What is E-READ?

E-READ is a European research network (COST Action) bringing together more than 120 scientists and scholars from 33 countries and from different research fields focusing on reading with a special emphasis on differences between paper and screen reading. In a series of conferences and workshops hosted across Europe, COST funding allows scientists in neuroscience, arts and humanities, and social sciences to gather with stakeholders to discuss the implications of digitization on reading:

Do we understand, remember and experience texts differently if we read them on screens rather than in print?
The main goal of E-READ is to reduce widespread speculation regarding the effects of digital reading, replace it with empirical evidence, and develop an aggregate measure of reading on paper and screens.

As it is one of the fastest growing sectors, and as digital learning tools are being widely introduced to European schools, the results of the Action will be of interest to educational decisionmakers, teachers, publishers, and software producers. The Action is funded till November 2018. It is chaired by Anne Mangen from the University of Stavanger, Norway, and vice-chaired by Adriaan van der Weel from the University of Leiden, The Netherlands.

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