# Executive Board Annual Report 2022

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group: Communications Law and Policy

## Management team:

Chair: Sally Broughton Micova

Vice-chair: Tim Raats

Vice-chair: Eleonora Mazzoli

## Social media:

Blog/website hosted on wordpress: <https://commlawpolicy.wordpress.com/>

Twitter: @ECREA\_CLP with 433 followers

## Activities in 2022:

In 2022 the interim section management (Sally Broughton Micova, Hilde van Den Bulck and Manuel Puppis) organised the section’s participation in the ECC 2022 in Aarhus. The section held two virtual pre-conference sessions supported by the CLP YECREA representative Marina Rossato Fernandes. These were designed to be both accessible to people who could not attend the main conference and short and engaging in order to facilitate participation from policy makers and policy stakeholders. Representatives from the EBU, the Council of Europe’s Media Unit and the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom contributed as keynote speakers and respondents.

* The future of Public Interest: prominence and PSM (attendance record showed 47 attendees)
* Harms and standards in content platform governance (Attendance record showed 27 attendees)

At ECC 2022, the CLP section had 8 panel sessions and one special session on the future of communications policy research with participants from sister sections in ICA and IAMCR. The sessions were well attended and this quality of the papers presented were very high. The business meeting was also surprisingly well attended. Despite the concerns raised I the special session about the future of this area of research there was a strong presence of early career researchers. The current management team was elected, and an extended discussion took place about whether a change to the section name was needed. This is still under consideration.

## Plans for 2023:

The section’s workshop will be held at the University of Salzburg on 2&3 of November 2023. The local organising committee is being led by Prof Josef Trappel. The section’s YECREA representative had to resign, so the section is currently working with the network to recruit another YECREA representative. In addition, the section plans to reinvigorate the Best Paper award, which was not very successful for the 2022 conference. The reasons for this and other ideas for encouraging and supporting young scholars were discussed during the business meeting at ECC 2022, so these are being considered.