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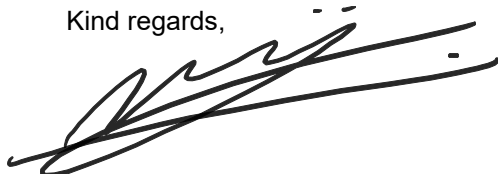
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SUBJECT
Advice on EEMCS language policy

The programme committee AM is negative about the policy as it has been proposed. A policy should not state it is strict in one way, while having a disclaimer that one can betray the rules without consequences. This effectively leaves the staff clueless what is allowed and what is not. A policy police may seem a joke at first, but this does not foster a better social interaction. The only goal should be excellent teaching, with English as a means only.

Our negative advice is not against any language policy. Certainly, there are elements in the document that we are content with. For instance, there is no discussion about the use of English only for teaching material and other written documents, including email, as well as spoken language in a classroom setting. Being inclusive is something to strive for. But a language policy on teaching in well defined teaching situations should not penetrate to other areas, e.g. the coffee machine or private counselling in a lecturer's office. In an international environment, it is natural that multiple languages are spoken as that reflects an international culture.

Kind regards,



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