# Executive Board Annual Report 2021

## Name of the Section/Network/Temporary Working Group:

**Central and East-European (CEE) Network**

## Management team:

Chair:

Małgorzata Winiarska-Brodowska (Jagiellonian University, Poland)

Vice-chair:

Lenka Vochocová (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)

Vice-chair:

Norbert Merkovity (University of Szeged, Hungary)

## Number of members:

212 (as of January 2022)

## Social media:

The Facebook page of the CEE Network grew in prominence, accounting for over 724 ‘likes’ and 773 followers by the end of January 2022.

* + - Link: [Ecrea CEE Network - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Ecrea.CEE.Network)

There was also the event pages on FB and LinkedIn as well as Youtube channel created for the CEECOM 2021 conference:

* + - [CEECOM 2021 - the 13th International Central and East European Communication and Media Conference | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/events/413430533173928)
    - [13th Central and Eastern European Communication and Media Conference CEECOM | LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/events/13thcentralandeasterneuropeanco6747161801105960960/)
    - [CEECOM 2021 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4QEuq0pB6UmOo0yc7gz8A)

(with a movie presenting the history of CEECOM).

## Activities in 2021:

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic we continued to organize scientific events:

* **the** **9th Comparative Media Systems Graduate Spring School & Research Conference** was held on the 12-16 of April 2021, planned to take place at the Inter University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia, due to the pandemic it was conducted online on zoom. The **‘Comparing Post-socialist Media Systems’ Conference was co-organized with the ECREA CEE Network. Main organizers: Prof. Zrinjka Perusko,** Centre for Media and Communication Research, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb.
  + - More information: [Novosti – News | Centre for Media and Communication Research (unizg.hr)](https://cim.fpzg.unizg.hr/events/?fbclid=IwAR2JFu2AeU1kssP3F9X_axY72lDujrBzTh6XG6C4TYwK6yCuBflf2d9c4Wk).
* **CEE Network’s panel at the ECC 2021 - the 8 European Communication Conference (‘Communication and Trust’, September 6-9, 2021). The panel was dedicated to the topic of** populism and media freedom in Central and Eastern European countries.
* **CEE Network’s special panel at the CEECOM 2021 conference (October, 22, 2021). During the panel titled ‘CEE Network – its origin, development and future’, next to the ECREA Vice-President Prof. Irena Reifova’s and ECREA President Prof. John Downey’s speeches, a presentation of the special survey** about the professional identity of young scholars of media and communication from Central and Eastern Europe **took place (presented by Young Scholars Representative Dina Vozab)**. The aim of this survey was to analyze the opportunities and obstacles of young CEE scholars in developing their careers and to provide information to ECREA CEE Network about the type of support it should provide to scholars from the region.
* **the CEECOM 2021 Conference** - the 13th Central and East European Communication and Media Conference was held online (MS Teams) on **22-23 October, 2021**. The theme of the conference was the new communication revolution. The event was organized by  the Institute of Journalism, Media & Social Communication at the Jagiellonian University and the Polish Communication Association in cooperation  
  with the ECREA’s Central and East European Network under the auspices of **Austrian Consulate General in Kraków, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kraków and Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in Kraków.**

More information: [CEECOM - IDMiKS UJ](https://idmiksuj.edu.pl/en/)

## Plans for 2022:

* **next CEECOM** conference will take place in 2023 and will be organized by the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic.
* we are preparing **a panel with an open call for the 9th ECC ‘Rethink Impact’ conference** (on the 19-22 of October 2022 in Aarhus, Denmark). The topic of this panel is ‘Societal impact of research and teaching in the field of media and communication in CEE region’. The abstract proposals for this panel will undergo the peer-review process.
* as the ECREA encourages the organization of virtual pre-conferences to the ECC 2022, we are organizing **a seminar in cooperation with the International Political Science Association’s Research Committee RC22 – Political Communication**. The event will take place before ECC 2022 (October 10, 2022).

February 10, 2022