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EFTRE kindly invites you to submit proposals for one or several of the following conference formats:

- A) What's up in RE? - Country presentations
- B) 'I wonder...' - Collegial counseling
- C) Hands on - Workshops

You find detailed information on the following pages. Please submit your proposal until 1 May 2025 online [here](#).

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What's up in RE? - Country presentations

Description

EFTRE invites you to share current developments in your national RE community with your fellow European colleagues. Your presentation of 10-15min can focus on various aspects of Religious Education currently debated in your country and can include best practices just as much as challenges or reflections. It is recommended to link your presentation's focus to the conference theme.

The aim is to facilitate first hand insights in national developments and to benefit from the European community to compare and reflect on them in light of experiences in other countries.

Presentation topics can be about Religious Education content, didactics, curriculum, policy, research (e.g. decolonising the curriculum, assessment in RE, integrating AI, change of RE model, teacher training issues, ...).

What to submit

- Title
- Description (max 200 words)

Deadline

1st May 2025

Review

Submissions will be reviewed regarding their pertinence, connectivity to developments in other European countries and the link to the conference theme.

Session at the conference

Each country presentation session will be led by a chair and will include two or three presenters, with 10-15min presentation time each. Presenters with similar topics but from different countries are grouped together in one session. The presentations are followed by a 30min discussion round.



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Hands on - Workshops

Description

At the EFTRE conference you have the opportunity to offer a workshop for your European RE community. A workshop is meant to deal with questions relevant for classroom practices such as methods, didactics, topics, materials or other pedagogical questions. This can include new findings and ideas based on projects or research work. It is recommended to link your workshop topic to the conference theme.

Workshops are scheduled for 75min and should have a hands on and interactive character. Participants should be encouraged to actively engage with the topic and each other. The aim is to learn about unfamiliar or new approaches how to teach RE.

What to submit

- Title
- Description (max 300 words)

Deadline

1st May 2025

Review

Submissions will be reviewed regarding their pertinence and the link to the conference theme.

Session at the conference

Each workshop is scheduled for 75min. There are two slots for workshops in the conference programme, each can accommodate around 4-7 workshop in parallel sessions. Participants are invited to make their choice before the conference.



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‘I wonder...’ - Collegial counseling

Description

Is there currently an issue in RE you are wondering how to address and you would like to know how colleagues from other European countries deal with it? Then this is your session. EFTRE invites you to share the challenges and make use of the collective expertise of your European colleagues. You are not required to prepare a presentation, simply explain the issue and get advice. Everyone at the conference is both learner and expert in RE - we are sure we can find new ideas together benefiting from the diverse perspectives from all around Europe! Your question can carry on any aspect of Religious Education, whether that might be content, didactics, curriculum, policy, research. (e.g. decolonising the curriculum, assessment in RE, integrating AI, change of RE model, teacher training issues, ...).

What to submit

- Name the challenge by completing the sentence ‘I wonder...’
- Explanatory note (max 200 words)

Deadline

You can submit your challenge before or if needed during the conference.

Review

On site, conference participants are invited to express their interest, which challenge they would like to discuss. Most voted proposals obtain a slot.

Session at the conference

The collegial counseling session will be organised in a world café format. There will be several tables, each hosting a group reflecting on one submitted challenge. The submitter explains the issue briefly followed by open discussion. Participants can choose spontaneously which table to join. After 20 minutes participants rotate.

