blog
- Launching a new season of online seminars.
- Proposing a workshop for emerging researchers in ECER 2027