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The CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ project is strengthening a great community of scholars working on Design Driven Research, spreading the interest to other colleagues and institutions through its main carrier, the conference series. The event in Delft addressed the topic of RECOMMENDATION for Design Driven Doctoral research (DDDr). The theme builds on the topics explored at the previous CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ conferences: OBSERVATION and SHARING (STRATEGIES), COMPARISON and REFLECTION (EXPERIENCES), and REFORMULATION. Both REFORMULATION and RECOMMENDATION constitute the third phase of the project named FRAMEWORK, which is also the overall purpose of this book. For this conference, the stage was the Faculty of Architecture & the Built Environment, Delft University of Technology, one of the largest architecture faculties in Europe. The multidisciplinary character of the academic community in Delft, covering various fields of expertise, provided an outstanding platform to interplay with the diversity of themes and facets involved with design-driven doctoral research.

As in the other CA<sup>2</sup>RE / CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ conferences, the main axis of the event is formed by the panel sessions. Here takes place the exchange between local PhD researchers and DDDr researchers' experience. The discussions on each specific DDDr learning/supervision presentation are enriched by findings and perspectives brought forward by panel members as well as other views coming from other attending participants. Furthermore, the conference included four keynote lectures, one of which was in collaboration with The Berlage, a talking / walking tour in the city of Delft, and two workshops, at the





FIGURE 1. Workshop 1, presentation by Fabrizia Berlingieri and Enrico Miglietta

**start and the end of the event. For a full insight into the program, please look at the conference website (<https://delft.ca2re.eu/>).**

**The following questions provided the thematic frame for Delft's event. Which approaches, tools, techniques, methods, testbeds, and principles are established and can be recognized as common ground across the CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ institutions? Can the diversity in DDDr be made consistent in a common frame? In which ways DDDr can be distinguished from other doctoral research practices? Where do we see resemblances and overlaps to other disciplines and research practices?**

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**Taking into account these questions and looking back at the various experiences, discussions,**



FIGURE 2. Presentation by Hinnerk Utermann

and matters that came about during the CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ project, the Delft's conference has been set up to scrutinize the results achieved so far, striving to draw up guidelines and recommendations for the establishment, introduction, development, and evaluation of DDDr. To actively elaborate on the findings of the entire CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ network, the starting workshop of Delft's conference provided the stage and the opportunity for the partner universities to illustrate their positions and bring them into the debate. More specifically, for each CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ institution, we asked the responsible tutor and one doctoral candidate involved in the CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ network to present and discuss their views on DDDr with a special focus on recommendations. Some of these positions were intelligible in the

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work of certain doctoral candidates and have been the subject of debate during the concluding workshop on the last day of the conference.

Next to keeping the emphasis on the lessons learned through the views within the CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ community about DDDr, the CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ Delft has been a very fruitful encounter, for the forty-five doctoral candidates presenting their research as well as for the other participants, whether online or face to face. This book contains a selection of the participants' contributions to the Delft event, mainly their written statements on design driven research. In terms of atmosphere and vibe, but also content wise, the conference in Delft has been a special experience. Many attendees were passionate and delighted during and after Delft's event. Hopefully, will this resonate positively for the continuation of the CA<sup>2</sup>RE / CA<sup>2</sup>RE+ project and the further enhancement of DDDr.