

Network Objectives

In all European educational systems there is a growing focus on exactly this aspect of education: Management and Leadership. In some respects this interest seems to be formed in very similar ways from one nation to the other. The growing interest in researching leadership of educational institutions and systems therefore need to have a forum for discussing, sharing and developing this research on a transnational basis. No other association gives us this opportunity within the European frames.

This network is presenting, discussing and producing research into multiple aspects of educational leadership. Some of the themes we want to explore and develop are

- Theories on leadership in educational institutions (e.g. transformational, instructional leadership)
- Rationales for educational leadership (e.g. educational, organizational, political)
- Relations in educational leadership (e.g. hierarchical, distributed, shared, democratic)
- Research strategies and methodology in educational leadership research
- Contexts for educational leadership (e.g. institutional, societal, cultural, political)
- Professional development, attraction and retainment of educational leaders
- Relations to stakeholders (e.g. parents, policy makers)
- Development of democratic forms of educational leadership
- Research into leadership in schools in challenging circumstances.

Elections (link convenor is the link to the secretariat, the Council and the speaker of convenors. Together with the convenors (s)he reviews applications for ECER and plans the sessions). A new link convener, Kasper Kofod, the Danish University of Education was elected in 2006 to replace Lejf Moos. Thanks to Lejf for his work as link convenor.