

ECREA Journalism & Communication Education TWG  
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Activities in 2020

As in the previous years, the TWG has worked towards improving the research into education for media professions in Europe, as well as the advancement of networks between education researchers, scholars, educators and professionals. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our sixth annual conference, which was due to take place in May 2020 in Barcelona, had to be postponed to 2021. Nevertheless, the review process for the conference with 35 paper proposals from 14 different countries was finished in March 2020. The next TWG conference “Trial and Error IV”: Rethinking digital native communicators training in a global, online and changing world” will be held online on May 13, 2021, and will be hosted by the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

2020 also saw the final editing of the proceedings of our 2019 conference in Braga, Portugal, “Trial and Error in Journalism and Communication Education: innovation and trends between the classroom and the company”, due to be released in 2021 by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. It consists of 9 chapters by authors from different countries with studies focused on teaching communication degrees in Europe.

In 2020, the TWG has also pledged to support the creation of a digital map of European universities with Journalism studies, supported by the Juraj Dobrila University of Pula (Croatia), the University of Valladolid (Spain), and Unesco.

In 2020, the Journalism and Communication Education TWG had 183 members (177 members in 2019, 165 in 2018).