



## CALL FOR RESEARCH SUMMARIES 2023

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### 1. Objective of the Call for Research Summaries 2023

Are you a researcher in the field of education and training? If you have carried out innovative research in this area, this is your chance to showcase it! We are looking for research that sheds light on pressing issues in education and finds applicable solutions to tackle them.

You will have the opportunity to share your findings with an ample network of education stakeholders at ELNE’s online event and online library, becoming part of a rich community of researchers. This is your chance not only to share your work, but to influence educational policy in a meaningful way. ELNE provides a platform for researchers like you to directly reach education practitioners and policy-makers.





## 2. Theme and topics

Overarching theme: ‘Transforming Schools into Learning Communities’

Specific topics:

### 1. Transformation of the learning context and environments

We would like to hear about the evolution of learning contexts and environments. What makes a good learning environment and how can this be achieved in a sustainable way? How have learning contexts (conditions for learners to build knowledge) been transformed in recent times and what is the best way to keep up with these ever-changing environments? How do these new learning environments prompt collaborative or/and transformational leadership in schools?

### 2. Transformation of the educational profession in/to leadership practices

How has the concept, roles, tasks, and responsibilities of the educational profession changed in recent years in/to leadership roles and practices? How can educational policy, education systems, school organisations, and learning institutions better adapt to these changes? We are looking for research regarding new learning frameworks and environments, working time and organisation, innovative pedagogies and especially the changing responsibilities and tasks of teachers as educators and leaders in learning communities and environments.

### 3. Innovative research on educational leadership for the shortage of educational staff and empowerment of educators

The shortage of educational staff is one of the most pressing matters in education nowadays, and finding a sustainable, comprehensive and applicable solution to it is a priority. We would like to see research that focuses on tackling this problem in innovative ways, and considers means of empowering the educational force such as alternative pathways to create alternative conditions of teaching and learning, to improve work conditions and teacher professional life, to diminish teachers’ stress and burn-out, to promote a better school climate, to make the profession more attractive, to provide new career paths and promotion according to new roles and responsibilities.





### 3. How to participate?

#### 3.1. Who can apply?

This Call for Research Summaries is open to all education and training research institutions and their researchers operating at European, national, regional or local level.

These institutions can be universities, research institutes, NGOs, public entities, etc. and should be established in a **European country**, understood as the 46 Member States composing the [Council of Europe](#).

#### 3.3. How to submit the proposal?

We are looking for case studies, review studies, collaborative research and more.

You can submit your research summary by following these steps:

- Download and fill in the [template](#) in English.
- Send the completed template to [contact@elnenetwork.org](mailto:contact@elnenetwork.org)
  - Subject: Research Summaries 2023 - ELNE
  - Template naming: Research summary Name of org./institution number of practice submitted by you.

Applicants may submit more than one proposal by filling out the form again and sending a separate email. In case more details are required on the submitted response, you will be contacted using the contact information provided in the application form.

Should you have any questions, please contact [contact@elnenetwork.org](mailto:contact@elnenetwork.org)

#### 3.4. Deadline

The deadline to submit your case study and research finding summaries for the call of 2023 is Wednesday, **18th of December 2023**.

If selected, you will be contacted in January 2024 to be invited to participate in the ELNE 'Research Corner' Webinar at the European Educational Leadership Week. Please save the date in your calendar to attend the 'practitioners webinar' on the morning of **14th February 2024**. Only those submitted before this date will be eligible to take part in the event. Later submissions will only be considered to be uploaded to the ELNE website.





#### 4. Selection criteria

The Research Committee of the ELNE network is composed of:

- Mika Risku (University of Jyväskylä)
- Alessandro Arienzo (University of Naples Federico II)
- Maria Zeniou (University of Central Lancashire)
- Markus Ammann (University of Innsbruck)
- Miquel Àngel Essomba (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
- Romuald Normand (University of Strasbourg)

The Research Committee of ELNE will be evaluating the received Research Summaries against the following criteria:

- **Complete:** we expect summaries to provide enough detail on the context, background information, sector, problem tackled, methods, results and conclusions.
- **Objective and accurate:** we expect a representation of the facts with accuracy.

This criterion requires the author of the study to give an accurate image of the situation, actions and actors involved in the research study as well as its impact with a balanced view, without exaggerating or neglecting any elements.

- **Usable:** we need to see that the findings of the research can be transferable to other schools following adaptation/ customisation and/or offer ideas for practical application.

The research needs to be of some usability to other contexts by either providing solutions or initiating new ways of performing.

- **Relevant:** The summaries must address the focus of our call. For the first year of ELNE, the overarching theme of the webinar week is ‘**Transforming schools into learning communities**’. It comprises three underlying specific topics that are: Transformation of the learning context and environments; transformation of the teaching profession in/to leadership practices and Innovative research on educational leadership for the shortage of educational staff and empowerment of educators.





In the selection, we also pay attention to **participation across the EU**, to engaging different kinds and levels of educational institutions, such as day-care centers and schools, and tackling a variety of current concerns.

- **Leadership focused:** the summary can demonstrate visionary leadership and/or collaborative leadership.

The summary needs to be relevant to leadership in the broader sense and be able to help provide examples of effective leadership, e.g. responding to crises, working within and beyond diverse stakeholders, forging connections among various actors, promoting learning and school improvement.

- **Transferable:** we can identify and promote educational initiatives that not only inspire but also have the potential to create lasting change and be shared with broader educational communities.

## 5. Next steps

If selected by the ELNE Research Committee, you will be contacted in January 2024. You will be invited to participate in the ELNE webinar at the European Educational Leadership Week, which will give a platform to researchers and practitioners to converse. In addition, you will be invited to attend the in-person ELNE conference that will take place in Brussels, Belgium, in April 2024.

In addition to this, all the research summaries, selected or not by the Research Committee, that meet the format and content requirements, will be uploaded to the ELNE digital library which will be made available on ELNE's website. The ELNE webinar will also be made available later on in ELNE's website and in the [European School Education Platform](#) (previously School Education Gateway).

This will allow you to:

- **Reach a bigger and more diverse audience:** your research is relevant to the broader learning community. Participation will allow you to reach not only all types of stakeholders, but at all levels as well, from local, to national, to European. This will facilitate collaboration and connectivity between you and the education world.
- **Gain visibility for your work:** presenting your research under the ELNE branding will allow it to reach decision-makers and institutions, who will take your work into account when implementing practices and policies.





- **Become part of the ELNE and make contacts:** you will be able to exchange information and ideas with stakeholders at all levels and become part of an ever-growing research community.
- **Be invited to the in-person conference:** get the chance to meet the members of the network in person, as well as the other chosen researchers and practitioners. This is an invaluable opportunity to have an open conversation not only between researchers in the same field but practitioners and policy-makers as well, in order to get feedback from each other.
- **Be part of the ELNE publications (EduJournals):** your work will not just be showcased live, it will be uploaded and disseminated so that people can learn about it at any time. Being under the ELNE logo and in the ELNE website will make this content more accessible and visible.

## 6. Personal data protection

### Recording & data collection

For knowledge sharing and dissemination purposes, the webinars will be recorded. Therefore the Network needs to follow the EU GDPR regulations. In broad, these regulations state:

“[The GDPR] Regulation lays down rules relating to the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and rules relating to the free movement of personal data.

This Regulation protects fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons and in particular their right to the protection of personal data.

The free movement of personal data within the Union shall be neither restricted nor prohibited for reasons connected with the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data.” (GDPR, 2023)

The ELNE webinars during the EELW will be hosted through the Microsoft Teams platform. The Microsoft teams privacy regulations can be found here: [Microsoft Teams Privacy](#). The formal organiser of the online event (hosting) will be the ELNE-coordinating partner EFEE. EFEE will also be referred to as ‘The data handler’, as they will be the organiser of the webinar (legal entity).

The webinar analytics and personal data will be stored in the ELNE Microsoft Teams account and EFEE’s private CRM -Eudonet- respectively. Data collected in the context of the ELNE project will only be used for ELNE purposes and will not be used for other aims unless consent is given separately. Specific anonymised information will be shared with ELNE





partners who are in charge of specific tasks that are necessary for the successful completion of ELNE results. This data will be stored only till the end of the ELNE project funding period unless specified otherwise.

The recordings of the webinars will be stored in the ELNE Microsoft Teams account until uploaded to a private ELNE Youtube account for storage purposes. The webinars will not be visible or publicly trackable in Youtube. From there, the webinars will be embedded to the ELNE website and only accessible from there to registered users. Later in time they will also be uploaded to the European School Education Platform.

Anyone signing up as a speaker, organiser, moderator or participant, needs to be given all information on the collection, processing, storing and using of their data and give consent to the organiser. Everybody includes adults and minors alike.

The data that will be collected encompasses the following topics and reasons for collection and use:

- **(full) Name:** for the purpose of having a contact person & personal addressation
- **E-mail address:** for the purpose of contacting participants about the evaluation of the webinar
- **Organisation:** for the purpose of mapping the variety of participants
- **Role in education:** for the purpose of registering the audiences that are being reached and to identify potential stakeholders that are not in the scope of the current network yet.
- Confirmation that the participant is 18+ for consent purposes
- **How they heard about the project** for the purpose of mapping current communication streams and improving methods of communication.
- **The webinar(s) they attended** for the purpose of identifying (overlapping) interests, across stakeholders and topics in the field of educational environments.
- **Recording of the webinar** will be made for learning and dissemination purposes. **The participant has the choice to** turn on their camera, with the assumption of all cameras and microphones being turned off. Participants can opt to turn on their camera and microphones. This is on a voluntary basis, however by doing so they automatically consent to the recording of their camera and/or microphone as per the recording of the overall webinar.
- The recordings of the webinar will be uploaded on youtube and the ELNE website via a secure link. The webinars will also be uploaded to the [European School Education Platform](#).
- Recordings and/or screenshots of the webinar can be used for the purpose of dissemination and promotion on the ELNE social media and website and for the promotion and dissemination by ELNE partners.

### Minors in visual materials & online events

The Network has the aim of addressing all stakeholders in formal educational environments. Minors are a major stakeholder in Primary-, Secondary- and (to an extent) Vocational education. The handling of data belonging to minors, however, is, as it should be, strictly regulated and follows slightly different rules than for adults.





Although on a basic level GDPR rules still apply, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is considered as leading (OHCHR, 1989). In short this means that general consent cannot be obtained for the recording of minors in photos and videos.

Every single use of material that contains a minor needs to be acknowledged and/or authorised by the parent or legal guardian, every time it is used.

If minors are to be included in the webinars in any visual or auditory capacity (speakers or participants with the possibility of opening their camera or microphone), the webinar organiser will need to get in contact with the ELNE coordinator (EFEE) at least 2 months in advance to the webinar in order to arrange all practicalities and necessary forms for consent of the legal guardians.

Other possibilities of involving minors in webinars in a safe manner is through their participation in interactive activities throughout the webinar either in the chat or with interactive tools such as Kahoot.

By applying to this call you agree to:

\* Pursuant to Article 6 (1) (a) of the GDPR and the general regulation on the protection of personal data of 27 April 2016, you consent to the processing of your personal image data for information and promotional purposes related to the implementation of the project "ELNE – Educational Leadership Network Europe"

\*\* Pursuant to Article 6 (1) (a) of the GDPR and the general regulation on the protection of personal data of 27 April 2016 (Journal of Laws UE L 119 of 04/05/2016), you consent to the processing of your personal data for the purposes of project documentation entitled " ELNE – Educational Leadership Network Europe"

### **Information:**

Pursuant to Art. 13 of the general regulation on the protection of personal data of 27 April 2016 (Journal of Laws UE L 119 of 04/05/2016), we inform you that:

1) the administrator of your personal data is the European Federation of Education Employers (Rue des deux églises 26, 1000 Brussels, Belgium)

3) your personal data will be processed for the purposes of the implementation and documentation of the project entitled "ELNE – Educational Leadership Network Europe" These data may be entrusted to project partners and institutions supervising the implementation of the project for the purposes of control, monitoring, statistics and promotion of the project.

4) Your personal data will be stored for a period of 5 years from the end of the project "ELNE – Educational Leadership Network Europe"







- 5) you have the right to request the administrator to access personal data, the right to rectify, delete or limit processing, the right to object to the processing, the right to transfer data, the right to withdraw consent at any time.
- 6) you have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority.
- 7) providing personal data is obligatory under the law and in the remaining scope it is voluntary.

### References

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