

**Attendees:**

Kathrin Otrell-Cass (convener), University of Graz, Austria; Karen Laing, (co-convener) University of Newcastle, UK; Corinne Covez (co-convener), Institut Agro, Montpellier, France; Olena Beskorsa, Donbas State Pedagogical University, Ukraine; Raphaela Schlicht-Schmälzle, DIPF, Germany; Joanna Leek Univeristy of Lodz, Poland; Sandra Fischer-Schöneborn, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany; Maiza Trigo, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg; Anna Kvelde, University of Latvia, Latvia; Jan Georgeson, University of Plymouth, UK.

**1. Network coordinators:** The Standing Convener Kathrin Otrell-Cass (University of Graz, Austria), and the co-convener Karen Laing (Newcastle University, UK) continue representing and managing the network. Corinne Covez will step down from her role – the conveners thank Corinne on behalf of the group.

**2. Network activities 2023:** After the succesful book production the network has invited network members to a special issue with EERJ. The group met for a dinner on Monday evening prior to the official opening and had a meeting on Tuesday morning to discuss details. The chief editor of the EERJ joined the meeting to provide some thoughts on how to sharpen the focus of the special issue. Kathrin and Karen will follow up with all who were interested in contributing.

**3. Network activities 2024:** Perhaps we can organise a meeting for the authors of the special issue in a central place most people will be able to travel (ie Amsterdam airport?) – we could meet to discuss the EERJ contributions. Kathrin and Karen will investigate funding possibilities and get back to special issue contributors.

**4. Network communication:** We discussed how to support network activities further and proposed we could try out using Slack. We could use the forum to discuss topics including partnerships and the global north/south divide; partnership discussions on process vs product; partnerships and values; we could include a word cloud in the slack channel to collect ideas.

Follow up: Kathrin has since started a Slack channel -

[https://join.slack.com/t/ecernetwork15/shared\\_invite/zt-1h5vuquyp-53L4MbOc12qz8cveCubVEQ](https://join.slack.com/t/ecernetwork15/shared_invite/zt-1h5vuquyp-53L4MbOc12qz8cveCubVEQ)

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**5. General feedback from the 2023 conference in Glasgow:** A very well received conference. People were a bit overwhelmed by the huge number of participants and associated issues (hard to get from point A to point B in time), lack of coffee places near the buildings where activities took place. Outside signposting could have been useful, sometimes people git lost. Good atmosphere in general, great warm support from the ECER community, the reviews to the submissions were very well received, they were supportive and helpful. The Whova App worked overall very well but sometimes a bit clumsy to jump between the sessions.

**6. Ideas for NW15 calls for 2024 ECER in Cypres:** Symposia worked well – we should also encourage different formats of presentations (ie 4 consecutive classical talks can be very tiresome). We will again ask for Erasmus+ projects (i.e. strategic partnership projects).

Other ideas could be:

- What role do SDGs play in partnerships in education
- Case studies in different countries - focus on comparative components in partnership projects
- Mandated partnerships vs “organic” partnerships
- Partnerships in times of crisis