

Statement of Interest – ATEE Administrative Council

Dear ATEE members,

I am writing to express my strong interest in joining the ATEE Administrative Council for the period 2025–2028. As an experienced teacher educator and researcher at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), I am deeply committed to advancing inclusive, evidence-informed, and digitally competent teacher education across Europe.

Over the past years, I have coordinated the Interuniversity Master's Degree in Educational Technology, and led several national and international projects on digital competence, educational equity, and learning innovation. My work as academic coordinator has strengthened my ability to collaborate across institutions and disciplines, engaging with diverse stakeholders in Erasmus+ partnerships, R&D initiatives, and strategic networks in teacher education.

As an active representative of an ATEE institutional member since 2018, I have consistently contributed to the Association's mission, including the recent co-organization of the Joint ATEE & WFATE Spring Conference 2025 in Tarragona. This event fostered new collaborative dynamics, such as the launch of a proposal for a European Doctoral Consortium—a strategic initiative aligned with ATEE's goals of capacity-building and peer learning. I have also served as a reviewer of the Association's journal EJTE.

If elected to the Council, I would contribute to the Association's activities with energy and purpose by:

- Supporting the organization of future ATEE conferences and expanding opportunities for exchange and collaboration among teacher educators.
- Contributing to the coordination and development of Research & Development Communities by fostering interdisciplinary and inclusive research themes.
- Promoting ATEE's institutional impact through engagement with education policy and leadership in international projects.
- Enhancing the Association's visibility and outreach by supporting webinars, digital engagement, and social media strategies.

I bring enthusiasm, strategic vision, and a collaborative mindset to every initiative I undertake. I fully adhere to the Statutes and Internal Rules of the Association and would be honored to contribute actively to the governance and future development of ATEE.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Warm regards,



Dr. Mireia Usart Rodríguez
Serra Hunter Professor
Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain)

Curriculum Vitae – Dr. Mireia Usart Rodríguez

Candidate for the ATEE Administrative Council (2025–2028)

Associate Professor, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain

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1. Profile Summary

I am a senior researcher and academic specializing in Educational Technology, Teacher Education, and Digital Competence. I currently serve as Associate Professor at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV) and lead several national and international research projects focused on equitable and inclusive digital education. I have a strong track record of collaboration with teacher education networks, including ATEE and WFATE, and serve as editor in the scientific journal UTE – Teaching & Technology.

2. Teacher Education and Academic Leadership

- 10+ years in teacher training at undergraduate, master's, and PhD levels.
- Academic coordinator and lecturer in the Master in Educational Technology (URV).
- Supervisor of 9 PhD students and over 30 Master's theses in teacher education and digital pedagogy.
- Developed and implemented research-based educational resources in collaboration with teacher education institutions across Spain and Latin America.

3. Selected Publications on Teacher Education

- **Usart, M.**, Lázaro-Cantabrana, J. L., Romeu, T., & Gisbert-Cervera, M. (2024). Digital competence profiles of first year, pre-service teachers. Analysis in the Catalan university system. *Teachers and Teaching*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13540602.2024.2313640>
- Gisbert, M., **Usart, M.**, & Lázaro, J.L. (2022). Training pre-service teachers to enhance digital education. *European Journal of Teacher Education*, 45(4), 532–547.
- **Usart, M.**, et al. (2021). Validation of a self-assessment tool for teacher digital competence. *Educación XX1*, 24(1), 353–373.
- Cantabrana, J.L., **Usart, M.** & Gisbert, M. 2019. Assessing Teacher Digital Competence: The Construction of an Instrument for Measuring the Knowledge of Pre-Service Teachers. *Journal of New Approaches in educational research*, 8(1), 73-78.

4. Institutional and Policy Engagement

- Lead author of reports for public institutions, including:
 - What works in education (2020) – Evaluation of educational technologies. ISBN: 978-84-121371-1-8.
 - Digital competence frameworks for teacher accreditation (2021–2024).
- Advisor for the Catalan Government in the development of teacher training strategies and STEM gender inclusion initiatives.
- Project leader of MindGap and EDSSE – studies on digital competence and gender in teacher education.

5. International Networks and Scientific Service

- Co-chair of the "Global education" Research Development Group at WFATE.
- Active as ATEE institutional member representative since 2018 (URV pedagogy department); co-organizer of the 2025 ATEE & WFATE Joint Conference in Tarragona.
- Individual member of the Red de Docencia Universitaria (REDU), an academic network that brings together universities and higher education professionals committed to improving and innovating university teaching.
- Member of the consolidated research group ARGET: Applied Research Group in Education and Technology (2021SGR00707) and research member since 2018. (Principal Investigator: Mercè Gisbert Cervera)
- Member of the EDU evaluation committee of the Spanish State Research Agency (AEI).
- External expert for European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST Association, since 2020).
- Member of the Association for the Development of Educational Technology (EDUTEC, since 2021).
- Member of the Institute for Systems and Technologies of Information, Control and Communication (INSTICC, from 2014 to 2020).
- Analyst for Systematic Learning Solutions at Jyväskylä University. International expert in the evaluation of learning solutions: SysTech expert evaluator in the fields of education, teaching and learning, and technological learning solutions and their use.
- Editorial roles:
 - Executive Editor, UTE – Teaching & Technology (since 2018: Editor)
 - Editorial Board, International Journal of Information and Education Technology
 - Reviewer for EJTE, NAER, Comunicar, among others.

6. Selected Research Projects

- EDSSE (2023–2026): Ecosystems for Sustainable Digital Education (PI, Spanish Ministry of Science).
- MindGap (2019–2022): Digital competence and gender equity (PI, Fundación La Caixa).
- ENVISION (2020–2023): European Network on Virtual Simulation in Teacher Training (PI, Erasmus+).
- CerTICDocent (2021–2022): Digital certification in initial teacher education (Catalan Government).
- ACEDIM: Evaluation and Certification of Pre-Service Teachers' Digital Competence: A Model Proposal for the Catalan University System. (2018-2020). (PI: Mercè Gisbert Cervera, member of the research team).
- GALA - European Network of Excellence on Serious Games (2009 – 2014). European Commission - FP7-ICT. Research Fellow.

7. Additional Information

- Languages: Spanish (native), Catalan (C2), English (C1), French (B1)
- h-index: 28 (Google Scholar), 16 (Scopus), 14 (Wos)
- Over 100 scientific publications, 36 indexed in JCR or Scopus
- 2 certified research evaluation periods, 1 teaching merit (five years and excellence recognition in URV), Full professor accreditation.

Support Letter for ATEE Administrative Council Candidate

To whom it may concern,

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Dr. Usart has demonstrated exceptional leadership and academic engagement within our field. Most notably, she co-chaired the organization of the Joint ATEE & WFATE Spring Conference 2025 in Tarragona, which was a great success and a testament to her organizational skills, vision, and capacity to bring together teacher educators across borders.

Her contributions to the field of Educational Technology, digital competence, and inclusive education make her a valuable candidate whose expertise will enrich the ATEE Administrative Council. I have no doubt that Dr. Usart will carry out her role with professionalism, dedication, and a deep sense of responsibility.

I wholeheartedly endorse her application.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Renato de Oliveira Brito

Dean of the Education Department

Associate Researcher UNESCO Chair

Catholic University of Brasília - Brazil

ATEE – Individual Member

June 13th 2025

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To whom it may concern,

As an individual member of ATEE, I am delighted to endorse the candidacy of Dr. Mireia Usart Rodríguez for the Administrative Council for the 2025–2028 term.

Although I was not able to participate in person at the Joint ATEE & WFATE Spring Conference 2025, I was fortunate to attend remotely, thanks to Dr. Usart's generous support and her clear dedication to making academic spaces more inclusive and accessible. Her effort in facilitating online participation speaks to her commitment to equity and the professional development of emerging scholars.

Dr. Usart brings extensive expertise in educational technology, digital competence, and inclusive pedagogy, along with a strong track record of international collaboration. I believe she would be a valuable addition to the Administrative Council, contributing with insight, professionalism, and an inclusive vision for teacher education in Europe.

I am pleased to offer my full support for her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Assoc. prof. Salomeja Karaseviciute
Mykolas Romeris university/Kaunas kolegija Higher Education Institution (Lithuania)
ATEE individual member
6/10/2025

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As an individual member of ATEE, I am pleased to express my full support for the candidacy of Dr. Mireia Usart Rodríguez for the ATEE Administrative Council for the period 2025–2028.

Dr. Usart is a highly qualified scholar in the field of Educational Technology and teacher education, whose academic and professional trajectory demonstrates a strong commitment to fostering innovation, inclusion, and international cooperation. Her engagement in European networks and research projects reflects her ability to work across institutions and cultural contexts, promoting exchange and collaboration among educators and researchers.

Moreover, Dr. Usart has shown particular attention to the support of early-career researchers and to the development of inclusive spaces for dialogue within the ATEE community. Her open, collaborative approach and her sensitivity to the evolving challenges in teacher education make her an ideal candidate for a leadership role within the association.

I am confident that, as a member of the Administrative Council, Dr. Usart will bring vision, dedication, and an inclusive perspective that will benefit the association as a whole.

Sincerely,

Virginia Capriotti
University of Bergamo
Individual member
09/06/2025



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Sincerely,

Davide Parmigiani
University of Genoa (Italy)
individual member
09/06/2025



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I wholeheartedly endorse her application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Maria Assunção Flores". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Maria Assunção Flores
University of Minho
Individual member and Co-chair of the RDC Professional Development of Teachers
10th June 2025



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Bergamo, 9/6/2025

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As an individual member of ATEE, I am delighted to endorse the candidacy of Dr. **Mireia Usart Rodríguez** for the Administrative Council for the 2025–2028 term.

I met Mireia the first time during ATEE Spring Conference 2024 in Bergamo and then again, this year at the ATEE & WFATE Spring Conference 2025 in Tarragona and I appreciated their courtesy and organizational skills.

Dr. Usart brings extensive expertise in educational technology, digital competence, and inclusive pedagogy, along with a strong track record of international collaboration. I believe she would be a valuable addition to the Administrative Council, contributing with insight, professionalism, and an inclusive vision for teacher education in Europe.

I am pleased to offer my full support for her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Francesco Magni
University of Bergamo, Italy
ATEE individual member
9 June 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Francesco Magni'.

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Although I was unable to attend the Joint ATEE & WFATE Spring Conference 2025 in person, I had the opportunity to follow the event online thanks to Dr. Usart's support and commitment to accessibility and inclusion. This gesture reflects her values as a leader who actively fosters opportunities for early-career researchers and promotes international dialogue in teacher education.

Dr. Usart's strong background in Educational Technology, digital competence, and inclusive education, combined with her active engagement in European networks, make her an excellent candidate for the Administrative Council. I am confident that her contributions will be thoughtful, collaborative, and impactful.

I fully support her application.

Sincerely,

Nagore Ipiña Larrañaga
Faculty of Humanities and Education, Mondragon Unibertsitatea (HUHEZI Koop. E.)
Institutional member
12th June 2025

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**LETTER OF SUPPORT
ATEE Administrative Council Election – 2025**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Faculty of Education and Psychology at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV), an institutional member of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe (ATEE), we would like to express our official support for the candidacy of Dr. Mireia Usart Rodríguez for election to the ATEE Administrative Council.

Dr. Usart is a committed and internationally active researcher and educator in the field of teacher education, educational technology, and teacher digital competence. Her contributions to both the academic community and the ATEE network make her a strong candidate to serve on the Administrative Council.

We fully support her candidacy and are confident that she will bring valuable perspectives and commitment to the mission of the ATEE.

Yours sincerely,

Jordi Tous Pallarès

Dean of the Faculty of Education and Psychology (FCEP)

Tarragona, 9 June 2025

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