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***Are you interested in literacy (research, practice and policy) in your country and across Europe? If „yes“, we invite you to join in ELINET – a network of literacy experts and practitioners! Come and learn more about us in our ELINET Symposium and General Assembly during the 4<sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Conference on Literacy in Tallinn!***

Welcome to the ELINET Association's Annual General Assembly and Meetings to work on our **Annual Topic 2019/2020: "Enhancing Digital Literacy Skills: Good Practices for Early and Primary Years Education"**, open to all colleagues interested in improving literacy. You are very welcome to join the ELINET Association, but it is also possible to just listen and get to know us!

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***Date and Time: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 11.30 – 17.30 (General Assembly: 14.00 – 15.00)***

***Place: Venue of the Conference, Tallinn University, Room M-135***

***For more information see: <https://4bscl2020.ee/>***

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**What is ELINET?**

**The ELINET Association is a network of European literacy professionals, based on individual membership.**

ELINET's objectives are:

- a) to improve and advocate literacy policies and practices across Europe to support all European citizens' and residents' lifelong rights to engage critically and creatively with communication and learning: see ELINET's *European Declaration of the Right to Literacy*: <http://www.eli-net.eu/about-us/literacy-declaration/>
- b) to build and maintain a network of literacy experts (researchers, practitioners and policy makers)
- c) to provide a communication platform to strengthen and foster collaboration and cooperation between different stakeholders in the field of literacy promotion.

The General Assembly (GA) is the highest organ of the association which decides on all affairs of the association. The decisions are prepared by the Executive Committee (EC). Members of the EC are the chairpersons of the Thematic Working Groups (TWG's). The

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TWG's are responsible for the association's activities. All ELINET members are encouraged to join a TWG according to their expertise and thematic interest. TWGs are tasked with four main responsibilities: (a) collect and review good practices to share; (b) highlight promising research; (c) prepare policy papers; (d) develop common project proposals for EU funding.

**ELINET's Thematic Working Groups & EC Members 2018 – 2020:**

**Early and Primary Literacy** (Chairpersons: Eufimia Tafa: [etafa@edc.uoc.gr](mailto:etafa@edc.uoc.gr), Renate Valtin: [renate.valtin@gmail.com](mailto:renate.valtin@gmail.com))

**Adolescent & Disciplinary Literacy** (Chairpersons: Christine Garbe: [c\\_garbe@web.de](mailto:c_garbe@web.de), Sari Sulkunen: [sari.sulkunen@jyu.fi](mailto:sari.sulkunen@jyu.fi))

**Lifelong Learning, Multilingualism and Migration** (Chairpersons: Aydin Durgunoglu: [adurguno@d.umn.edu](mailto:adurguno@d.umn.edu), Tiziana Mascia: [tizianamascia@tizianamascia.it](mailto:tizianamascia@tizianamascia.it))

**Digital Literacy** (Chairpersons: Jeroen Clemens: [jeroencl@gmail.com](mailto:jeroencl@gmail.com), Fabio Nascimbeni: [fabio.nascimbeni@gmail.com](mailto:fabio.nascimbeni@gmail.com))

**International Literacy Assessments** (Chairpersons: William G. Brozo: [wbrozo@gmu.edu](mailto:wbrozo@gmu.edu), Gerry Shiel: [gerry.shiel@erc.ie](mailto:gerry.shiel@erc.ie))

New members are welcome in all TWG's! More information will be given at the GA meeting, or you can contact the chairpersons via their emails. Beyond the TWG's, all ELINET members work on one **Annual Cross Cutting Topic** targeted at producing a **policy paper** on this topic and collecting, reviewing and publishing **good practice examples** from all over Europe about this topic. The Annual Topic can be proposed by each member of the association and will be decided by the General Assembly.

Please find more information about our association, our work and membership on our website [www.elinet.pro](http://www.elinet.pro)

With our best regards, have a safe trip and hope to see you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chr. Garbe', written in a cursive style.

Christine Garbe (chair of ELINET) & the ELINET board members,  
Berlin, 17 December 2019

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