rEACH committee activities
Sept 2017 – August 2018

Aim:
- provide support to build expertise
- offer networking opportunities and resources for researchers

Membership:
- 24 members from 8 different countries (June 2018)
  including the yEACH-rEACH liaison and the President of EACH
- Myriam Deveugele and Gerry Humphris, co-chairs
  Gerry stepped down October 2017
- Arwen Pieterse, chair-elect
- Marij Hillen and Mara van Beusekom, deputy chairs-elect

Meetings:
- In-person meetings (whole committee), December 2017 and June 2018
- Monthly online meetings (leads, committee and project groups)
- Ad-hoc online meetings per project group

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Summer School project group:

Developed a detailed **manual** on the organization of Summer Schools

Next: - Organize Summer school 2019

Tools project group:

Built database of **30 observational coding systems** for physician and/or patient communication behavior, including source documents

Available in PDF format to EACH members through EACH website.

Next: - Make database searchable

Funding project group:

Submitted COST ACTION application (April 2018)

A Network Approach on Communication in Healthcare in Europe

Next: - Apply for *Erasmus plus* funding

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Research training project group:

Developed 2 **one-day courses for researchers**:

- Realist review – a new method of systematic review
- Visual design for health communication researchers

Both offered as pre-conference workshops at ICCH 2018

Next: - Develop workshop on communication coding systems

- Expand workshops to 2-3 days

Writing project group:

Published an **update on rEACH activities** in *Patient Education & Counseling* (June 2018)

Next: - Prepare discussion papers on topics relevant to health communication research

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