# Executive Board Annual Report 2021

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

## Management team:

Chair: Doreen Reifegerste, Bielefeld University, Germany, doreen.reifegerste@uni-bielefeld.de

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## Social media:

The Twitter account @HealthComEurope has 171 Followers (15 February 2022)

## Activities in 2021:

The TWG Health Communication panel and the business meeting at the **ECC 2021** were held online (originally planned for Braga, Portugal). There were 43 submissions which were reviewed by 16 reviewers. At the business meeting the chairs were reelected as the management team for the TWG Health Communication.

Hanneke Hendriks (University of Amsterdam), Gudrun Reijnierse (Radboud University Nijmegen), Gert-Jan de Bruijn (University of Amsterdam), Enny Das (Radboud University Nijmegen), Heidi Vandebosch (University of Antwerp), Hans Vehof (HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht), and Julia van Weert (University of Amsterdam) organized the **ECHC2021 (European Conference on Health Communication)** conference for the TWG Health Communication. There were more than 100 submissions from over 20 different countries. A total of 74 presentations and 3 panels were accepted to be presented at the (online) conference on November 4 and 5 2021. Further information on <https://www.echc2021.eu/>

The **European Journal of Health Communication** published 3 issues in 2021 (see www.ejhc.org). Two calls for Special Issues on "Mis- and Disinformation about COVID-19: Challenges for Health Communication" with Guest Editors Sabrina H. Kessler (University of Zurich) & Philipp Schmid (University of Erfurt) and «Online health communities in the vortex of healthcare controversies” by Gregor Petrič, Sara Atanasova, University of Ljubljana were published.

In September 2021 we applied for a status transformation and our application to become a permanent section of ECREA was approved at the ECREA Board Meeting on 18-19 November 2021.

## Plans for 2022:

The section Health Communication will be present at the ECREA conference in Aarhus (Denmark), 19 - 22 October 2022.