

ECER, 2024, Nicosia – Minutes of the Network Meeting (NW 26, Educational Leadership)

Thursday 29/8 – 12:45-13:30, Nicosia Cyprus

In the first 15 minutes, we held our network meeting, followed by a half-hour internal discussion with the network's co-convenors.

Network Meeting

- During our annual network meeting, we highlighted the success of NW26, which remains among the top 10 largest networks within EERA.

- In the presentation, key figures related to the ECER conference in Nicosia were shared, along with information about our network. Although the submission rate was slightly lower than last year's conference in Glasgow, it was still strong. Additionally, the large number of participants was noted.

- The meeting also discussed the submitted proposals for NW26. The network received a high number of proposals, and the acceptance rate was commendable. Specifically, out of 107 submitted proposals, 92 were accepted for presentation at this year's conference:

- 76 papers
- 10 symposiums
- 6 posters

- The co-convenors once again managed to review all submissions on time and with great care. The link convenor expressed gratitude to the reviewers for their contributions, especially given the high volume of proposals. Authors have appreciated the feedback they received.

- Additionally, information was provided on how to submit proposals within NW26, along with details about a mailing list for participants and various funding opportunities, all of which are available on the ECER homepage.

- The upcoming ECERs were also presented: Belgrade in 2025 and Tampere in 2026.

- Participants agreed that most sessions were well attended and praised the coherence of the sessions, noting that the papers complemented each other well. Some participants expressed hope that joint sessions would return in future ECERs.

- Finally, participants exchanged ideas for future publications and collaborations. Everyone agreed to send their information to the link convenor, who would then disseminate it to all network members through the mailing list.

Co-convenors Meeting

- During the remaining half-hour, the co-convenors remained in the room to discuss various topics.

- The discussion began with the link convenor asking all co-convenors to visit the webpage and review their information to ensure its accuracy. The goal was to update the webpage if necessary. All co-convenors agreed to review the webpage and send any needed updates.

- Following this, the link convenor announced that the following two co-convenors were stepping down:

1. Lars Frode Frederiksen- Syddansk Universitet, Denmark

2. Ulf Leo - Umeå University, Sweden

- As a result, there was a discussion about filling these positions and possibly adding more co-convenors to better support the network. This would help manage the large number of submissions, handle redirected papers from other networks, and conduct meta-reviews for papers with high disparities.

- The following individuals were suggested as potential new co-convenors, both by the link convenor and the current co-convenors:

1. Anna Rantala- Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Principal Development, Umeå University

2. Ulrike Krein - Assistant Professor of Educational Sciences, University of Mainz, Germany

3. Michalis Constantinides - Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Educational Leadership and Management, School of Education, University of Glasgow

- All of the above nominees have shown interest in the network. Two of them are promising young scholars, and the convenors agreed to extend invitations to them, expressing interest in their participation as new co-convenors.

- Additionally, the issue of reviewing and addressing the European dimension in submissions was discussed. The participants agreed on the following guidelines, which the link convenor will disseminate to reviewers before the review phase:

1. The research should be conducted in a European country/system (or globally).

2. It should be based on more than one European country/system (or globally).

3. It should not be too country-specific.

4. It should include some comparative element with other countries (European or global dimensions).

5. It should show the implications of the research for other countries (European or global dimensions).

- 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