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Report of the 13th meeting (12 April 2018) (Paris, Council of Europe Offices)

1. Opening of the meeting

The CDMSI Chair, Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) opened the meeting. The gender distribution among 7 attendants was 4 women (57%) and 3 men (43%).

Silvia Grundmann, Head of the Media and Internet Division, welcomed the new Bureau to the Council of Europe Paris office to its first meeting under the 2018 -2019 mandate. She informed the Bureau about the current budget situation of the Council of Europe, the work being undertaken at high level to mitigate it and possible implications for the work of the CDMSI.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda of its meeting in view of the preparation of the 14th CDMSI meeting, which will take place from 19 to 21 June 2018. The annotated agenda appears in Appendix 1. The list of participants appears in Appendix 2.

The Bureau discussed the content and the presentation of the agenda and expressed its wish that it better shows what outcomes are expected.

3. Standard setting

Committee of experts on Quality journalism in the digital age (MSI-JOQ) 3.1

The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the first meeting of the MSI-JOQ (8 and 9 March 2018) and of the beginning of its work.

It took note of the election of the Chair (Katharina Sarikakis - Greece), the vice-Chair (Alexandra Borchardt - Reuters Institute) and the gender equality rapporteur (Tom Law - Ethical Journalism Network).

The Bureau discussed the outline of the deliverables expected within the mandate of the MSI-JOQ and expressed general satisfaction and support to a work that seems to be going in the right direction. It welcomed the crossfertilisation between the two expert committees and emphasised the need to avoid duplication of work.

Regarding <u>the draft recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for</u> <u>quality journalism in the digital age</u>, the Bureau emphasised that, given the rapid evolution of the media context and the topicality of the issues addressed, the time line for delivering may be too long. Besides, there was a consensus on the fact that, in addition to the draft recommendation, the Council of Europe should rapidly react on the issue of sustainability of national and local media, perhaps in the form of a declaration. Therefore, The Bureau agreed to prepare a draft, under the leadership of Joanna Chansel.

Furthermore, the Bureau recalled that much had already been said by the Council of Europe on funding public service media and that many aspects must be taken into consideration, such as EU regulation regarding public funding, cultural specificities, possible specific missions to be given to PSM by States, as well as considering separately public service media and private media.

In respect of <u>the draft Study on media and information literacy in the digital</u> <u>environment</u>, the Bureau supports the work done, which is also going in the right direction. It strongly encouraged the conception of media literacy guidelines.

3.2 Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)

The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the first meeting of the MSI-AUT (6 and 7 March 2018) and of the beginning of its work.

It took note of the election of the Chair Lukas Ilves (Estonia), the vice-Chair (Wolfgang Schulz – Professor at Hamburg University) and the gender equality rapporteur (Tanja Kerševan Smokvina - Slovenia).

The Bureau discussed the outline of the deliverables expected within the mandate of the MSI-AUT and expressed support to the work that seems to be going in the right direction.

The follow-up to the Study on the human rights dimensions of algorithms will likely take two forms:

a <u>Declaration of the CM on the capacity of algorithmic processes as powerful</u> <u>tools of manipulation</u>, with important individual and societal impacts for the formation/shaping of opinions, for public discourse, media spaces and democratic processes. It will not only relate to the freedom of expression and the extent to which algorithms curate and distribute news based on user profiles, but also on Article 9, exploring the impacts of algorithms and automated processes on cognitive sovereignty, thought and belief. A first draft will be prepared by the Secretariat.

a <u>Recommendation to member states on how to curb negative human rights</u> <u>impacts of the use of algorithms in the public and private sphere</u>. Reference was made here to the asymmetry of power between public and private entities and the need to address the role of companies who not only use algorithms but produce and design them. It may follow the structure of CM/Rec(2018)2 with two chapters comprising state obligations and company responsibilities vis-à-vis transparency, accountability, human rights compatible innovation, etc.

The Bureau supported this approach and is looking forward to the result of the reflexion undertaken. However, it stressed the existence, in Article 10 of the

Convention on Human Rights, of "the freedom to form your opinion", freedom which is very much subject to manipulation through technologies, and which needs to be addressed by the recommendation. It also emphasised the need to focus not only on harm but also on positive aspects of algorithmic processing. Therefore, it recommended integrating replacing, in the title, "negative human rights impacts" by "opportunities and challenges to the human rights".

In respect of the <u>draft study on the use of new digital technologies and services,</u> <u>including artificial intelligence, as they impact people's enjoyment of human</u> <u>rights in the digital age</u>, the Bureau also expressed its support.

At the occasion of discussions on artificial intelligence, the Secretariat informed the Bureau of work undertaken by other services of the Council of Europe on the topic and will communicate to the CDMSI a compilation of all activities. There are strong interactions between services.

Furthermore, the secretariat also informed the Bureau of an up-coming highlevel conference on artificial intelligence under the Finnish Chairmanship of the Council of Europe foreseen for February 2019, under the leadership of the Information Society Department/Media and Internet Division.

Regarding <u>the draft Study on libel shopping and jurisdictional issues in the</u> <u>application of defamation laws</u>, this work was entrusted to the MDI-AUT because algorithms will be instrumental in the defamation phenomenon and had to be addressed by experts with certain technical knowledge and a global orientation. The study will be based on current research and relevant jurisprudence, pointing to examples from member states to illustrate the types of civil and administrative anti-defamation laws that exist in EU and non-EU member states and their specific impacts on the freedom of expression.

4. Co-operation activities

The Bureau took note of the information by the secretariat on on-going and future co-operation programmes and activities, as reflected in document MEDIA-COOP(2018)01.

5. Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards

5.1 Initiatives in member states

The secretariat recalled this standard item that aims at sharing of information on initiatives related to the CDMSI area of work between members but should also serve as an early warning tool that would help the secretariat to transmit information through the organisation and/or gather elements to answer possible questions from the Secretary General.

The Bureau took note of the list of initiatives communicated to the Secretariat and that will also be communicated to the CDMSI and possibly presented by the relevant delegations. This list may be further completed towards the time of the plenary.

5.2 Internet governance

The Secretariat shared several pieces of information with the Bureau:

- Jan Kleijssen, Director of Information Society and Action against Crime, was appointed Internet Governance Coordinator by the Secretary General, who, for the first time attended a special meeting of the Internet governance task force on artificial intelligence (AI), thereby raising the profile of this area of work;

- The activities on artificial intelligence within the Council of Europe was compiled by the secretariat and will be shared to all CDMSI members (see also item 3.2);
- On 10 April, 25 EU member states signed a declaration on artificial intelligence agreeing to cooperate on the most important issues raised by Artificial Intelligence, from ensuring Europe's competitiveness in the research and deployment of AI, to dealing with social, economic, ethical and legal questions.;
- At the Council of Europe a High level transversal conference on artificial intelligence will be organised under the Finnish CoE Chairmanship in February 2019 (see also item 3.2).

Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019

The Bureau took note of information by the Secretariat on the state of play of the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on Internet Governance 2016-2019, adopted on 30 March 2016 by the Committee of Ministers.

The draft mid-term report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the IG Strategy has been finalised. It will be discussed with the delegates at the meeting of the Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF) on 23 May 2018. The report draws particular attention to the variety of AI related activities in various entities of the Council of Europe including committee work (mainly MSI-AUT, T-PD, CDPC, CEPEJ), as well as to the follow-up given to the exchange of letters with internet companies. A number of concrete activities are planned including the possibility of a high-level conference on AI and human rights under the Finnish Chairmanship mentioned above.

Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

Thomas Schneider reported on the IGF 2017, hosted by Switzerland from 18 to 21 December 2017, which was very successful despite the late date in the year. He detailed the new elements introduced such as two interactive roundtables, instead of one session with successive speeches, and messages from Geneva giving, under a "bullet point format" tangible outcomes of the discussions.

He also informed that no location had yet been found for hosting the 2018 edition. Nevertheless, the preparation is going on, with, also as a new development, a call for issues instead of a call for events/workshops, which was found more prone to focus on content.

The 2019 edition will be hosted in Berlin.

The Secretariat added information on Council of Europe delegation to the IGF: Corina Călugăru, Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe, Dragana Filipovic, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the Council of Europe to the UN Office in Geneva, 15 staff members of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, and 17 invited experts supported this important event.

<u>EuroDIG</u>

The secretariat informed the Bureau about the involvement of various Council of Europe sectors in the EuroDIG 2018 in Tbilisi (5-6 June 2018) with several entities having indicated their plans (Cybercrime, Data Protection, No Hate Speech Movement). Preparatory discussions are still on-going with the EuroDIG Secretariat. The following submissions of Council of Europe representatives were accepted:

- "Tackling information pollution and disinformation campaigns through comprehensive multi-stakeholder action" and "Role of social media in moderating user created content" (part of the Plenary Session 2 "Remedies to SM ills" on Day one;

"Achieving algorithmic transparency - roles of States and business stakeholders" discussed part of will be as а Workshop 8 no. - "AI replacing humans? Ethics and future of work" on Day 2. It will be devoted to presentation of key messages following from the recent Council of Europe's deliverables: CM recommendation on the roles and responsibilities of internet intermediaries adopted on 7 March 2018 and the Study on the human rights dimensions of algorithms. The focus will be on transparency standards that are highlighted in above mentioned documents. - "Digital citizenship and youth participation" will be merged with "How to effectively implement European policy recommendations on Hate Speech online, such as European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance General Policy Recommendation 15 on Hate Speech, at national level through legal reform and multi - stakeholder capacity building programmes" will be discussed during flash "Hate speech vouth". - Challenges for Cybercrime Transborder Investigations" will be discussed during Flash "Cybercrime and digital investigations".

<u>ICANN</u>

The Secretariat informed the Bureau of the visit to the Council of Europe of Nigel Hickson on 12 February 2018 and of the intention to invite the Secretary General to ICANN 63 (20 -26 October in Barcelona), notably to the High level governmental meeting on 22 October.

It also took note of information on the ICANN60 meeting (28 October to 3 November 2017): the meeting being in Abu Dhabi, budgetary restrictions allowed only for limited on site presence (Matteo Luchetti from Cybercrime Division) but remote participation from data protection colleagues Sophie Kwasny and Peter Kimpian was ensured. Several sessions were dedicated to privacy related discussions and the Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe therefore remained engaged with the organisation and its communities to facilitate the setting of priorities by ICANN and its communities and the development of strategies aimed at enhancing compliance with internationally recognised privacy

standards. A cross community session on the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and its implications for ICANN was held on 2 November 2017. (See also item 7)

Item 5.3 Implementation of the CM Recommendation on protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors

Recent murders of journalists in Council of Europe states, in particular the killings of Ján Kuciak and his fiancée Martina Kušnírová in Slovakia, and of Daphne Caruana Galizia in Malta, demonstrate the urgent need for redoubled action for the prevention, protection and prosecution of such killings. In this context the Bureau was informed about upcoming regular monitoring visits of GRECO and Moneyval to Malta and Slovakia.

The Council of Europe is looking to devise a more strategic and systematic implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 by way of an implementation strategy encompassing a number of actions including, inter alia:

- the identification of priority areas of implementation of the Recommendation through the input of NGOs and journalist associations active in the area of safety of journalists with the help of a questionnaire sent out to them.

- the collection of "valuable practices" in the areas which have been identified as deserving priority implementation through input received by journalists and journalist association as well as by Member States;

- the production of a technical guide to the Recommendation explaining and providing context to the priority areas for implementation of the recommendation, establishing indicators against which progress in the implementation of the Recommendation can be assessed,

- fleshing out questions to the authorities on the implementation of the Recommendation, identifying "valuable practices" in the priority areas and offering suggestions for implementation.

The Bureau took note of information given by the Secretariat on the draft strategy for the implementation of the CM Recommendation on protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors and generally endorsed this proposal.

Item 5.4 Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists

Due to the importance and the topicality of the issue of safety of journalists and other media actors, this item will be a regular one on the agendas of the CDMSI and its Bureau.

The Secretariat informed the Bureau of developments on the platform, notably the setting up of a "safety of journalists weekly", which people may subscribe to. This may enhance the visibility of the Platform and the dissemination of its information.

Joanna Chansel shared with the Bureau the structured and multi-sectorial approached adopted by France to respond to alerts posted on the Platform. This

approached has been praised by the Secretary General. In order to share it with the entire CDMSI in a practical way that could eventually be source of inspiration, she will prepare a formal presentation for the next plenary meeting.

Item 5.5 Implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2013) on gender equality and media

The Bureau noted the information by the Secretariat on co-operation between the Gender Equality Commission and the CDMSI, with, as first step, a questionnaire to follow up on the implementation of the recommendation, then the analysis of the data collected in 2019 followed by a report, and finally, a joint event in 2020.

6. European Convention on Transfrontier Television

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the Committee of Ministers was duly made aware of the problem and of the desire of the CDMSI to solve it by embarking in a revision.

The Bureau considers it advisable to wait for the finalisation of the revision of the AVMS directive at EU level before addressing the questions of a revision. It decided that there was no need to invite Marcel Boulogne (DG-Connect) again at the June plenary meeting as CDMSI Bureau members who take part in the Contact Committee meeting on 30 May in Brussels (Joanna Chansel, Mati Kaalep, Kathleen Stewart) will report to the CDMSI.

7. Data Protection

The Secretariat informed the Bureau of data protection activities and issues:

- <u>the draft recommendation on the protection of health-related data</u> is being revised following, *inter alia* written comments of delegations including those of the Committee on bioethics (DH-BIO) and CDMSI, to be submitted to all delegations of the Committee of Convention 108 prior to the 36th plenary meeting of the Committee (19-21 June 2018) with a view to finalisation and approval of the draft. The draft recommendation will then be forwarded to the CDMSI which is officially the Committee that will channel it to the Committee of Ministers for adoption;

-the state of play of the draft modernised Convention 108 and state of the current negotiations;

- in respect of <u>ICANN</u> latest developments on ICANN related privacy issues: there will be no 'interim' model aimed at enabling a GDPR compliance as of 25 May 2018. Instead, the CEO of ICANN has decided that this question would be addressed in the context of the work on the future of WHOIS, with the assistance of Data Protection Authorities in order to achieve the right balance between access to personal data for legitimate purposes and data protection requirements.

The Bureau of the T-PD decided that time was ripe to finalise the draft "Privacy and Data protection principles guide for ICANN related data processing", which will then be tabled for adoption at the 36th plenary meeting of the Committee; - <u>Guidelines on Safeguarding Privacy in the Media</u>: produced within the EC/EU joint programme Partnership for good governance, (PGG) for Georgia in close cooperation with the Media and Internet Division, these guidelines have achieved a balanced approach between the rights protected respectively by Article 8 and Article 10 of the ECHR. The idea is now to have it put in a neutral form by keeping this text without the appendices referring to Georgia to make it available to all member states and endorsed by both the CDMSI and the T-PD. This suggestion is supported by the Georgian TP-D member.

The Bureau agreed to the suggestion of a joint CDMSI/T-PD session during the next plenary meeting on 20 June for the possible endorsement of the guidelines.

8. Work of other Council of Europe institutions and bodies

8.1 Secretary General's initiatives

The new SG report will be published on 18 May 2018 at the occasion of the Ministerial session of the CM. It will focus on GRECO and combat against corruption but will contain also a chapter on freedom of expression. The Secretariat envisages giving input to a GRECO conference planned for 15/16 October in Croatia as to investigative journalism and transparency of media ownership

8.2 Committee of Ministers

Adopted texts

The Bureau took note with satisfaction of the adoption by the Committee of Minister on 7 March 2017, of the recommendations prepared by MSI-MED and MSI-NET and finalised by the CDMSI at its 13th meeting, respectively the Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on media pluralism and transparency of media ownership and the Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the roles and responsibilities of internet intermediaries.

Committee of Ministers Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy – TC-INF

The Secretariat informed the Bureau about the TC-INF meeting planned for 23 May 2013, which CDMSI members could attend on their budget as part of their national delegation:

A formal TC-INF is planned by the TC-INF on the afternoon of 23 May to discuss the mid-term review of the SG report on the IG Strategy. Furthermore, an exchange of views with representatives of internet companies on the implementation of CM/Rec(2018)2 on roles and responsibilities of internet intermediaries, as well as on developments related to AI is foreseen to take place from 15:00 – 16:00 on 23 May. In advance of the meeting with the delegates, the Secretariat is planning an open workshop in the morning, where companies will be given an opportunity to present their own plans, concerns and activities on a number of topics, including cyber-security, content moderation, data protection, participation, etc. The Bureau was also informed about the term of the <u>Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy</u>, currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe, Ms Corina Călugăru, coming to an end this summer. The Bureau underlined the importance to benefit from this thematic coordinator for the advancement of the work of the CDMSI.

8.3 Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

The Bureau took note of the state of play of past CDMSI comments on a series of PACE recommendations and on CM replies, where appropriate.

8.4 Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Nothing was to report on this standard item.

8.5 Commissioner for Human Rights

The Bureau took note that the new Human Rights Commissioner, Dunja Mijatović, is unable to accept the invitation made by the Chair, Thomas Schneider, to meet the CDMSI at its next plenary meeting in June. It agreed to invite her at the November plenary.

8.6 Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Nothing was to report on this standard item.

8.7 Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT)

The Bureau took note of the adoption by the Committee of Minister of the Recommendation on terrorists acting alone on 4 April 2018.

It also noted that Maja Raković will represent the CDMSI at this next meeting of the Committee from 16 to 18 April 2018 and will subsequently report to the CDMSI.

8.8 Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

The Bureau noted that Emir Povlakić, who was designated focal point at the last plenary meeting, will attend the 3rd meeting of the drafting group on freedom of expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP) that will take place from 25 to 27 April 2018 and will report at the June plenary meeting.

8.9 Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF)

The Bureau took note of the information by the Secretariat on the state of play of CAHENF-IT's draft CM/REC on [Comprehensive] Guidelines to empower, protect and support children's [safe access to their rights on the Internet] [rights in the digital environment]. The draft has been endorsed by the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF) during its 3rd meeting held on 22-24 November 2017 in Strasbourg but, due an intervention by one delegation, it could not yet be adopted. The next GR-SOC briefing will be held on 31 May 2018 and the Secretariat will keep the CDMSI informed at its next plenary meeting.

8.12 European Audio-visual Observatory

The Bureau agreed that a representative of the Observatory be invited to update the CDMSI on the activities and last developments.

Furthermore, Joanna Chansel informed the Bureau of a public conference on video sharing platforms, organised by France under its Presidency of the European Audiovisual Observatory on 5 June in Strasbourg.

8.13 Participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events

The Bureau noted that in her quality of Gender equality rapporteur Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir will represent the CDMSI in a Conference organised by the Gender Equality Commission "Gender Equality – Paving the Way", on 3 and 4 May 2018 in Copenhagen, during which the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy will be launched.

9. Other organisations

European Union

At the CDMSI plenary meeting, the Bulgarian delegation will give information on the outgoing presidency of the EU and the Austrian delegation on the in-coming presidency.

10. CDMSI work programme and working methods

10.1 Reflection on a future ministerial conference

The Secretariat informed the Bureau that the intention of the CDMSI to hold a Ministerial conference in Cyprus in May 2020 was duly recorded by the Committee of Ministers.

Due to serious budgetary constraints that the Council of Europe is currently facing, the Committee of Ministers is very hesitant in approving the holding of Conference of Ministers. Compelling reasons need to be brought to demonstrate that dramatic changes have occurred in the field of Media and Information Society, which would justify the holding of such a Conference. For these reasons, a meaningful discussion needs to be held in the CDMSI on the reasons which justify the holding of a Conference of Ministers in the specific field of Media and Information Society. To this end, the Secretariat has drafted a paper which will form the starting point of the discussion. The Bureau highlighted the importance of the topic of artificial intelligence being discussed in all international fora and the role of social media notably when performing editorial functions.

Besides, the Bureau decided that a working group should be formed to steer the preparation work. Together with the Cypriot delegate, it should include several members of the CDMSI and would meet before or after the plenary meeting (19-21 June 2018). A call to CDMSI members will be sent. For the Bureau, Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir and Kathleen Stewart volunteered.

11. Provisional draft agenda of the 14th CDMSI meeting (19-21 June 2018)

The Bureau approved the draft provisional agenda for the 14th plenary meeting of the CDMSI, which may me completed with emerging issues according to the needs.

It also agreed to the proposal by the Secretariat due to the budgetary constraints to hold the meeting during three full days, from 9.30am to 6 pm, and not any longer under the previous format of two half days and two full days.

Furthermore, to enable members to have a better understanding of the complex issues they will have to discuss and eventually decide upon, notably in the context of the new CDMIS deliverables, the Bureau expressed the wish that a time slot be devoted to presentation of these issues at their beginning. It was suggested that the given topic could be introduced by either a CDMSI member having specific knowledge or possibly an outside expert.

12. Any other business

The Secretariat informed briefly about an evaluation of the Council of Europe's Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO) recently started to assess the Council of Europe's support to states in the field of freedom of expression as well as on continuous work on the visibility of the Information Department and its website, notably the availability of numerous thematic leaflets. The meeting was closed at 18.00.

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11. Draft agenda of the 14th CDMSI meeting (week of 18 to 22 June 2018)

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Appendix II – list of participants

13th meeting of CDMSI Bureau meeting Thursday 12 April 2018 Council of Europe Paris Office, room 2

<u>Participants</u> The gender distribution among 7 attendants was 4 women (57%) and 3 men (43%).

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