# Executive Board Annual Report 2021

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group:

Communication Law and Policy

## Management team 2021:

**Outgoing:**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Marko Milosavljević

Vice-chair: Prof. Dr. Amit Schejter

Vice-chair: Prof. Dr. Karen Donders

**Incoming**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Sally Broughton Micova

Vice-chair: Prof. Dr. Manuel Puppis

Vice-chair: Prof. Dr. Hilde Van den Bulck

YECREA: Marina Rossato Fernandes

## Number of members:

167

## Social media:

The Section has a Twitter account and a web page. As of November 2021 there has been an update of the CLP Wordpress-based website.

## Activities in 2021:

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CLP was an active **participant in the 2021 virtual ECC**. CLP received fewer final submissions than in previous years in the end due to a number of them withdrawing following the delay and transition to online. The section nevertheless had 5 regular sections and 3 panels at the conference which were all well-attended and sparked good discussions. The topical panels were: Media pluralism as a multidimensional concept; Public service media policies and communication rights; and The Nordics: Countries Formerly Known as Media Welfare States

A **new management team** was appointed (cf. Above) following a separate procedure as, exceptionally, the business meeting did not reach quorum, most likely because of all the covid-related complications.

## Plans for 2022:

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The incoming team is working on

* updating the information about the section on various platforms including the page on the ECREA website
* reconnecting with and extending it membership
* reviving its social media presence (Twitter)
* Putting out a regular newsletter
* Re-instating the best paper award for new scholars at the ECC in Aarhus.

The section is organizing two main aim events for the coming year:

* the CLP section’s participation in the October ECC in Aarhus: or the coming year: a list of reviewers has been compiled and all abstracts are being distributed
* a virtual preconference ahead of the ECC in Aarhus. We opted for three two-hours long thematically focused discussions. After opening comments by invited speakers from both media and communication policymaking and policy research, 5 section members will present insights from their research or their cutting edge ideas in 4 minute elevator pitches to facilitate discussion
  + **Tuesday, 11 October 14:00 – 16:00 CET** Regulation of content: risks of harms from online content; ensuring freedom of expression and media diversity online
* **Wednesday, 12 October 14:00 -16:00 CET** The future of the public interest: prioritization and prominence; cultural and political aims, and public service media
* **Thursday, 13 October 14:00 -16:00 CET** Standards vs Abusers: new developments in governance; the interaction between standardization and illiberalism; threats to media freedom