

**Special Invitation to EERQI public event @ ECER 2009: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009, 15:30 – 17:00, University of Vienna, Main Building, Großer Festsaal**

**European Educational Research Quality Indicators – a cooperative research project in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the EU, and**

**EU-Funding of Education Research: Meet the responsible Scientific Officers  
Louisa Anastopoulou and Manuela Alfé, Brussels**

EERA's big international research project "European Educational Research Quality Indicators (EERQI)" – funded in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Program of the European Union – has developed further and will present its interim results at the ECER 2009.

The EERQI project officially began on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 for a three year period. It is carried out by a Consortium of 19 European Institutions, including two international and two national learned societies in educational research, as well as departments of education at European universities, computer and documentation centers, and publishers of educational research (see [www.eerqi.eu](http://www.eerqi.eu)).

The main aim of the project is the development of an advanced framework for the assessment of quality in educational research publications. These include journal articles, but also open access publications, online journal articles, books, and other freely available scholarly publications.

Complementary to traditional measurements of scientific quality (citation analysis, journal impact factor), the EERQI-project develops a new set of indicators, including statistical methods, but also advanced methods of semantic analysis. The resulting prototype framework of quality indicators will provide the base toolset for the observation and evaluation of educational research publications. The project will also address the complex role of the diversity of scientific languages and research traditions in Europe. This toolset will be applied to at least one additional social science field to test transferability.

**The Round Table will be commenced by two presentations about experiences and prospects – EU-funding of Education Research:**

**Manuela Alfé, EU, Brussels: Education Research in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP 7), Socio Economic Sciences and Humanities Theme.**

**Louisa Anastopoulou, EU, Brussels: FP 7 – The New Call 2010+ and New Funding Approaches 2011+.**

The EERQI-presentations will then show the development and progress which has been made in the project so far, and give an overview about the next steps of development.

Prof. Dr. Ingrid Gogolin, University of Hamburg, Coordinator of the EERQI-project and WERA Interim President, will inform about the scientific aims of the project.

Dr. Ágnes Sándor, Xerox SAS Grenoble, will supply information about the semantic analysis and parsing technology for the project.

Thomas Severiens, ISN Oldenburg, will give insight in the testing procedures.