


## International Consortium for Educational Development Network Profile

<b>Network Name</b> <b>URL</b>	 <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lerend Netwerk voor OnderwijsOndersteuners <i>Learning Network for Educational Developers</i> <a href="http://www.lno2.be">www.lno2.be</a></p>
<b>Mission / Aim / Focus</b>	<p>The Learning Network of Educational Developers connects educational support staff and experts from all higher education institutions in Flanders. The network facilitates expertise sharing and stimulates innovation in and optimisation of education.</p> <p>LNO<sup>2</sup> pursues three main goals, namely (1) the professionalisation of educational developers in higher education, (2) enhancing the professional identity of educational developers, and (3) supporting quality development in higher education.</p> <p>The Network organises thematic Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in which colleagues from different higher education institutions work together on a specific topic. Within a SIG, educational developers share knowledge, experience and methodologies with each other. LNO<sup>2</sup> currently has five Special Interest Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blended Learning</li> <li>- Lifelong Learning</li> <li>- Educational Quality</li> <li>- Educational Professionalisation</li> <li>- Workplace Learning</li> </ul>
<b>Brief History</b>	<p>LNO<sup>2</sup> was established in 2010 by a group of Flemish higher education institutions. Its main objective was to organise an annual conference and unite educational developers from different institutions in a number of thematic working groups. The structure and operation of LNO<sup>2</sup> was revised to the current organisation in 2020 (including the partnership with VLUHR QA).</p>
<b>Membership types</b>	<p>Membership is open for all Flemish higher education institutions and costs € 1000 per year.</p> <p>Employees of member institutions pay a reduced rate for the annual conference, namely € 70 instead of the full price of € 200.</p>
<b>Legal Structure</b>	<p>LNO<sup>2</sup> is an unincorporated association (<i>feitelijke vereniging</i>). It is an association started by an agreement between natural persons and has no legal personality or specific legal regulation.</p>

<p><b>Governance / Operating Structure*</b></p>	<p><b>Steering Committee</b></p> <p>The steering committee oversees the (day-to-day) operations of the Network. They are responsible for proposing the conference theme and preparing the content and practicalities of the conference, as well as the organisation of the semi-annual webinars. The committee also manages the budget of the Network and follows up on the activities of the SIGs.</p> <p>The steering committee consists of four members, with one representative from a Flemish university and three representatives from the universities of applied sciences and arts. The memberships rotate on a predetermined annual basis.</p> <p><b>Forum</b></p> <p>All member institutions are represented in the forum, with up to three representatives per institution. The forum meets biannually and it forms the link between the institutions and the substantive operations of LNO<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p>Among other things, the forum ratifies the conference theme and decides on the content of the webinars. It determines the topics of the SIGs and monitors the content of the activities of the SIGs. The forum can also decide to initiate additional projects.</p> <p><b>Administrative Office</b></p> <p><a href="#">VLUHR QA</a> is the quality assurance expertise centre for higher education institutions in Flanders. They act as the administrative office of LNO<sup>2</sup> and support all activities within the Network.</p>
<p><b>Funding Sources</b></p>	<p>Membership fees Annual conference</p>
<p><b>Activities**</b></p>	<p>Each SIG meets at least three times a year. They usually choose one specific topic to exchange experiences and knowledge on. SIGs are encouraged to organise more elaborate events or workshops – sometimes in cooperation with external parties.</p> <p>At least two seminars/webinars are organised each year, where members share their accumulated expertise – within the scope of one of the SIGs – with a wider audience.</p> <p>In addition, one of the member institutions organises an annual LNO<sup>2</sup> conference to which all interested educational developers are welcome.</p>
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