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Inclusion in Education



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Invitation and Call for Papers for the 8th Hybrid Research Symposium of the PBS-Europe Network

that will take place at the Panorama Hotel in Vilnius, (Lithuania)
on October 14th-15th, 2026
(in person and online).

Dear colleagues in the field of Positive Behavior Support (PBS),

On behalf of the Lithuanian Centre for Inclusion in Education, Vilnius University Šiauliai Academy, and the PBS-Europe Network, we would like to invite you to join us for the 8th Hybrid Research Symposium of the PBS-Europe Network. The Research Symposium will take place in Vilnius, Panorama Hotel (Lithuania) on the 14th and 15th of October, 2026 (in person and online). On the 13th of October, visits to educational institutions are scheduled for PBS-Europe Network members. The Advisory Board Meeting (in person and online) will be held in the afternoon. This will be followed by a dinner (at your own cost) open to all PBS-Europe Network members, where we can reconnect with each other and welcome new members.

Symposium Details

The 8th Research Symposium of the PBS-Europe Network offers researchers and practitioners from Europe and beyond the opportunity to network and present their research in the field of PBS (e.g., recent evaluation results, methodological issues). We strongly encourage practitioners to participate and submit presentations about the implementation of PBS in their respective countries. The symposium will be held in English and will include paper presentations and a poster session. In-person participation costs 60 € per person. The billing will be part of the registration process. Online participation is free of charge.



Types of Presentations

All attendees are invited to submit proposals for (a) oral paper presentations and/or (b) poster presentations.

a) Oral paper presentations will be 15 minutes each, followed by a discussion of approximately 10 minutes. Oral paper presentations should focus on theoretical, empirical, methodological, or practical work related to the field of PBS. *Paper presentations can be held in person or online.*

b) Poster presentations should focus on current, in progress, or finalized research related to the field of PBS. *Poster presentations can only be held in person.*

Submission Details

Abstract

The abstract should describe the key elements of the presenter(s)' research or practice report. Your abstract should not exceed 2000 characters (excluding references; please use APA style). Please indicate if you are willing to present in a different format than the one you are applying for.

Review Criteria

Proposals will be peer-reviewed according to the following criteria:

Empirical Research: Association with PBS, theoretical framework, rationale, research methods and design (research questions, context, participants, data sources, ethical issues), (preliminary) data analysis or (first) results, limitations, relevance for policymaking, implications for research and practice, overall quality, scientific originality, and language.

Theoretical / Methodological Research: Association with PBS, relevance to research and theoretical debates, theoretical framework, rationale, use of relevant research literature, clarity and robustness of the theoretical argument, implications for research and practice, overall quality, scientific originality, and language.

Practice-Oriented Reports: Association with PBS, clear description of how PBS is being implemented, including methods and strategies used, outcomes and impact of PBS implementation on individuals and communities, challenges faced during implementation and how they were addressed, evidence supporting your implementation approach, overall quality, scientific originality, and language.

Original articles based on symposium presentations that meet the requirements of the scientific journal *Special Education* and successfully undergo the peer-review process may be published free of charge in [Special Education](#).

Registration and Submissions Deadlines

The deadline for abstract submissions is June 15th, 2026.

Please use the following link to submit a proposal:

[8th Hybrid Research Symposium of the PBS-Europe Network](#)

You will receive an email by June 30th, 2026, regarding the decision on your proposal. All presenters and co-presenters must be registered for the Symposium. Registration for the Research Symposium will open after the deadline for the Call for Papers has ended.

Key Dates

Abstract submission deadline	15 June 2026
Notification of acceptance	30 June 2026
Registration opens	July 2026 (after Call for Papers closes)
School visits & Advisory Board Meeting	13 October 2026
Symposium	14–15 October 2026

Travel Information for International Attendees

Arriving by Airplane:

- The most convenient airport is [Vilnius Airport \(VNO\)](#). From the airport, you can reach the city center in several ways. The fastest option is by train to [Vilnius Railway Station](#), which takes about 7–10 minutes. Trains run regularly. You can also take buses 3G, 1, 2, or 88 – the journey to the city center takes approximately 15–20 minutes.

On Arrival:

- Event location: Panorama Hotel (Conference Center, Seinų str. 4, Vilnius, Lithuania): The hotel is conveniently located next to Vilnius Railway and Bus Stations. If you arrive by train from the airport, you can reach the hotel on foot in just 3–5 minutes. If arriving by bus, get off at the “Geležinkelio stotis” (Railway Station) stop, and the hotel will be only a few minutes’ walk away. Panorama Hotel is easily accessible by public transport or taxi.
- Please follow the link to access a map of the location <https://panoramahotel.lt/contact/>
- It is advisable to book a room for your stay in advance. Here are some examples of suitable hotels:
 - [Panorama Hotel](#)
 - [City Gate Hotel](#)
 - [Stay Vilnius Hotel](#)
 - [Hotel Moon Garden](#)

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