

Standing Group on Interest Groups General Meeting

ECPR Virtual General Conference 2021

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ANNE RASMUSSEN, CHAIR (UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN)

JOOST BERKHOUT (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM)

ISKANDER DE BRUYCKER (MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY)

Agenda

- Overview:
 - Number of members and governance
 - Communication (Twitter, website, Facebook)
- Activities and plans
 - Section: volunteers for next year
 - Webinars: continue on monthly basis
 - Online Lubljana Summer School 2021
- Any other business

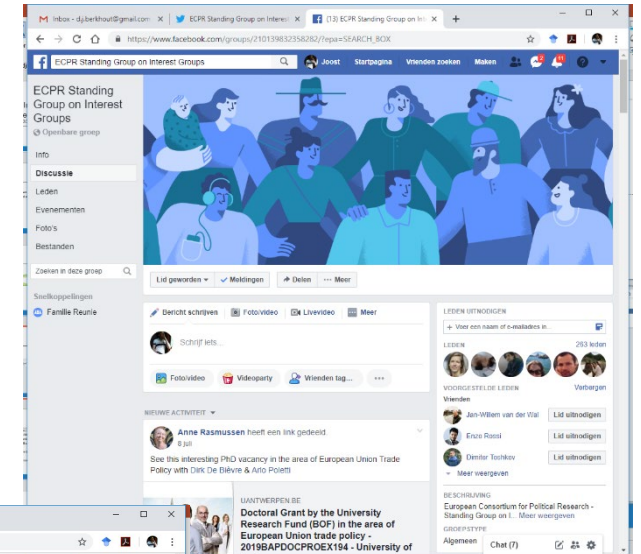
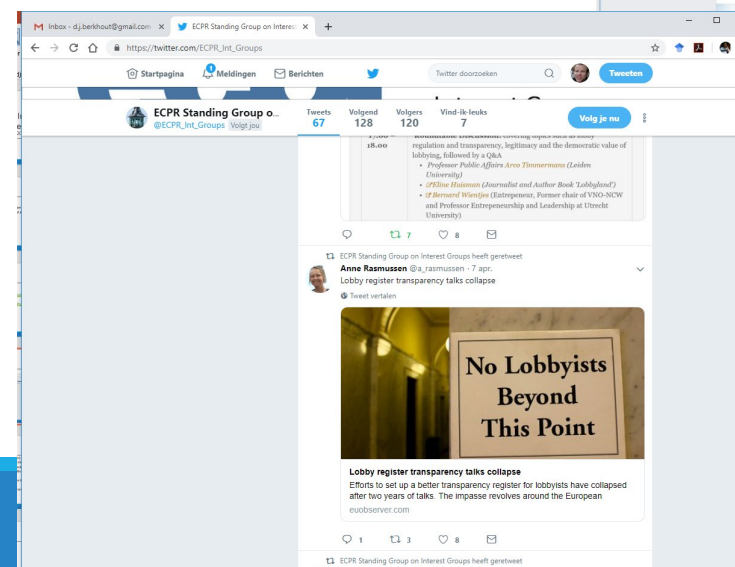
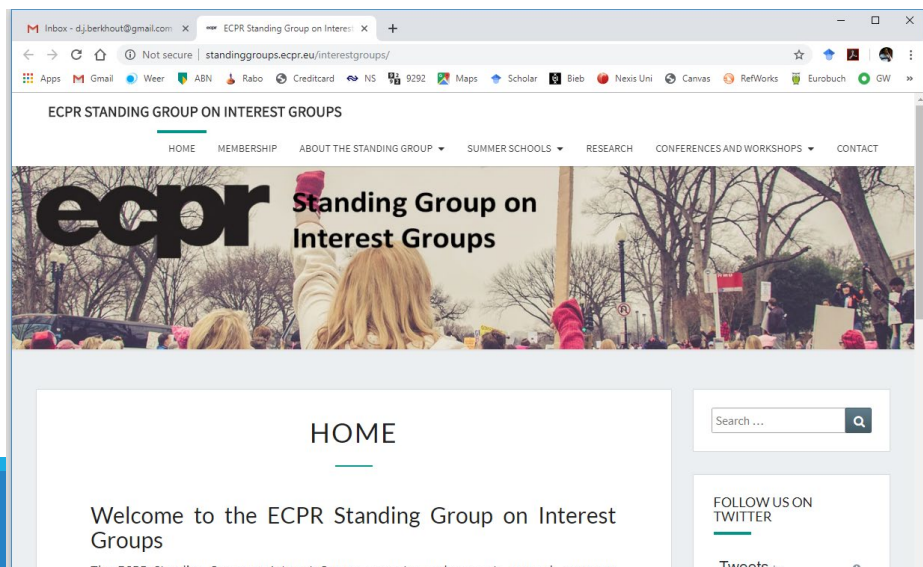
Overview

- Steering Committee members and terms
 - Anne Rasmussen (chair, first term: 2018-2021)
 - Joost Berkhout (member / treasurer, first term: 2018-2021)
 - Iskander de Bruycker (second and **final term**: 2018-2021):
vacancy!
- 265 members (215 in 2020, 173 in 2019, 205 in 2018, 146 in 2016)
- Healthy finances
- Journal: no formal links but we offer financial support for workshops aimed at special issue contributions



Communication

- Website (relatively static: NEW feature collection of syllabi): <http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/interestgroups/>
- Twitter (232 followers): [https://twitter.com/ECPR Int Groups](https://twitter.com/ECPR_Int_Groups)
- Facebook (308 members): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/210139832358282/>
- Mails via ECPR system and email list: Subscribe/unsubscribe at: <https://listserv.uni-stuttgart.de/mailman/listinfo/ecpr-interest-groups>






Section at Annual Conference

- Important event; also for cross-disciplinary outreach
- Virtual conference 2020:
 - 5 panels
 - Thanks to section chairs: Francesca Colli and David Marshall
 - Congratulation to best paper award winner: Ellis Aizenberg! (due to low number of papers the jury did not separately award an early career paper)
- Ongoing Virtual Conference 2021
 - 8 panels
 - Thanks to section chairs: Evelien Willems and Daniel Rasch
 - Best paper prizes will be awarded as last year
- Volunteers for section chairing next year?



Iskander De Bruycker
@IskanderDB

 Congratulations to [@AizenbergEllis](#) for winning the [@ECPR_Int_Groups](#) best paper award  with her article 'Salience and Conflict as Drivers of Corporate Lobbying? An Elite Survey Experiment'. The jury praised the paper's original ideas and robust experimental design. 

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2021 Lubljana

- 12th edition 2022 Italy: annual rather than bi-annual

11th Summer School of the Standing Group on Interest Groups

Interest groups and lobbying in the policymaking process

30 June – 8 July 2021, Virtual event

26 international, mostly PhD students (Europe, USA, Latin America, Asia)

21 internationally recognized researchers in the field of interest groups (Europe and USA)

Afternoon sessions

Shorter sessions with more scholars and more topics

Discussions of student's papers integrated in frame of the lectures

Organisation

ECPR took over application process, certificates, invoices, website and organisation of Zoom links and Canvas

Tools used: Zoom and Canvas

Special features of this year's summer school

International, trans-atlantic

Policy analysis

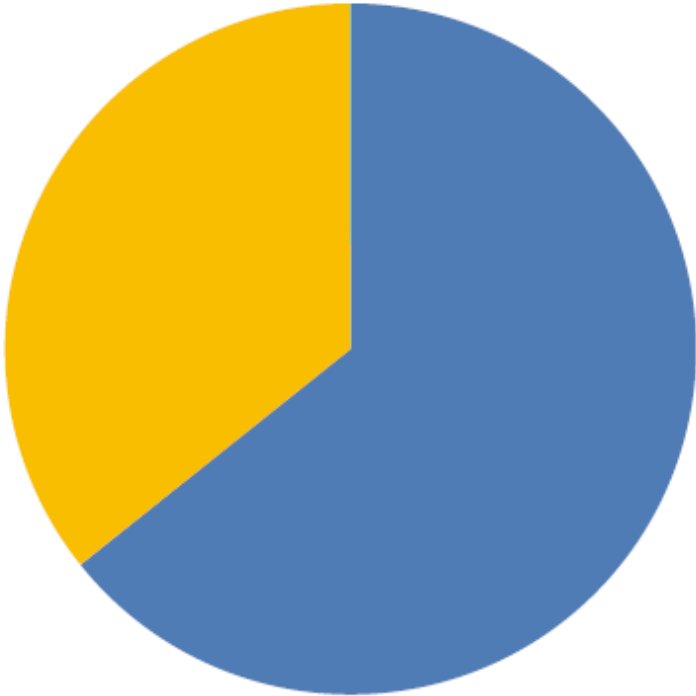
Central and Eastern Europe

Other activities:

- Simulation session by Patrycja Rozbicka
- Session on writing a PhD by Bastiaan Redert
- View from the practice: The Good Lobby by Alberto Alemanno

Q8 Overall, has the Summer School of the Standing Group on Interest Groups met your expectations?

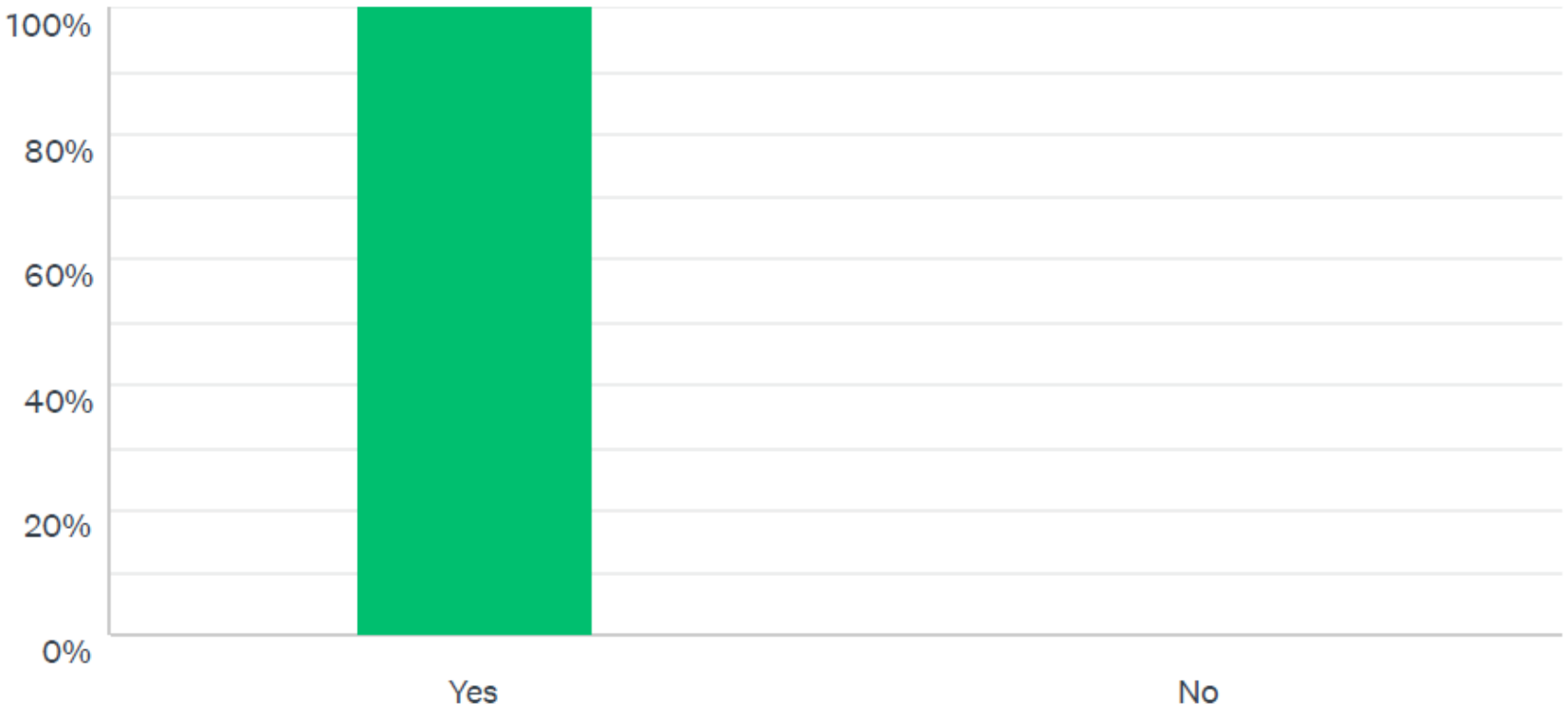
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- Below expectations
- Met expectations
- Exceeded expectations
- Prefer not to answer

Q11 Would you recommend the Summer School of the Standing Group on Interest Groups to colleagues and friends?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 1



Opportunities for improvement

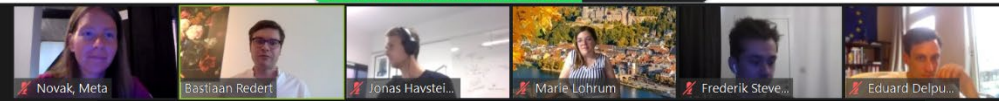
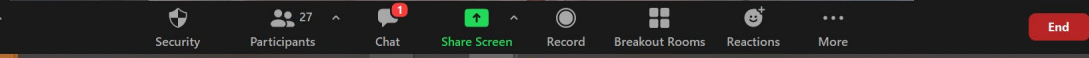
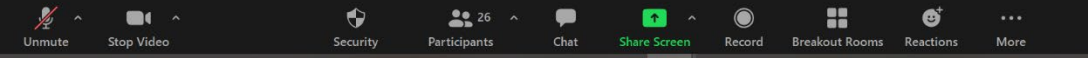
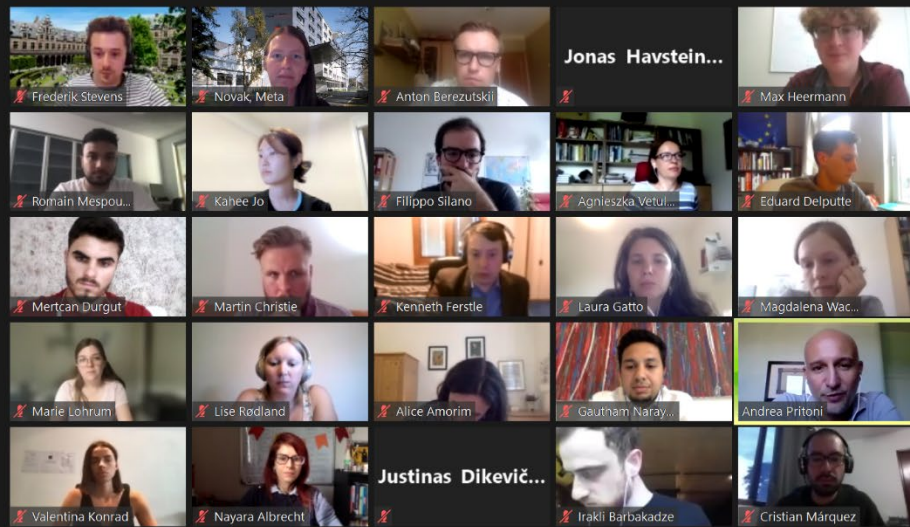
More networking between students

Virtual informal hangout

Breakout rooms

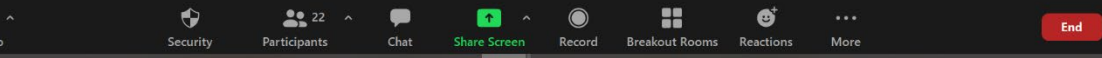
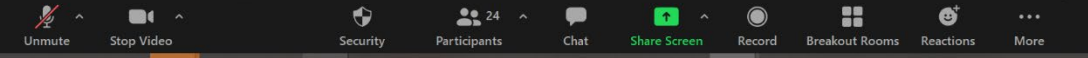
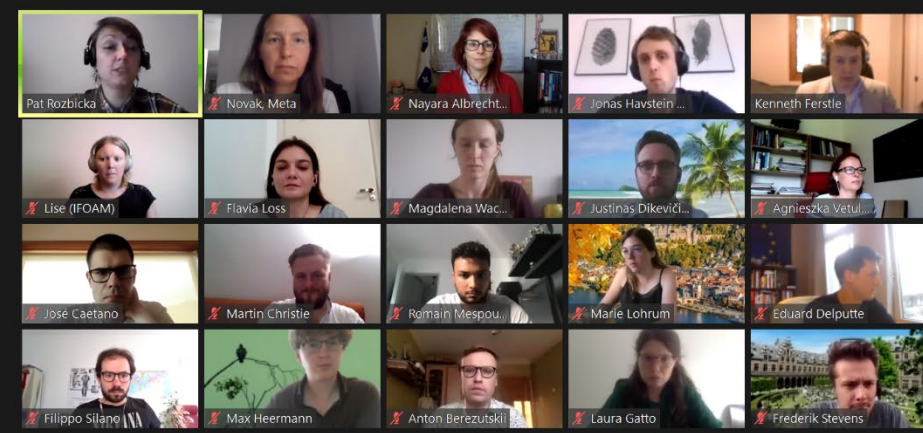
Live streaming for students from outside Europe

Free days in between



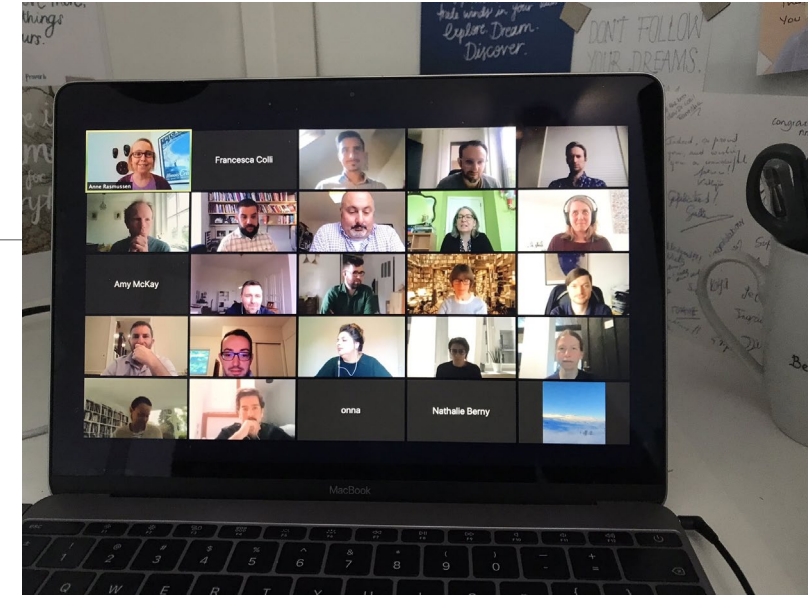
GOLDEN TIPS

6. Take feedback positively
7. Take your time
8. Ask for help
9. Do not glorify overworking: take nights and weekends off
10. Work hard, play hard



Webinars

- Several Zoom sessions throughout the year
- Panel set-up and Round-tables
- Larger session hosted by University Maastricht Campus Brussels
- Volunteers for chairing a session in the coming year?



Round table:

Teaching Interest Group Politics

Organizer: ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups

Time: Wedn January 20, 2021: 16h-17h CET

Location: Zoom

Link: <https://uva-live.zoom.us/j/87694049855>

Twitter contact info: @ECPR_Int_Groups

Chair: *Joost Berkhout*, University of Amsterdam

Iskander de Bruycker, Maastricht University

Just published with Aaron McLoughlin: The public affairs plan: Seven steps to success rooted in science and practice. [Journal of Public Affairs](#).

Thomas Holyoke, California State University, Fresno

Just out: Second edition of: Interest Groups and Lobbying: Pursuing Political Interests in America

Bert Fraussen, Leiden University

Teaches Public Affairs with a strong focus on the theme of responsible lobbying (BA) and cross-fertilization between academics, professionals & students (MA)

Hélène Michel, Université de Strasbourg

Jean Monnet Chairholder "Political Sociology of European Transparency"

Themes:

- Assessing professional skills
- Course design
- Bringing practitioners in
- Integrating studies of interest groups in a curriculum
- Diverse disciplinary grounding



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