

## **POSITION STATEMENT**

By means of this statement, I would like to put forward my candidacy to renew my position as a member of the Executive Board of the European Communication Research and Education Association. After being elected in 2012, I have enjoyed an insightful experience working with my ECREA Board colleagues during the last four years. I currently hold a good knowledge about the internal structure of the association and I think that this experience could be positive for the upcoming term.

Between 2012 and 2016 I have acted as the Secretary of the Executive Board. My tasks were mainly related to help the General Secretary and the Bureau in a diverse variety of issues, ranging from preparation of virtual and on-site meetings to the elaboration and compilation of minutes and other important documents for the association.

Besides that role, I have also been involved in the task force joining the interests and effort of ECREA and ALAIC, the Latin American Association of Communication Researchers. One of the fruits of this collaboration is about to be launched, as the book “Connecting Paradigms. Communication Studies in Latin America and Europe” is expected to be published in the coming months.

Thinking about the next four years, I would like to help ECREA to be more present among European young scholars, trying to strengthen the role played by a scientific society in the higher education system. The bridges with the Latin American countries will also be explored and reinforced, as the connections are well established and new collaborations must arise from the knowledge and experience we already gathered. I am also looking forward to develop a more active communication strategy to reach new members and to expand the horizons of our association.

These are only some of the reasons why I think that my presence in the Executive Committee could be positive for ECREA, an association which I am already a proud member of.



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