

Network Meeting, September 29, 2024

1 Update ECER 2023, Glasgow

Concerning the ECER 2023 conference there were 153 initial submissions handed in. 24 % of these papers handed in were rejected, in line with previous years. The reviewing process continued with the use of the long reviewing format. The programme contained 83 papers, 5 symposia, 1 ignite talk, 3 posters and 1 joint session with network 31. The sessions were thematically organized, aiming at making coherent sessions which was appreciated by the attendees. At the Glasgow conference many newcomers joined the network, more than before the pandemic. A workshop, organized and maintained by Marte Blikstad-Balas and Laura Tamassia, was attended by many participants. The core question on 'What constitutes didactic research?' was appreciated by the attendees and had great feedback. The roundtable 'Connecting with Scottish research in didactics' took place in person for the first time, Scottish colleagues presented and discussed a wide range of research fields, appreciated by the attendees. For more information see webpage <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/27-didactics-learning-and-teaching/annual-reports/>

2 ECER 2024, Nicosia

The reviewing process for ECER 2024 went smoothly due to a good structure built up by the network over time. Initially there were 67 submissions, less than 2023, due obviously to travel costs, green travel restrictions, and climate matters. The rejections rate was 28 %, which is among the highest for ECER, but still in line with the established reviewing routines of the network. 8 papers and 3 posters were withdrawn. The final programme comprised 6 symposia, 54 papers, 22 sessions, and 4 posters. This year there was no Tuesday morning workshop, but it will be continued from 2025 onwards due to positive feedback and the possibility to gain more NW 27 members (with a focus on research questions specific to research questions, methodology, maybe with the support of invited guests). The round table 'Connecting with Cypriot Research in Didactics' had four papers with a wide range of educational / didactic approaches which were presented with their practical impacts.

3 Convenor' status, length and duties

Marte and Anke prepare a 'map' of NW 27 convenors and suggested new convenors who have a clear view on relevant research fields, different countries/national contexts, and gender. The election of new convenors is to be prepared in spring / May 2025. We encouraged the attendees to think about new convenors (especially from Southern/Eastern Europe) to join the network, become reviewers and then, given their interest, advance to becoming convenors.

4 Predominant research foci of the network / special call for ECER 2025

Last year's discussion in the network meeting led to a collection of suggestions concerning topics/research fields to be developed in NW 27. We suggested the overall 'label' of 'Didactics in times

of uncertainty'. The colleagues discussed the following: The focus on didactics is the DNA of NW 27 and should stay it. Uncertainty is a frame that fits on different dimensions: teachers' coping with uncertainty, students' development and the enhancement of life skills, consequences of societal change and uncertainty for didactic, its teaching and learning, and the impact of uncertainty to theoretical frameworks and research methodology.

The colleagues further discussed the possibility of symposia or round tables concerning the concept of Bildung and associated research methods (in contrast to evidence-based methods), or more generally speaking a symposium/round table on core concepts on didactics. Furthermore, a resumé of the state of the art could be envisaged: What are our core issues, getting aware of our own network history, summarizing the field of research together. A third focus of symposia/round tables could be explicitly on methodology, to showcase how we capture data in a concrete way.

AOB (Any Other Business)

The network dinner will be on Thursday, restaurant Kathodon.

There were some issues concerning the upload of slides before the conference. A feedback will be given to the Council.

The team also discussed the challenges of conferences that are too far away from middle Europe. Travel costs, green travel restrictions and climate aspects play an important role regarding the participation of European researchers (Yerevan, Nicosia). It could be discussed to take this into consideration when deciding on future conferences. An alternative could be to have ECER conferences every second year only.

The Council plans to hold ECER 2027 in Northern Cyprus (Kyrenia). The convenors team (and other network convenors and members) does not agree. There will be an online meeting to discuss the network's reaction to this decision.

Brian Hudson has published a blog on the history of the network. Everybody is invited to add this blog.