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Call for abstracts 2022

European School Education Platform

**Articles
on school
education
based on
action research
methodology**

The present call offers **teachers** and **student teachers** an opportunity to submit and have their works on action research published on the **European School Education Platform**.



Background

European School Education Platform is a new European Commission platform to be launched in 2022. The platform will offer a new home for the School Education Gateway users and the eTwinning community. The platform will have a dedicated section encouraging and showcasing particularly research carried out by teacher researchers, early-career researchers, and student teachers. The selected, peer-reviewed articles from this call will be published in this section.

eTwinning is the community for schools in Europe that has been engaging educators across the continent

for over 15 years in collaborative cross-border classroom projects in 44 countries and professional development. Currently it counts over 1 million registered users, over 225.000 schools and over 130.000 projects.

Action research invites teachers to learn more about their classroom practice and enrich their pedagogical competence by reflecting on their work, solving problems and making evidence-based improvements for their own practices and contexts. [Read more here.](#)

Scope of the call for papers

We publish high-quality articles that report **empirical findings based on action research methodology from any school- or classroom-based activities**, including as part of projects at national or European level (e.g., eTwinning projects).

Topics: All topics within school education are welcome to the call, as long as action research methodology has been applied in your work. However, you need to explain the chosen topic and justify it within the context of the work. If you are in look for inspiration, see the following topics as example:

- Innovative learning space design
- Inclusive education
- Environmental education / learning environments
- Wellbeing at school
- Blended learning (especially in the context of the (post-)pandemic)¹
- ICT in education
- Schools in rural areas
- Key competences for lifelong learning.

Levels of education: Research works that cover levels from Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) to primary school and lower/upper secondary school, as well as Initial Vocational Education and Training (IVET).



¹ In line with the European Commission, blended learning is understood as blending school site and other physical environments/distance learning; and/or blending digital and non-digital learning tools

Who can submit?

With this call we would like to encourage **teachers and student teachers** by offering them an opportunity to have their works academically peer-reviewed and published. The call is relevant for all those **who have carried or are carrying out action research** as part of their teaching or studies and would like to share the results of their research. The works can

be co-authored (i.e., that a paper has more than one author). The authors should be based in one of the [eTwinning participating countries](#).

Submission and selection process

- **Submission:** The call for abstracts is open until 31 May 2022 (23:59 CEST). The submission is done [through this online form](#). All papers need to be submitted in English.
 - **Peer-review:**
 - The submitted abstracts will first be screened by an internal editorial board.
 - The authors of abstracts that comply with the requirements indicated in the submission guidelines will be asked to submit the full paper.
 - The full paper will be subject to anonymous double-blind peer-review by two external experts.
 - **Selection:** Notification of paper acceptance will be communicated latest by 30 September 2022. The authors of the selected papers will be requested to re-submit a revised version (if needed; taking into account reviewers' comments) by 30 October.
 - **Publication:** The final selection of articles will be published online at the upcoming European Commission's "European School Education Platform" (open access): the article summary will be published in 29 languages and the full paper in English. The authors will be asked to sign an IPR waiver.
- Please see the submission guidelines (for abstracts and full papers) and the general information and conditions further down in this document.

Further information and disclaimer

The editorial team will keep you informed as to your article's progress throughout the production processes. In case you have questions about the call, you are welcome to contact us at: support@schooleducationgateway.eu

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Abstract submission guidelines

Format of the extended abstract

- *Language policy:* Abstracts will be accepted in English only.
- *Word processing formats:* the submissions must be prepared in MS Word or OpenOffice.
- *File extensions:* .docx or .odt are accepted (.pdf is not accepted).
- *Length:* max. 1000 words excluding references, tables, charts, and figures.
- *Font size and type:* standard fonts (e.g., Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri), font size 11, with 1.5 line spacing.
- *File size:* max. 1 Mb
- *Exclusions:* do not include any author data in the abstract document.

Abstract headings

The abstracts must be structured with the following headings:

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| Introduction
Approx. 200 words | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefly explain the aim(s) and the objective(s) of your action research study. This should include the specific focus on your project/activities and the reason for doing it.• Provide the research question(s). |
| Literature review
Approx. 300 words | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give a brief overview of the theoretical concepts and previous empirical studies relevant to your research project.• Show how these theories/empirical results are linked to your study. |
| Methodology
Approx. 300 words | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants: summarize background information of your participants (e.g., number of participants, age range, area, the year of study).• Research design: e.g., quantitative or qualitative or mixed.• Data analysis: explain the type of data you collected (e.g., test scores, questionnaire data), explain how you analysed the data and justify for choosing those analysis methods. |
| Results and discussion
Approx. 200 words | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summarize the most important results under each research question.• Explain how your research findings are relevant to you as a teacher, the subject, programme, or to your institution, explain any theoretical contribution(s) that you can make, if any.• Provide any recommendations that you can make – to colleagues, other schools, and/or other researchers. |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referencing: Max. five key references following the APA style 7th edition.• Tables/Figures: A maximum of two tables and two figures can be included |

Submission

The deadline for submissions is 31 May 2022 (23:59 CEST). The submission of abstracts must be done through this online form:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ESEP-AR-call-2022>

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Full papers submission guidelines

Please note that only the authors whose extended abstracts get short-listed and who are individually requested to submit the full manuscript, should do this. Please do not send unsolicited full papers as they will be discarded.

The authors whose abstracts have been short-listed will be asked to submit a full paper within 3-4 weeks.

Language policy: Submissions will be accepted in English only.

Structure: All papers need to have a title, an abstract of 300 words, full article, and references.

Length: The full length of a papers is expected to be between 4,000 and 7,000 words. This full paper wordcount does not include foot/end notes, tables, figures, and references.

Formatting:

- The submissions must be prepared in Microsoft Word or OpenOffice
- File extensions: .docx or .odt (.pdf is not accepted)
- Standard fonts (e.g., Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri), font size 11
- 1.5 line spacing and single column.

- To emphasise please use italics, rather than underlining (except with URL addresses)
- Do not include any author data in the full paper document.

Tables, figures and other graphics: All items should be placed within the text at the appropriate points, rather than at the end.

Reference style:

- Research articles on European School Education Platform adhere to the APA reference style (7th Edition). Please see [these examples](#) to ensure your paper conforms to this reference style.
- Be sure to anonymize the manuscript by removing any references or information that may identify you as the author(s). Any reference(s) to an author's own work should be cited as "Author (year)" in the manuscript at the time of submission. Ensure that all personal information is cleared from the file's properties.
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On acceptance and publication

- The editorial team will keep you informed as to your article's progress throughout the production processes. Authors are reminded to check their documents carefully to confirm that all author information, including names, affiliations, and contact details are correct.
- Final manuscripts and abstracts will be published online at the upcoming European Commission's "European School Education Platform" (open access); to this end the authors will need to sign an IPR waiver.

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Terms and conditions of the call

By submitting your paper, you confirm that:

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- If your work is selected, you agree that the full article will be published on the future European School Education Platform, according to the copyright notice above.
- You own the copyright of your work (and in case of co-authors, you have their permission to submit).

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Privacy statement

By submitting your paper, you would agree to the collection and processing of your personal data: the personal data collected through the submission form (name, email, country, etc.) will be used strictly in line with the objectives defined in the European School Education Platform' Call for Papers 2022, and it will be therefore accessible to the designated staff at EUN Partnership and the European Commission.

The data submitted through the submission form is collected and processed by EUN Partnership according to [privacy policy specified here](#).

If your paper is selected for publication, the following data will be published on the European School Education Platform together with the article: your name, title, organization, and country.

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