



Current Issues in Primary, Preschool Teacher, and Infant and Toddler Care Provider Training in Hungary and the EU.

Education for the Future: Sustainable and Inclusive Pedagogical Pathways

Call for Papers

Location: Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Primary and Preschool Education (ELTE TÓK), 1126 Budapest, Kiss J. altb. u. 40.

Date: October 16–17, 2026

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Preliminary program

Friday, October 16

Starting at 9:00 a.m. Registration (coffee and scones in front of Room 123 on the first floor)

9.30–9.50 Cultural opening ceremony

9.50–10.00 Opening remarks, Prof. Lénárd Darázs, ELTE, Budapest, Rector

10.00–12.00 Plenary presentations

12.00–13.00 *Lunch break – sandwich lunch in front of Room 123 on the first floor*

13.00–15.00 Session presentations

15.00–15.30 *Coffee break (coffee and scones in front of Room 123)*

15.30–17.30 Workshops

Saturday, October 17 (the event will take place if there are any participants)

9.30–11.30 Session presentations

11.30–12.30 Workshops

12.30–13.30 *Sandwich lunch in front of Room 123*

We are accepting proposals for 20-minute presentations in English, Hungarian, or German, as well as proposals for longer workshops. There will be a 10-minute Q&A session following each presentation or workshop. Presentations may be delivered in person or online (via MS Teams).

Deadline for submissions with presentations: **June 2, 2026**. Please send abstracts of up to 400 words to the following email address: kotekonferencia2026@gmail.com

It is IMPORTANT that you include citations (in-text and bibliography) and keywords (3–5) with your abstracts!

Please follow the format below:

Title

Name

ORCID (if available)

Institutional affiliation

ABSTRACT:

- The abstract must follow the structure of “Background and Objectives,” “Method,” “Results,” and “Conclusions.” Exceptions to this rule are abstracts for workshop-style presentations or those presenting a narrative; in such cases, deviations from the recommended structure are permitted.
- Please cite the theoretical background of each abstract using an internal reference.

Keywords: Provide three to five keywords

References: List the references used in the in-text citations in the reference list according to the APA7 style.

We will not accept abstracts that do not meet the formal and content requirements. We will send notification of the presentation's acceptance by August 31, 2026, to the email address from which the abstract was received.

Application deadline (without a presentation): **September 30, 2026**. Participation is available both in person and online (via MS Teams).

You can sign up using the registration form via the link at the bottom of the page.

Registration and participation fee: 10,000 HUF for KÓTE members, **15,000 HUF** for non-members. Please transfer the registration and participation fee by **August 31, 2026**, to the following bank account: 10402513-49535748-51511026 (K&H Bank). Please enter "*conference participation fee 2026*" and *your name* in the memo field. The registration and participation fees paid will cover the cost of coffee, pastries, and a sandwich lunch during coffee breaks, as well as the cost of compiling the abstract booklet with an ISBN number. We plan to publish the presentations in a conference proceedings volume in 2027, and each paper will be assigned a DOI number.

Participation is free for members of the scientific committee, plenary speakers, and the organizing committee. Participation is also free for BA and MA students; we will issue a credit certificate for them, which can be enrolled in at ELTE TÓK under the "Conferences, Professional Programs, Field Trips I" elective course (worth 2 ECTS) at ELTE TÓK at the start of the fall 2026 semester, and can be transferred to other higher education institutions through credit recognition. We ask faculty members to invite students and support the administrative process (course registration at the start of the fall semester)!

We welcome submissions for the following proposed sections:

- ⇒ Education for sustainability
- ⇒ Digitalization and AI in teacher training
- ⇒ Inclusive education, special educational needs, and support for disadvantaged students
- ⇒ Supporting early development
- ⇒ The teacher as a mental health supporter
- ⇒ Practical orientation and career retention
- ⇒ Historical aspects of primary, preschool teacher, and early childhood educator training
- ⇒ Developing mathematical thinking
- ⇒ Early English language acquisition – *English language section*
- ⇒ Early German language and minority education / Frühe Sprachförderung DaZ, DaM, Minderheitensprachen – *Deutschsprachige Sektion (German language section)*
- ⇒ Motor development, the role of movement in early childhood

- ⇒ Arts education
- ⇒ Mother tongue education, methodology of mother tongue instruction
- ⇒ Student section (BA, MA): presentation of research findings (may be presented together with the supervisor)

You can register at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/cjBKAWoix8nmqp9Q6>

You can find out more about last year's conference here: <https://www.tok.elte.hu/kote-konferencia-osszefoglalo>

Budapest, March 17, 2026

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