

Objectives

ECREA Communications Law and Policy Section

The Communication Law and Policy Section aims to provide a forum for the debate and analysis of past and current policy directions in the field of media and communication. The field should be interpreted broadly to include political, social, cultural, anthropological and economic questions.

Its aim is to

1. Offer a networking platform for *policy research in the European academic area* and provide visibility for European research, regardless of the object and national context of law and policy studied.
2. Provide a dedicated space for the study and analysis of European, in its broader sense, and EU communication and media policy.
3. Actively provide an informed opinion as to matters of European communication and media policy, through its input in public consultations and other appropriate fora. The section will establish a working group towards this goal.
4. To provide a forum for the debate and analysis of European Communications Education and Research Policy; it will establish a dedicated working group for this reason which will advise the ECREA Board on its positions related to the issues of European Education and Training and Research policies. The working group is open to non-CLP members but it will act under the auspices of CLP.
5. to liaise between European institutions and the ECREA Board, as and when deemed appropriate by the Board.
6. to liaise with the community of practitioners, policy-makers and academics.

The CLP Section aims to boost interest in research and teaching in communications and media law and policy. Through organised events it aims to become a reference point for matters of European policy through its membership expertise and actively participate in public debates as and when it is deemed appropriate by its leadership, the ECREA board or its membership. The section will establish and maintain a dedicated website with the aim to create a clearing house of information and sources for the study of communications policy and communications education and research policy.

Communications Law and Policy has known an increased activity and interest in the past two decades not only nationally but on a European level and internationally. Indeed, in many cases, communications and media policy has accompanied institutional transformation and has 'pilot-tested' new forms of governance. In the early 21st century, communication and media policy proves to be one of the major drives for the regula(risa)tion of political and economic systems as they crosscut national and cultural contexts. In many ways, it is

imperative that the study of national communication policy is accompanied by the acknowledgement of international and global forces at stake and vice versa.

Due to its impact for societies, cultures, traditions, as well as everyday and elite politics communication policy requires a multiperspectival and multilevel study approach that can be best served through the combined efforts of scholars from international backgrounds and in inter-national contexts. The CLP section aims to both support this effort and encourage the creation of new networks of study through the organisation of Round Tables and Workshops as well as panels and paper presentation sessions.

Possible areas of interest include

Audiovisual policies

Press policies

Telecommunications policies

Multimedia, convergent media policies (including antitrust and competition policy)

Content related policies

Issues of data trafficking and privacy

Impact of policy for citizenship rights

Cultural policies

Public Service Broadcasting policies

Communication Technology policies