

General report on ATEE's RDCs

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1. Number of RDCs

Previous situation:

Number of RDCs still active during Annual Conference 2019 BathSpa: 13
Overview with membership figures in January 2000

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	CORE members	Participants for 3 sessions	Contact members
Methods and Theories Applicable in TE Research	3	8/10/12	4
Technical and Vocational Teacher Education	7	6/5/0	20
Education for Social Justice, Equity and Diversity	7	16/9/3	160
Global Education	No info	No info	No info
Science and Mathematics Education	5	6/8/3	39
Teacher Education and Digital Technology	5	9/8/--	30
Curricula and policies in Teacher Education/Empowering TE	4	11/12/6	25
In-Service learning and the Development of Practice			
Professional Development of Teacher Educators	15	18/25/11	183
Teaching Modern Languages (former: English as a Foreign Language)	7	5/7/--	14
Professional Development of Teachers	21	16/16/10	60
Health, Environment and Sustainability Education			
Enabling Teachers for Entrepreneurship Education	5	No meetings	21

Number of RDCs active in May 2022: 14

1 new RDC since BathSpa: Inclusion and special needs.

RDC	Chair & Co-chair End of term Recently elected
Methods and Theories Applicable in Teacher Education Research	Ellen Beate Hellne-Halvorsen
	Tatjana Bru Blixen
Technical and Vocational Teacher Education (TVTE)	Steinar Karstensen
	Nina Aakernes
Inclusion and Special Needs	Deirdre Murphy
Education for Social Justice, Equity and Diversity	Blerim Saqipi
	Caro Lemeire
	Chandrika Devarakonda
Global Education	Virginia Larraz
	Mercé Gisbert
	Sarah-Louise Jones
Science and Mathematics Education	Lorraine Harbison
	Milan Stojkovic
Teacher Education and Digital Technology	T. J. O’Ceallagh
	Cornelia Connolly
Empowering Teacher Education	Ronny Smet
In-Service learning and the Development of Practice	Christiane Kose
	Mhairi Beaton
Professional Development of Teachers	Cendel Karaman
	Maria Assunção Flores
Health, Environmental and Sustainability Education	Diola Bijlhout
	Olena Shyyan
Professional Development of Teacher Educators	Angela Sugliano
	To be elected
Teaching Modern Languages	Agnieszka Szplit
	Onur Ergunay
	Tatjana Bicjutko
Enabling Teachers for Entrepreneurship Education	José G. Puerta
	Carmen Galvan Malagón

2. Activity status of the RDCs (according to available information so far...)

Methods and Theories Applicable in TE Research	active
Technical and Vocational Teacher Education	initiatives for Riga
Education for Social Justice, Equity and Diversity	Initiatives for Riga
Global Education	active
Science and Mathematics Education	active
Teacher Education and Digital Technology	
Empowering Teacher Education	Initiatives for Riga
In-Service learning and the Development of Practice	active
Professional Development of Teacher Educators	
Teaching Modern Languages	active
Professional Development of Teachers	active
Health, Environment and Sustainability Education	active
Enabling Teachers for Entrepreneurship Education	active

3. Major activities of the RDC coordinator since start of the pandemic:

- Numerous online meetings with the ATEE secretariat during the pandemic
- Attending AC-meetings depending on agenda
- Regular AC+RDC-chairs meetings
- Regular RDC-chairs meetings (e.g. period of weekly meetings with secretariat in 2021)
- Virtual Open Day of March 2021
- Preparations for the Annual Conference 2021 Warsaw (online)
 - Meetings with the conference organizers
 - Newcomers' meeting Warsaw
- Virtual Open Day of Feb 2022
- Preparations for the Spring Conference 2022 Dublin
 - Meetings with the conference organizers
 - Presentation of the RDCs

4. Future challenges and concerns

ATEE annual conference Riga 2022

This will be the first 'live' annual conference since Bath Spa 2019. Furthermore this will be the first live annual conference for many of the new chairs. Over the last three years many chairs have been replaced (see overview above). New chairs might need extra guidance, inspiration and help to provide successful RDC-sessions to their members (and attract new members during the conference).

- ⇒ To be discussed with the chairs on July 4th 2022
- ⇒ Suggestion: create a new webpage with guidelines for chairs
- ⇒ Plan a webinar on how to become a good RDC Chair

Good news: practically every RDC will be present in Riga!

Weekly/monthly online meetings

During a certain period of the pandemic we organized weekly meetings. Perhaps this was a bit too much. At the same time there was appreciation for the initiative.

- ⇒ Maybe we could agree on a monthly meeting? E.g. the first Monday of each month?

Encourage online RDC activities

A positive result of the pandemic surely is the way it boosted the use of digital, online tools to keep in touch and meet virtually.

A hybrid strategy of live and online communication should be the way forward. (Also during conferences?)

- ⇒ Encourage RDCs to uphold and intensify online communication, meetings and exchange platforms
- ⇒ Share ideas and good practices

VOD (Virtual Open Days)

The virtual open days were successful. It might be interesting to strategically plan open virtual days in between live conferences to attract newcomers.

- ⇒ Marketing and publicity strategy to be discussed with the AC

RDC Funding

The application form for the research and development community support fund was updated.

Only one RDC applied for funding. => Encourage more RDCs to make use of funding.

ATEE Expert Database Survey

The database could be a very useful tool to get in touch with new members.

- ⇒ Explore the possibilities with the RDC-chairs.

Draft an RDCs strategy

Together with the AC we should work on a long term strategy regarding the position, role and activities of the RDCs within ATEE.

- ⇒ Will be a permanent item on the AC-agenda. The RDC coordinator is to make sure that RDC-chairs are kept informed and have ways to participate in the debate.