

EERA Network Seminar 2023 Minutes

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Klaus	Rummler	NW 06. Open Learning: Media, Environments and Cultures
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Karen	Laing	NW 15. Research on Partnerships in Education
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Geert	Thyssen	NW 17. Histories of Education
Clemens	Wieser	NW 19. Ethnography
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Pete	Kelly	NW 23. Policy Studies and Politics of Education
Vuslat	Şeker	NW 24. Mathematics Education Research
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Marte	Blikstadt-Balas	NW 27. Didactics – Learning and Teaching
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Judit	Onsès	NW 29. Research on Arts Education
Elsa	Lee	NW 30. Environmental and Sustainability Education Research, ESER
Irina	Usanova	NW 31. Led - NW on Language and Education
Susanne Maria	Weber	NW 32. Organizational Education
Andrea	Abbas	NW 33. Gender and Education
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Petra	Grell	Networks' Representative on Council
Fabio	Dovigo	Networks' Representative on Council - Elect
Maria	Pacheco Figueiredo	EERA Secretary General
Andreas	Hadjar	EERA Treasurer
Angelika	Wegscheider	EERA Office
Doretta	Dow	EERA Office
Apologies: Rachel Sanford (NW 18. Research in Sports Pedagogy), Marit Honerød Hoveid (EERA President – Elect)		

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. EERA /EXEC General Information and Update

You can find the "General Network Seminar Powerpoint" pdf in the dropbox

EERA President Joe O'Hara began with a general overview of the "EERA Family" and its moving parts. EERA's members are 42 National Associations from 37 regions/countries. EERA Council, the governing body, is composed of representatives from the National Associations and the Executive Board (EXEC) which acts as the action group for Council. An estimated 20,000 researchers interact within EERA and EERA's academic work, especially the ECER conference, is organised in EERA's 33 Networks and the Emerging Researchers' Group. The Networks' Representative on Council represents the Networks at the Council Meetings.

Networks' Representative on Council Petra Grell emphasized how important it is that the Networks, Council and EXEC members interact and communicate.

You can view a short video on EERA here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fcot5JLKNU>

2.1 President, EXEC, and EERA Office

The EERA President also has a representative role and is a member of the WERA (World Education Research Association) Council, a member of EASSH (European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities), a member of ISE (Initiative of Science in Europe) and as EERA President is invited to speak about EERA at national associations' conferences.

2.2 Report from Council Meeting in March (Election General Secretary, Election Senior Mentor, Confirmation ERC Link Convenor and Honorary Members)

The following persons were elected/confirmed during the Council Meeting in March:

Lucian Ion Ciolan - EERA Secretary General Elect

- President Romanian Educational Research Association (ARCE)
- Vice Rector University of Bucharest

Mhairi Beaton - Emerging Researchers' Group Senior Mentor

- BERA
- University of Padova - FISPPA Department, Italy
- Leeds Beckett University

Lisa Bugno - ERG Link Convenor Elect

- SIPED
- University of Padova - FISPPA Department
Italy
- EERA Representative to WERA ERG/DEC

Honorary Network Members:

- Dolf van Veen | NW 05. Children and Youth at Risk and Urban Education
- Helena Ribeiro de Castro | NW 17. Histories of Education
- Dennis Beach | NW 19. Ethnography
 - <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/honorary-network-members>

2.3 EERA Membership Development

EERA is not a European Union organisation. EERA is a European Association. This European identity is defined by the Council of Europe (<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/>). EERA grows “organically”, not “systematically”.

Current Applications

- Azerbaijan
- Kosovo

Pausing Application

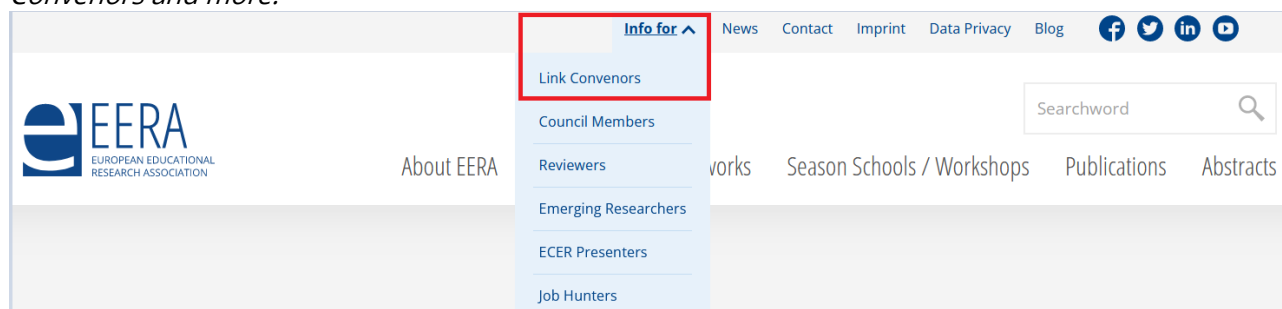
- Bulgaria

2.4 General Regulations

You can find the general regulations here: https://eera-ecer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/Constitution/General_Regulations_March_2018.pdf

EERA’s Secretary General Maria Pacheco Figueiredo drew everyone’s attention to the General Regulations, saying there is a “wealth of information there”, for example you can find the procedure for the establishment of new Networks and much more in the regulations. Maria strongly encourages Link Convenor to take the time to look through the regulations.

Hint on how to quickly access Network-pertinent information on the EERA website:
Click on “Info for Link Convenors” on the EERA Homepage to find documents such as the General Regulations, Dates and Timelines for Link Convenors, Guidelines for Programme Planning for Link Convenors and more.



2.5 Strategy Introduction

The current EERA Strategy is for the time period 2019 – 2024.

The EERA President Elect Marit Honerød Hoveid is working with the following members of the Strategy Working Group to develop the strategy for the future:

- Saneeya Quareshi,
- Sofia Marques Da Silva,
- Gonzalo Jover
- Christof Nagele
- Jonas Andreasen Lysgaard,
- Fabio Dovigo
- Satu Perala-Littunen
- Joe O’Hara

Six key priority areas for EERA to explore in the period 2019 – 2024:

- EERA and the Wider World
- External Relationships
- Internal Relations

- Quality, Education and Research
- Policy Impact
- Publications

Priority actions include:

- EERA Blog
- Development of structures to facilitate greater linkages between different parts of EERA – ‘EERA Projects’
- Survey of Educational Research
- Enhancement of links between ERG and rest of EERA community
- Development of Standard Operating Procedures
- EERA Publishing initiatives – open access, transdisciplinary book series

3. Financial Report (Treasurer Andreas Hadjar)

For EERA's Treasurer Andreas Hadjar's full report, please see the pdf "TreasurerReport_Network Meeting_2May2023-1" in the dropbox.

In 2022, EERA experienced the expected loss due to a lower than usual number of participants due to insecurities (Covid and regional), a change in currency exchange rate Armenian AMD – Euros, and the financial support for Ukraine. However, EERA still has a buffer.

Andreas reminded everyone that 90% of EERA's budget comes from ECER.

Latest decisions made by the Executive Board:

- inflation-related amendment of allowances:
 - 400 EUR for travel expenses to network meeting
 - 6000 EUR for network projects/ network season schools
 - 3500 EUR for network development projects (overall sum assigned to network funding stays the same)
 - 16500 EUR for summer schools

Network Funding: Andreas would like to strongly encourage you to think about Network Projects and apply for the funding. You can find details here: <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/network-funding>

4. ECER 2023 Glasgow

4.1 Video Call with Head of LOC Stephen McKinney

The Head of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), Stephen McKinney, presented ECER 2024 and Glasgow, describing the history of the University of Glasgow, showing the beautiful buildings on the campus and teasing the many sites of interest, restaurants, bars and museums Glasgow has to offer.

4.2 General Report: Submission Numbers, Posters and Poster Award

See the pdf "Network Seminar Powerpoint AW" in the dropbox.

EERA Office Manager, Angelika Wegscheider, reported on ECER 2023.

Link Convenor Meetings at ECER

- Tuesday, August 22, 9:00 – 10:30
- Friday, August 25, 12:00 – 13:30

Number of Submissions and Review Results

- ECER and ERC received close to 3200 submissions. (2800 ECER/ 390 ERC)

- ECER 2023 had more submissions than both ECER 2018 Bolzano and ECER 2019 Hamburg
- Network submissions have returned to pre-covid numbers
- Number of reviewers lower than pre-covid. (750 vs 800)
- Rejection rate went down (slightly) 11% vs 12% ECER; ERC still 12%
- We expect 2700 – 3000 participants.

Buildings and rooms

Angelika explained that ECER will use 13 – 16 different buildings. When assigning Networks to buildings she does her best to:

- avoid buildings with only 1 room (exception Huntarian Gallery)
- avoid using Kelvin Building (3 large theatres 150+ cap)
- keep Networks in one building

Networks can support programme/room planning by:

- planning some 4 paper slots
- using all time slots
- not asking for too many extra/special sessions
- being flexible with dates and times

Posters at ECER 2023

All ECER Posters have been scheduled in the General Poster Session which will take place Wed, 23 August 12:15 – 13:15

Poster Award 2023 – Timeline for Link Convenors

- Tuesday 1 August – Thursday 10 August: Link Convenors can view their network's posters on the Whova app.
- Thursday, 10 August: Link Convenors will be asked to nominate 1 or 2 posters from their network for the award by Thursday, 10 August (email with Poster ID and title to dow@eera.eu)
- More than 5 posters = 2 nominations.
 - The following networks can nominate two posters: NW 04, NW 10, NW 22

Chairpersons Survey Pilot

- Each year there are difficulties finding enough chairpersons, knowing who is willing to act as chairperson and finding replacements for chair cancellations.
- This survey could provide LCs and Office with a list of potential chairpersons for sessions and cancellations.
- Only interested Networks need participate.
- If you would like your Network to take part, please let Office (dow@eera.eu) know.

4.3 Venue, Social Events

- The ERC Social Monday evening will take place in the Glasgow City Chambers.
- The ECER Welcome Reception will take place Tuesday evening on campus in the Cloisters.
- The Council-invited reception will take place Wednesday evening in the Hunterian Museum (tbc).
- There will be a reception with a ceilidh after the last session on Thursday (and before people head out to dinner) at the School of Education, featuring finger food, wine, beer and dance. This will be a good chance to socialize with other participants and local researchers.

4.4 Connecting with Local Educational Researchers

Petra strongly encourages Link Convenors to get in touch with local researchers. You can find a list of the SERA Networks here: <https://www.sera.ac.uk/>

4.5 Ongoing Activities and Preparations from Networks

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5. Future ECERS

There was a discussion on how venues are chosen for ECER, and the question was asked if the aspect “risk” is factored into these decisions. Maria, Petra and Joe explained that EERA does not actively seek out venues, rather universities approach EERA with a hosting proposal: “We go where we are invited”. EERA does welcome the opportunity to make ECER more equitable to all members by having ECERS take place in areas/regions we have not been before. Participants for example from Armenia and the region always have had long flights/high costs to attend ECER. It is good to bring the conference to their region in return.

5.1 Nicosia 2024

26 - 27 August 2024 - Emerging Researchers' Conference, ERC

27 - 30 August 2024 - European Conference on Educational Research, ECER

Keynote process for ECER 2024 was successfully finished in March 2023

EERA's 30 Anniversary 2024

The last EERA anniversary celebration was the 20th at ECER 2014 in Porto. Maria reported on the plans for EERA's 30 anniversary celebration next year at ECER 2024 in Nicosia. At the moment ideas for activities during ECER 2024 are being brainstormed and EERA would like to have lead-up activities before ECER. There will be a working group for ideas (blogs, online activities etc.). Link Convenors will be sent an invitation to participate, and we are actively looking for volunteers for a research piece.

5.2 Belgrade 2025 (site visit, scientific committee)

Marit and Angelika visited the University of Belgrade early March 2023. They found the city and the university very suitable to host the conference. The University is in the City centre within a pedestrian area, there will be plenty of rooms in 3 – 4 adjacent buildings. The surroundings are inviting with terrasse cafés, museums and shops nearby. Conference dates: Second week of September 2025.

The Keynote process will start in Jan. 2024. In addition to Council and LOC, Link Convenors are strongly encouraged to suggest keynote speakers whose voice they think should be heard. Networks should feel free to nominate person from under-represented groups.

5.3 Tampere 2026

Negotiations with Tampere will be finalised soon.

6. EERA Activities: Summer School, Academic Writing Workshops, Supporting Educational Research in Ukraine

6.1 EERA Summer School 2023 – report by Maria Pacheco Figueiredo

EERSS 2023 “Participatory Approaches in Educational Research” will take place at the University of Porto, Portugal, 26 - 30 June 2023. The Summer School received 186 applications, 91 were accepted and 88 have registered to attend. XXXThe University of Porto hosted EERSS 2022 and will also host EERSS 2024.

Maria spoke of supporting Emerging Researchers as one of the major foci of EERA. EERA Summer Schools host 70 or more early researchers each year numerous countries. During the Summer School the participants discuss their PhD projects with tutors and in groups. There is a new theme each year supported by invited keynotes.

This year's Summer School in Porto will be supported by 4 research centers/national associations. The summer schools are a great way for early researchers to come together, network, find support and form collaborations.

If you think your university would like to support emerging researchers by hosting an EERA Summer School, please be in touch. <https://eera-ecer.de/seasonschools/hosting-an-eera-summer-school>

Summer Schools 2025 and 2026 will take place in Chemnitz, Germany.

6.2 Academic Writing Workshops

EERA and ARCE (Romanian Educational research Association) will organise a workshop 5 - 6 October 2023 in Cluj-Napoca (Romania). The members of the new Writing Workshop team are: Stephen McKinney, Céline Healey, Mhairi Beaton and Lucian Ciolan.

6.3 Supporting Educational Research in Ukraine

- Explicit and unanimous condemnation of Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Waiving of fees for Ukrainian Researchers attending ECER
- Provision of bursaries for all ECRs attending ERC
- Allocation of 50,000 euro for a range of targeted research projects managed in partnership with UERA.
- Three-day seminar entitled "Teaching and Research in the War Time: Developing Resilience in the UERA Members" focusing specifically on the challenges of working, teaching and researching in times of violence and social upheaval

Projects:

- Sustainable University: Model of Development in the Post-war Period
- Study and implementation of American standards of agricultural education in Ukraine: civic participation, quality improvement and democratic development
- The European research space as a reference point for the development of pedagogical science in Ukraine: the information hub of the Institute of Pedagogy of the NAES of Ukraine
- Introducing and Researching New Practices in the Workflow of In-Service Teacher Professional Development
- Inclusive educational environment for internally displaced students during the war in Ukraine
- Formation of transversal competences of post-graduate students for developing an innovative educational environment in distance learning
- Development of resiliency of undergraduate university students under the conditions of military conflict on the territory of Ukraine
- Supporting the Development of Empirical Academic Studies in Ukraine
- Information hygiene as a component of the formation of a safe educational environment at school

6.4 EERA Continues Support for:

- Networks and Network activities
- EERJ
- EERA Book Series (<https://eera-ecer.de/publications/bookseries>)

7. Report Emerging Researchers' Group by ERG Link Convenor Saneeya Qureshi

NEW ERG LC: Dr Lisa Bugno is currently based at the University of Padova, Italy. Lisa has been a co-convenor with ERG from 2016 to 2022, and then moved into the role of ERG liaison with the WERA Doctoral Early Career Researchers Group. Lisa understands what is required of the role, the contexts

of the ERG activities and wider EERA Council's and Networks' relationships and the implications of all these connectivities which are so crucial for the ERG Link Convenor's success.

New ERG Senior Mentor: Professor Mhairi Beaton is based at Leeds Beckett University in the UK and starting in September 2023. Mhairi has been a member of the EERA Council representing the British Educational Research Council since 2019 and a long-time champion of ERG activities.

SoPs in preparation for handover of ERG LC role: At the request of the EERA Secretary General, Saneeya is working with Lisa and Mhairi to develop a series of SOPs for all ERG activities. These will be ready by ERC/ ECER 2023.

Best Paper Award: The winner will shortly be announce, and Saneeya will reach out to relevant Network Link Convenors for their help with specialised reviews for the papers that are still not of a quality that can be recommended for further peer review and possible publication.

Get to know EERA, etc Monday lunchtime ERC 2023 session: We require at least two volunteers for this session to represent the Networks. Thanks to Elsa, Arnaud and Laurence for so kindly volunteering.

Special network sessions: Although the ERG LC cannot take an active part myself, I am happy to help and support with any Network joint ECER sessions and advertise these specifically to our ERGs during the ERC.

EERA Summer School in Porto: the ERG LC and current shadow ERG LC will both be attending and leading tutorial groups

Huge thanks to all network convenors, as always, for your generosity of time in supporting ERG activities. Please do continue to help us with filling out the survey to mentor/ chair ERC sessions, as we have 17 parallel sessions in each slot this year.

8. Strategy – Working Groups

See the pdf "Notes from Network Convenor Working Group discussions about proposed EERA Strategy – Saneeya Qureshi" in the dropbox to view a summary of each report as well as the graphics/notes.

Marit was present via Zoom to listen to the reports and ask/respond to questions.

9. EERA Publications

9.1 EERJ

The Zoom Call with Sotiria Grek, one of the EERJ editors, had to be cancelled due to technical reasons. You can read about the EERJ here: <https://eera-ecer.de/publications/eerj-eeras-journal>

9.2 Book Series

The book titles in this series (<https://www.springer.com/series/16480>)

Children's Rights from International Educational Perspectives - Wicked Problems for Children's Education Rights, Editors: Jenna Gillett-Swan and Nina Thelander

Didactics in a Changing World European Perspectives on Teaching - Learning and the Curriculum, Editors: Florence Ligozat, Kirsti Klette and Jonas Almqvist

Wellbeing and Schooling - Cross Cultural and Cross Disciplinary Perspectives, Editors: Ros McLellan, Carole Faucher and Venka Simovska

Partnerships in Education - Risks in Transdisciplinary Educational Research, Editors: Kathrin Otrell-Cass, Karen J. C. Laing and Janet Wolf

The Art and Science of Innovation - Transdisciplinary Work, Learning and Transgression, Authors: Lorraine White-Hancock

The invitation to submit a proposal: https://eera-ecer.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Poster_Publishing_in_EERA_Book_Series.pdf

9.3 Reviving the Open Access Working Group to Support EERA Strategy

The following people volunteered to be part of the new Open Access Working Group: Michelle Proyer (NW 04. Inclusive Education), Elsa Lee (NW 30. Environmental and Sustainability Education Research, ESER), Christof Nägele (NW 02. Vocational Education and Training (VETNET)), Christoph Schindler (NW 12. Open Research in Education), Susanne Weber (NW 32. Organizational Education), Klaus Rummler (NW 06. Open Learning: Media, Environments and Cultures). Klaus will organise a meeting / discussion among the group members to identify next steps.

9.4 Networks' Publications

- ECER is a great way to get in touch with potential authors and reviewers
- Some networks have a journal editor within the group who takes care of the connection between network and journal
- Some networks publish proceedings
- Some networks are fond of open access and are happy to share knowledge about their journal
- Some networks don't have a publication strategy, but might be interested to start a discussion

10. Social Media and Blog

The EERA Blog was launched on 19th October 2020. By the end of February 2023, we published:

- 90 blog posts
 - From 14 National Associations and 22 networks
 - Over 55,000 visitors
 - Almost 75 000 clicks (on individual posts or pages)
 - We now have almost 2500 hits per month, with a weekly posting schedule and regular shares on Social Media

Link to the EERA Blog: <https://blog.eera-ecer.de/>

11. Application for a New Network

See the pdf "EERA Network Proposal – Research on Citizenship Education" in the dropbox

11.1 Discussion in small groups

Before separating into small groups for discussion, Petra explained that the Networks are asked for their input and recommendation. The final decision on acceptance is made by Council.

11.2 Plenary Discussion and Decision

The proposal was seen to be very well-written. After group discussion, the recommendation was made to get back to the applicants with a request for more info before the application is sent to Council. Questions included:

- Have your members attended previous ECERs? If yes, which Networks were they active in?
- Would it be possible for you to broaden your convenor group geographically?
- Please clarify the remit, particularly the concept of citizenship.
- Please clarify the methodological approaches.
- Please estimate the size of the research community (based on previous conferences, activities etc).

12. Joint Sessions for ECER 2023

Office was collecting Ideas for the Joint sessions and will support networks in building them up.

13. Network Projects and Further Network Topics

13.1 General Information

- **Apply for funding!** There are no deadlines at the moment. You can find details on funding possibilities here: <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/network-funding>
- **New!** Funding is available for in person meetings amongst link convenors/co-convenors.
- Network project funding was raised to max. 6000,- € for each application.
- Consider connecting with local researcher groups during ECERs by contacting the national organisation (SERA) <https://www.sera.ac.uk/>

13.2 Other Network Issues

- Reinstalling the Open Access group (see members of the new group in 9.3)
- How can networks participate in discussion and decision making process when the conference is moving towards an area that is seen as an higher risk area?
- How to manage difficulties with network projects – financial restrictions and other?
- Perhaps there is a necessity for a Network Zoom Meeting during the year.
- Suggested topic for the Network Seminar 2024: “Networks’ Reviewing Cultures”
- Final comments from Petra:
 - Reminder: Apply for funding for Network projects: <https://eera-ecer.de/networks/network-funding>
 - Become active in your National Association
 - Be as transparent as possible regarding network procedures when communicating with Network members, e.g. at the Network Meetings

14. AOB / Reminders / Updates

The Network Seminar 2024 will take place in Berlin Monday, 13 May (9:00) – Tuesday 14 May (13:30) 2024

- **Please note that the Network Seminar 2024 days are Monday and Tuesday.**