

Temporary Working Group on Crisis Communication

- Modus Operandi -

1. Status

1.1. The Temporary Working Group on Crisis Communication is established for a term of 4 years. After the end of the term and upon request of the Chair of the Temporary Working Group, it can be renewed only once for 4 more years, or it can be granted the status of Section. These are decided upon by the ECREA Executive Board.

1.2. The Temporary Working Group on Crisis Communication is an integral part of ECREA and exists under its authority.

1.3. The Temporary Working Group is independent in its decisions and its strategic direction provided that it respects ECREA statutes and bylaws as well as the policies and decisions of the Executive Board.

2. Membership

2.1. The Temporary Working Group on Crisis Communication is constituted by all ECREA members who express their interest in joining the Temporary Working Group.

2.2. ECREA members can join the Temporary Working Group via the ECREA Intranet.

3. Temporary Working Group business meeting

3.1. The Temporary Working Group on Crisis Communication holds an annual business meeting, open to all interested ECREA members and conference participants.

3.2 The Temporary Working Group is sovereign in making decisions regarding its general direction, determining current issues to be addressed by the Temporary Working Group (with the limitation specified in 1.2 and 3.4).

3.3 The Temporary Working Group's business meeting can modify the objectives and/or the modus operandi through a simple majority of votes at a business meeting. Changes to the Objectives or Modus Operandi always require the approval of ECREA's Executive Board.

3.4 The Temporary Working Group's business meeting cannot take decisions that go against the statutes and bylaws or the spirit of ECREA, and the ECREA Executive Board maintains the ultimate decision power.

4. The Temporary Working Group's Management Team

4.1 The coordination of operations in this Temporary Working Group is the responsibility of its Management Team, which is composed of one Chair and two Vice Chairs.

4.2 The Management Team is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Temporary Working Group, proposing initiatives for the further development of the Temporary Working Group, and for implementing the decisions made by the membership.

4.3 The members of the Management Team are elected every two years. The maximum term of office for any member of the Management Team is six consecutive years (3 terms).

4.4 Three months before the end of the mandate of the outgoing team, candidates can put themselves forward for election, by sending an e-mail to the Chair of the Temporary Working Group.

4.5 The results of the election shall be communicated to all members of the Temporary Working Group by e-mail within a maximum of one month after the voting.

4.6 The Management Team of the Temporary Working Group is accountable for its decisions to the Temporary Working Group's business meeting and the ECREA Executive Board.

5. Voting procedure for the election of the Temporary Working Group's Management Team

5.1 Only members of the Temporary Working Group (including Chair and Vice Chairs) are eligible to vote and to be elected.

5.2 A simple majority of votes is required for the election of the Temporary Working Group's Management Team.

5.3 The election will take place through a secret ballot at an ECREA event or another event where the Temporary Working Group can convene.

5.4 Each member of the Temporary Working Group may be represented by another member by way of a written and signed proxy delivered before the voting.