

Authors' Guidelines

1. Scope of the journal

The European Psychomotricity Journal (EPJ) is the official e-journal of the European Forum of Psychomotricity (EFP). It is an open access, peer-reviewed journal, published once a year.

The editorial policy of EPJ pursues the aims of the European Forum of Psychomotricity: to promote high standards of scientific study in the field of psychomotricity advancing the practice, research and education of Psychomotricity across Europe. Since 2024, under the EFP framework, the EPJ has expanded its scope to include both scientific and divulgative articles on an international level. This alignment reinforces the journal's mission to disseminate psychomotor philosophy and benefit individuals of all ages globally.

Psychomotricity is an interdisciplinary field that integrates cognitive, emotional, symbolic and physical interactions, to enhance an individual's ability to act and interact within a psychosocial context through movement and play. It is based on a holistic vision of the human being, emphasizing the unity of body and mind. The practice of psychomotricity involves various approaches across different European countries, focusing on the mutual influence of cognition, emotion, and movement on the development of personal competencies.

Psychomotricity is used in preventive, pedagogical, and therapeutic contexts, involving activities that promote well-being, prevent issues, provide care and support rehabilitation. It is relevant for all ages, from infancy to old age, including specific stages such as pregnancy and end-of-life care.

The European Forum of Psychomotricity (EFP) is proud to embark on this new challenge with the European Psychomotricity Journal (EPJ). We aim to provide the scientific and professional community with a valuable tool for the sharing and dissemination of psychomotricity knowledge. We hope that EPJ will become a cornerstone in the field of psychomotricity, fostering collaboration and innovation at an international level.

2. Guidelines for Authors

a. General information

EPJ will not consider for publication any manuscript under review elsewhere or substantially similar to a manuscript already published. Editors retain the right to reject manuscripts that do not meet established ethical standards. Full instructions are available on EPJ Guidelines.

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The EPJ has two main categories to give opportunities for different contributions with a scientific or practice-oriented focus:

- *Research and development in psychomotricity* is a journal category for scientific articles in the field. Studies, research projects and development work are published here. Articles in this category undergo a peer review process, based on usual scientific standards.
- *Forum Psychomotricity* is a category for contributions aimed primarily at practitioners. Typical contributions here are, for example, articles on practical interventions or reports from working groups. Contributions in this category undergo an editor check, but no peer review process. If you have other interesting information from politics, society or culture that you think will advance the field of psychomotor skills (like for e.g. reports from congresses, political decisions concerning Psychomotricity), please do not hesitate to upload your contribution for a quick check.

b. Preparation of Manuscripts

Manuscripts must be written in English. Text should be supplied in a format compatible with MS Word for Windows. Charts and tables are considered textual and should also be supplied in a format compatible with MS Word. All figures should be supplied in .jpg format. All manuscripts must be typed in 12pt font and in double space with margins of at least 2.5 cm. Papers should not exceed 20 pages including tables and figures. Authors should prepare manuscripts according to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA) (7th ed.).

Using the APA as a guide, pay particular attention to manuscript content and organization (see <https://apastyle.apa.org>), editorial style, and manuscript preparation. Check format against APA sample paper. Note that Method is singular, and the heading, Participants, is preferred over Subjects. Insert line numbers 1-17 in the left margin of each page, beginning with the abstract page. This facilitates providing line-by-line feedback. Indicate relevance by referring to theories, paradigms, or conceptual frameworks and briefly reviewing the existing knowledge base. Use person-first, non-sexist language in your writing, according to PMPA standards. APA requires reporting both statistical significance and effect size, when appropriate.

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Text. This should in general, but not necessarily, be divided into sections with the headings: Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, Applications, Tables and Figures. Tables and figures should be referred to text as follows: Figure 1, Table 1. The place at which a table or figure is to be inserted in the printed text should be indicated clearly on a manuscript. Each table and/or figure must have a legend that explains its purpose without reference to the text. Artwork submitted for publication will not be returned and will be destroyed after publication, unless otherwise requested.

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c. Submission of Manuscripts

Manuscripts for consideration should be submitted electronically, as an attachment to an e-mail, to the Journal's editorial office: info@psychomotricity-journal.eu.

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d. Author-Side-Fees

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All files of supplementary material should be submitted in an uncompressed format that can be used universally on PCs and Macs. All files should be kept to a minimum size.

Files should be submitted to the journal editor along with the manuscript. If required please supply a legend(s) or description(s) with the additional material to be mounted online and a reference to the file.

Authors who are unable to submit in any of the formats mentioned are advised to contact the publisher to discuss other options prior to submission.

Animation. Animations are limited to 30 seconds and to a maximum of 500 MB. Animations in the following forms (in order of preference) can be accepted from authors:

- Video tape
- AVI's, QuickTime or Mpeg's files
- A sequence of still image

The following formats can be accepted:

- All uncompressed formats widely used on PC, Mac, and UNIX
- JPEG for coloured and compressed images (suffix .jpeg)
- TIFF with a group IV compression for black and white compressed images (suffix .tiff)
- EPS files for vector and a combination of vector and bitmap images (suffix .eps)
- FLI and FLC format from AutoDesk.

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- Video tape - format used.
- AVI, QuickTime or Mpeg files - version used, and system used for disk file creation.
- Sequences of still images - format used, version, and system used for disk file creation.

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Animation should be mentioned in the text. Indicate an approximate location for the animation call-out in the margin.

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- All files should be kept to a minimum size where possible.
- A legend or description of the sound file to be mounted online should be supplied to the editor.

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3. Paper Submission and Timing

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	Submission of articles to: info@psychomotricity-journal.eu	1st March to 31st of May
	Forwarding articles to reviewers	March to mid-June
	Review of articles	Ongoing until end of June
	Forward reviews to authors for finalization	Until mid-July
	Final articles available	Until mid-August
	Layout of articles	End of August
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