

Committee of experts on cross-border flow of Internet traffic and Internet freedom (MSI-INT)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2014 until 31 December 2015**

Main tasks
Under the supervision of the CDMSI, the MSI-INT will prepare human rights-based standards to protect and preserve the unimpeded cross-border flow of legal Internet content. It will also explore best practice and standards to optimise access to the Internet in light of the freedoms of expression and association as guaranteed by Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention of Human Rights and in accordance with the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights.
Pillar/Sector/Programme
Pillar: Rule of Law Sector: Common standards and policies Programme: Information Society and Internet Governance
Expected results
The Council of Europe contributes to enhancing the respect and promotion of human rights on the Internet and digital environments. To this end, the MSI-INT prepares and submits to the CDMSI: (i) Draft recommendation on cross-border Internet traffic. (ii) Draft recommendation on Internet freedom. (iii) Report on freedom of assembly, expression and access to content on the Internet and proposals for further action to promote them.
Composition
Members: The Committee shall be composed of 13 experts, comprising seven government or member States' representatives, designated by the CDMSI, and six independent experts, appointed by the Secretary General, with recognised expertise in the fields of human rights and the Internet. The Council of Europe shall bear the travel and subsistence expenses of all 13 members. The composition of the Committee will reflect an equitable geographic distribution amongst the member States and will take account of the gender equality dimension. Other member States may designate representatives without defrayal of expenses. The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- European Union (including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA));- European Audiovisual Observatory;- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);- UN agencies (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation – UNESCO);- representatives of civil society, private sector, technical, professional and academic communities;- Observers from states or organisations other than those referred above shall be admitted to the Expert Committee in the manner and according to the conditions provided in Resolution CM/Res(2011)24).
Working methods
Meetings:

13 members, 2 meetings in 2014, 2 days
13 members, 2 meetings in 2015, 2 days

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Budgetary information*

2014

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures/ Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2	2	13	-	-	32 200	0.5 A ; 0.5 B

2015

Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €	Bureau €	Subordinate structures/ Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2	2	13	-	-	32 200	0.5 A ; 0.5 B

*The costs presented above take into consideration the per diem, travel, interpretation, translation and document printing. Costs calculated on the basis of the per diem and recharged services costs at their 2014 level.