

ELINET Association e.V.

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Are you interested in literacy (research, practice and policy) in your country and across Europe? If „yes“, we invite you to join in ELINET – a network of literacy experts and practitioners! Come and learn more about us in a pre-conference assembly before the European Conference on Literacy!

Welcome to the ELINET Association's Annual General Assembly, open to all colleagues interested in improving literacy. You are very welcome to join the ELINET Association, but it is also possible to listen and get to know us!

Date and Time: 4. August 2019, 10.30 – 12.00

Place: Venue of the 21st European Conference on Literacy, Copenhagen
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What is ELINET?

The ELINET Association is a network of European literacy professionals, based on individual membership.

ELINET's objectives are:

- a) to improve and advocate literacy policies and practices across Europe to support all European citizens' and residents' lifelong rights to engage critically and creatively with communication and learning: see ELINET's *European Declaration of the Right to Literacy*: <http://www.eli-net.eu/about-us/literacy-declaration/>
- b) to build and maintain a network of literacy experts (researchers, practitioners and policy makers)
- c) to provide a communication platform to strengthen and foster collaboration and cooperation between different stakeholders in the field of literacy promotion.

The General Assembly (GA) is the highest organ of the association which decides on all affairs of the association. The decisions are prepared by the Executive Committee (EC). Members of the EC are the chairpersons of the Thematic Working Groups (TWG's). The TWG's are responsible for the association's activities. All ELINET members are encouraged to join a TWG according to their expertise and thematic interest. TWGs are tasked with four main responsibilities: (a) collect and review good practices to share; (b) highlight promising research; (c) prepare policy papers; (d) develop common project proposals for EU funding.

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ELINET's Thematic Working Groups & EC Members 2018 – 2020:

Early and Primary Literacy (Chairpersons: Eufimia Tafa: etafa@edc.uoc.gr, Renate Valtin: renate.valtin@gmail.com)

Adolescent & Disciplinary Literacy (Chairpersons: Christine Garbe: c_garbe@web.de, Sari Sulkunen: sari.sulkunen@jyu.fi)

Lifelong Learning, Multilingualism and Migration (Chairpersons: Aydin Durgunoglu: adurguno@d.umn.edu, Tiziana Mascia: tizianamascia@tizianamascia.it)

Digital Literacy (Chairpersons: Jeroen Clemens: jeroencl@gmail.com, Fabio Nascimbeni: fabio.nascimbeni@gmail.com)

International Literacy Assessments (Chairpersons: William G. Brozo: wbrozo@gmu.edu, Gerry Shiel: gerry.shiel@erc.ie)

All TWG's have organized Symposia or Round Tables at the Copenhagen Conference and will have informal meetings during the conference days. New members are welcome in all TWG's! More information will be given at the GA meeting, or you can contact the chairpersons via their emails.

In this year's General Assembly we will report on our work during the past year, discuss the topic for the next annual policy statement and present the work programme for the TWGs. We will also discuss the membership structure and decide on the annual membership fees. The proposal of the Executive Committee is: Regular members (50 Euro), young professionals and members from less prosperous economies (25 Euro), students (20 Euro).

With our best regards, have a safe trip and hope to see you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chr. Garbe'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Garbe (chair of ELINET) & the ELINET board members,
Cologne, 2 July 2019