

Protocol for the Annual Meeting of NERA Network Conveners

Date: Wednesday, 4th March 2026

Time: 12:35 – 13:40

Location: Room A5.11, Via University College

1. Opening of the meeting

Election of the chairperson for the meeting

Gry Paulgaard was elected as the chair of the meeting

Election of the secretary for the meeting

Solveig Cornér was elected as the secretary

Election of two members to verify the minutes

Siri Sollied Madsen and Åsa Mickwitz were elected as the members to verify the minutes.

2. Approval of agenda and minutes

Approval of the meeting agenda

The network members gave their approval of the agenda

Approval of the minutes from the 2025 meeting

The network members gave their approval of the minutes from the 2025 meeting.

3. Introductions and updates

Brief presentation of conveners

The 46 conveners attending the meeting presented themselves.

Gry Paulsgaard is stepping down as the network convener.

Joacim Anderson joacim.andersson@mau.se and Riikka Sirkko riikka.sirkko@oulu.fi are taking over as network coordinators in NERA.

4. Discussion of key topics from the digital conveners meeting in January

- How should conveners manage abstracts that may be more relevant to other networks?
It was discussed that it is important that the authors who submits abstracts to the NRA conference prioritize two different networks.

NERA networks with more than two conveners are asked to appoint one corresponding convener. Please, send the information about the corresponding conveners to Riikka and Joacim.

5. Updates from the Nordic Journal of Education

Information from Herner Sæverot, editor of the Nordic Journal of Education:

<https://noredstudies.org/index.php/nse>

- Updates on the journal
The contract with the publisher is for 350 pages, around 20 articles per year.
- Book series from Bloomsbury
A book series is launched from Bloomsbury. It is expected that 2-3 books/year can be published. If you have an idea about a book, you can reach out to Herner Sæverot or to Anette Olin Almqvist.

- The Annual Nordic Educational Conversation
The 7th Annual Nordic Educational Conversation (digital) is usually held in October. This is a good opportunity to bring forward your thoughts or ideas for reserach in the various networks.

6. Updates from the NERA Board

Submitted abstracts for the 2026 conference

Thomas Iskov presented numbers for the NERA Århus conference 2026.

In total, we are over 1200 participants (includes 1133 registered participants plus assistants) and 926 presentations are held during the 3-day NERA conference.

Gry presented deadlines and key information for various network activities

(please see more information behind the link/Grys pp-slide).

The deadline for network reports: 15th April 2026.

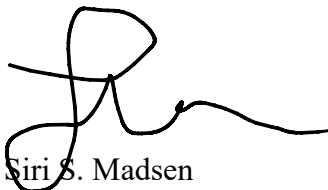
Support for Network activities:

- The Deadline for pre-conference applications is 7th of September 2026. Decisions are announced after the Board meeting 23.9.2026. The chair of the NERA Board, Anette Olin Almqvist, will send out information about the arrangements during Autumn 2026. The total amount of funding for network activities from the NERA board is 100 000 NOK. It will also be announced at NERA websites.
- Anette Almqvist and the convener for network 15, Marie Nordmark, provided information and demonstrated how to manage and log in-guidelines for the network's website.

7. Other themes addressed

No other themes were addressed in the meeting.

8. Gry Paulgaard ended the meeting.



Siri S. Madsen
Controller



Åsa Mickwitz
Controller

Additional Information:

- Link to the Policy Paper about networks and the main responsibilities for network conveners: [NERA Policy Paper](#)