Report on the outcomes of a presentation and participation - Young Researcher and Innovator Conference[1]

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Conference Details

Conference title: 20th European Conference on Games Based Learning

Conference web-page: https://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/ecgbl/

Conference venue[2]: Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany

Accepted contribution details

Title of the presentation: Exploring Teachers' and First-Grade Students' Perceptions of a Game Friendly School Project in a Primary School Context

Type of the presentation: Oral

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Other details of the presentation: https://academicconferences.sharepoint.com/:x:/s/Public/IQDudVys9PJbToEr2f2U9kzKAZTZc0t53ekq8JG95wm8-_8?rtime=E6Rp7kAl30g

Outcome of the conference participation

Description of the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee's visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations

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My participation in ECGBL 2026 provided a valuable opportunity to present our research to an international academic audience and increase its visibility within the game-based learning research community. The presentation was very well received, generating considerable interest and an engaging discussion with the audience. Participants raised several questions about the study, particularly the project introduced in the paper. These discussions also highlighted opportunities for extending the research through cross-national studies, with researchers expressing interest in exploring similar approaches and potential collaborations in their own countries.

One of the most significant outcomes was the opportunity to connect with researchers and experts working on game-based learning across different countries and disciplines. In particular, a productive discussion took place with keynote speaker Anna Lisa Martin-Niedecken regarding a potential collaborative initiative

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in Türkiye. We explored opportunities to bring together complementary aspects of our respective projects and develop a joint study that could be implemented in the Turkish context. This exchange represents a promising starting point for future international research collaboration.

Overall, the conference significantly contributed to expanding my international academic network, increasing the visibility of our research, and identifying new opportunities for collaborative projects. Engaging with researchers from diverse backgrounds provided valuable perspectives on current developments in game-based learning and opened possibilities for future joint studies, knowledge exchange, and international cooperation. These outcomes will support my ongoing research activities and contribute to strengthening international collaboration in the field of educational technology and game-based learning.

Acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant

I confirm that the following documents have been uploaded on e-COST as an integral part of this report:

- the certificate of conference attendance issued by the conference organiser.

- the programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee.