**TWG COMMUNICATION AND THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC SPHERE**

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**Overview**

The ECREA Temporary Working Group Communication and the European Public Sphere became operational in 2014, thus being the newest TWG within ECREA.

In overview, the main activities included:

* Workshop “What is the European Citizenship and what does it mean for us?”, organized at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (Bucharest, Romania) in on the 20th – 22nd of November (organizer: Alina Bargaoanu);
* Workshop “Open Gates for EU COMMUNICATION AND GOVERNANCE”, organized at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (Bucharest, Romania) in on the 23rd of July (organizer: Alina Bargaoanu);
* Extension of the webpage http://www.eucommunication.eu, with general information about the TWG (organisation: Loredana Radu);
* Publication of the Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations’ special issue dedicated to Euroscepticism (http://journalofcommunication.ro/archive2/033/rjcpr33.html);
* Official kick-off meeting of the TWG and the first Business Meeting within the European Communication Conference (Lisbon) (organisation: Alina Bargaoanu, Loredana Radu, Holger Sievert, Josef Niznik);
* Call for the workshop “Europeanization of the national public sphere: underlining principles and processes”, to be held in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, PAS, Warsaw, Poland) (organisation: Jozef Niznik, Alina Bargaoanu, Loredana Radu).

The TWG plans to organize at the end of 2015 an international conference focusing on Communication and the European Public Sphere. Most probably, the first edition of the conference will be hosted by the Macromedia University (Germany). Details regarding the conference will soon be published on the TWG’s section on the web page www.eucommunication.eu.

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