

ECER, 2023, Glasgow – Minutes of the Network Meeting (NW 26, Educational Leadership)

In the first half hour, we had our network meeting, and in the second half hour, we had an internal discussion with the co-convenors of the network.

Network Meeting

-In our annual network meeting, the new Link Convenor, Antonios Kafa, took over from Pierre Tulowitzki and addressed the participants of the meeting.

-The new Link convenor talked in his presentation about the sustainability of the network and the collaborative work that all members of the network need to promote.

-A reference was made to the success of the NW26, which continues to be among the top 10 biggest networks of EERA.

-During the presentation, some general key figures were presented about the ECER conference in Glasgow and the reference to the high submissions that returned to pre-COVID numbers. Also, a reference was made to the large numbers of participants.

-Following, there was a reference to the submitted proposals of the NW26. The number of proposals received by our network was high, and the acceptance rate was at a good level. In particular, 116 submitted proposals, of which 95 were accepted for presentation at this year's conference.

- 79 papers
- 12 symposiums
- 1 poster
- 2 panel discussions
- 1 research workshop

-The co-convenors have once again stepped up and reviewed everything on time and with care. The new link convenor thanked all the reviewers for their contribution and support despite the high number of proposals that were assigned to them. Authors are appreciative of the feedback they receive.

- Following, there was a reference on how to submit a proposal within the NW26, a mailing list for participants to subscribe to, and a presentation of the various funding opportunities. There are several funding opportunities. They are all laid out on the ECER homepage.

- Then the future ECERs were presented (Nicosia, 2024, Belgrade, 2025, Tampere, 2026). In particular, for next year, ECER will be held in Nicosia, Cyprus, and the conference theme is 'Education in an Age of Uncertainty: Memory and Hope for the Future'.

-The participants agreed that the sessions were mostly well attended. Overall, participants had praise for the coherence of the sessions ('papers fit well together'). Some expressed hope that joint sessions would return in future ECERS.

-Finally, the participants exchanged ideas for future publications and collaborations. All participants agreed to send the information to the link convenor so that it could be disseminated through the mailing list to all network members.

Co-convenors Meeting

-In the second half-hour, the co-convenors remained in the room and discussed various topics.

-The discussion began with the role of chairman in each session and the responsibility to connect the papers and come with a concluding remark.

-Also, the issue of reviewing and addressing the European dimension was discussed. The participants agreed on the following: The Link convenor will disseminate this information to the reviewers before the reviewing phase.

- conducted in a European country/ system (or globally).
- should be based on more than one European country/ system (or globally).
- should not be too country-specific.
- should include some comparative element with other countries (European or global dimension).
- should show implications of your research for other countries (European or global dimension).
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-Finally, all co-convenors agreed to maintain contact and explore further ways to collaborate and enhance the network.

End of Minutes of the Network Meeting