# Executive Board Annual Report 2021

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group: Women’s Network

## Management team:

Chair: Aysegul Kesirli

Vice-chair: Arianna Mainardi

Vice-chair: Jolien van Keulen

Number of members: 219

## Social media: We use Twitter and Facebook to circulate call for papers of upcoming conferences and publications. We also share news about online events and articles about recent developments in higher education as well as inspiring and worrying practices in universities from diverse geographies. Currently, we have 146 followers on Twitter with 59 new members in 2021. We have 149 members in our Facebook group with 2 new members in the last year. We also have a website which is going to be updated very soon.

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ecrea_women>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/348976009038672/>

Website: <https://ecreawomensnetwork.wixsite.com/website>

## Activities in 2021:

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In 2021, we mainly focused on the online European Communication Conference. We were planning to organize a panel with three confirmed abstracts. However, our panel was cancelled in the last minute and one of the abstracts which was originally sent to the Women’s Network was tranferred to the panels of the Gender, Sexuality and Communication Section. We also organized our business meeting during the conference and announced it through our social media accounts. However, since all business meetings were scheduled at the same timeslot most of our members who had responsibilities and connections in other sections could not attend.

With the persisting Covid 19 pandemic, we also focused on strengthening our connections with other sections and networks. We got in touch with the Early Career Researchers Working Group of the European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation (AtGender). We talked about possible future collaborations with the new management team of ECREA Gender, Sexuality and Communication section and ECREA’s taskforce which focuses on working conditions in neoliberal academia. Additionally, with our YECREA representative being elected for the management team of the network, we issued a call for papers for a new representative who is going to be a part of our team in 2022.

## Plans for 2022:

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In 2022, we decided to majorly concentrate on increasing our visibility in the upcoming European Communication Conference in Aarhus, Denmark. We issued a call for papers to organize panels with a concentration on ‘the impact of gender inequalities in higher education’. We are also in communication with the ECREA taskforce which focuses on working conditions in neoliberal academia and the management team of YECREA. We hope to organize a virtual roundtable event as a preconference activity by concentrating on a particular issue which has a major impact on gender inequalities in higher education. We will continue to be active on social media and make the necessary arrangements for the upcoming elections of the new management team during the ECC in Aarhus.