

## **NW30 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH, ECER 2025**

### **MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING 11 SEPTEMBER 2025, 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM**

Big Hall, Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade.

44 members participated in this physical meeting that was led by Elsa Lee, and minutes taken by Ole Andreas Kvamme and Güliz Karaarslan Semiz.

#### **1. Presentation of the agenda**

#### **2. Statistics NW30 at ECER 2025**

**ECER 2025 (2024)**

**Submissions: 107 (79)**

This means 244 reviews!

**Accepted: 92 (67)**

**Rejected: (22) (10)**

**Total reviewers: 32 (23)**

Average 6 reviews per reviewer

**Members: 518 (491)**

#### **3. Activities from 2024 to 2025**

In addition to continuous newsletters to the network and tasks connected with the ECER conference, the convenor group had established a YouTube Channel and LinkedIn Group, and started a series with emerging reserachers presenting their PhD theses.

#### **4. Election of new co-convenors**

Güliz Karaarslan Semiz, the convenor group, led this item.

There were two candidates to be elected for 3 years:

Candidate 1: Konstantinos ('Kostas') Korfiatus, University of Cyprus

Recommended by Elsa Lee and Rosalie Mathie

Candidate 2: Katrien Van Poeck, Ghent University

Recommended by Stefan Bengtsson and Marco Rieckmann

Both Kostas and Katrien were elected separately and unanimously.

#### **5. Sense of place series: Serbia**

Milica Marušić Jablanović, Institute for Educational Research, Belgrade presented central aspects of the history of environmental education in Serbia.

#### **6. Belgrade+50**

Ole Andreas Kvamme, the convenor group, gave a short update. At the opening session on Tuesday (9 September) two issues had been addressed. First, the mainstreaming of ESE research, cf. NW30's special call for ECER2025, and second, a critical appreciation of the Belgrade Charter from 1975. The Belgrade Charter had been discussed in groups, with the use

of padlet, and this process will continue after ECER 2025, heading towards ECER 2026 in Tampere, Finland. Alan Reid, chief editor of EER, has provided background papers and comments from some key scholars, and also has the idea of an intergenerational conversation on the legacy of the Belgrade charter. This item will be followed up by the convenor group. Alan also encouraged the meeting to visit the website of the GEEP (Global Environmental Education Partnership) and supplement the country information provided there, several European countries are still not covered: <https://thegeep.org/resources/countries>

## **7. Expression of gratitude to Elsa Lee**

Elsa Lee stepped down after five years as link convener and received a lengthy and warm applause from the business meeting for her outstanding contributions to the network. Elsa will deputize in the convenor group another year.

*The business meeting ended early at 1 pm., enabling the participants to join a meeting where the protesting students at University of Serbia were giving an update on their situation.*