



Strasbourg, 24 November 2021

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (CDDG)

**14th meeting, hybrid format
Place: Agora building, room G02**

29 November 2021, 10.00-13.00 and 14.30-17.30 (CET)

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DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

29 November

10.00

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

For decision:	Documents
- Adoption of the agenda	CDDG(2021)OJ2

2. Recent activities and developments

For information:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statement by the Chair, report of the last Bureau meeting and other matters - Information by the Secretariat on the organisation of the meeting 	CDDG-Bu(2021)18
For discussion:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange of views with Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance (update on the World Forum for Democracy, terms of reference and budget, new Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods and other recent developments) 	

10.30**8. Activities of the Committee of Ministers and other Council of Europe bodies: exchange of views**

	Documents
10.30 Mr Gerhard Ermischer, President of the Conference of INGOs	Strategic plan
10.50 Mr Leendert Verbeek, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities	2021-2024 of the INGOs Conference CDDG(2021)24

11.10 Coffee break**11.30****3. State of implementation of the CDDG activities according to its terms of reference 2020-2021**

For information:	Documents
- Progress of work	CDDG(2021)13

11.45**3.1 Democracy and technology**

For information:	Documents
- Reports of the informal consultation and 5th meeting of the Working Group on democracy and technology	GT-DT(2021)2
- Information on the publication of the Study on the impact of digital transformation on democracy and good governance (link) – Mr Almir Šahović, Chair of GT-DT; Presentation of the Draft Guidelines by Ms Ardita Driza Maurer, expert	Informal consultation GT-DT(2021)5
For decision:	
- Approval of the draft guidelines (Specific task ii): Develop standards on new technologies in the different stages of the electoral process (including voter registration, transmission and tabulation of results, etc.) in the form of a Committee of Ministers' Recommendation or guidelines	CDDG(2021)14

13.00 Lunch break

14.30**3.2 Democratic accountability**

For information:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports of the 4th and 5th meetings of the Working Group on accountability - Presentation of the draft Recommendation – Mr Paul-Henri Philips, Chair of the GT-RE Chair, and the Secretariat 	GT-RE(2021)4 GT-RE(2021)7
For decision:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of a draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on democratic accountability of elected officials and bodies at local and regional level (specific task ii); approval of the complementary Study on Accountability 	CDDG(2021)15 CDDG(2021)16

15.45**4. Promoting democratic governance through shared experience**

For information and discussion:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of current developments or ongoing reforms by members of the CDDG, including Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Malta, Norway, United Kingdom 	

16.30**5. Terms of reference of the CDDG (2022-2025) and outlook of activities 2022**

For information:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms of reference 2022-2025 	CDDG(2021)18
For decision:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workplan for 2022 - Creation of working groups, composition and terms of reference 	CDDG(2021)19 CDDG(2021)20

17.00**6. Activities of the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance ([CEGG](#))**

For information and discussion:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CEGG Annual Report 2021 - CEGG Strategic Planning for 2022-2025 - Update on the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELOGE) 	CDDG(2021)21 CDDG(2021)22 CDDG(2021)23

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30 November**10.00****4. (cont.) Promoting democratic governance through shared experience****10.00**

Exchange of views (remotely) with Ms. Romina Kuko, Deputy Minister of Interior, Albania

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Exchange of views (remotely) with M. Ján Lazar, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic

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Exchange of views (remotely) with M. Vache Terteryan, Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, Armenia

11.00 Coffee break**11.20****4. (Cont.) Promoting democratic governance through shared experience**

For information and discussion:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State of signatures and ratifications of conventions under the responsibility of the CDDG; presentation of the document on signatures and ratification by the Secretariat; feedback from member States and outlook for the future 	CDDG(2021)17

12.00**7. Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**

For information:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activities of the Presidency of Hungary (May-November 2021) By M. David Kojza - Priorities of the Presidency of Italy (November 2021-May 2022) By a member of the Italian Permanent Representation - Preparation for other upcoming presidencies including the Icelandic Presidency (November 2022 – May 2023), by ambassador Ragnhildur Arnjótsdóttir (TBC) 	Conclusions of the Budapest Conference on Cross-Border Cooperation Good Governance Ceremony in Hungary Information on presidencies

12.20**8. Activities of the Committee of Ministers and other Council of Europe bodies**

For information:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the developments at the Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI): Mr Peter Andre, CDDG Rapporteur - Information from the rapporteurs on gender equality: Mr Edwin Lefebvre and Ms Siobhan Smyth, CDDG - Information on the activities of the Division on elections and participatory democracy, by the Secretariat - Activities of the Committee of Ministers and other Council of Europe bodies: information by the Secretariat 	<p>CDDG(2021)26</p> <p>CDDG(2021)25</p>
For decision	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comments on PACE Recommendation 2212 (2021) "More participatory democracy to tackle climate change" 	CDDG(2021)30

13.00 Lunch break**14.30****9. Review of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)5 on standards for e-voting**

For discussion:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compilation of responses from member States and summary of trends - Presentation by Mr Gregor Wenda, Austria, online <p>With the participation of representatives from election management bodies and the Venice Commission</p>	CDDG(2021)27 + Addendum

15.30**10. Elections of the Bureau of the CDDG for 2022**

For information and discussion:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacancies and modalities of voting; presentation of candidates 	CDDG(2021)28 CDDG(2021)29
For decision:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of the chair, vice-chair, and 5 Bureau members 	

16.15**11. Other business**

- additional information
- rapporteurs, including those on gender equality, on the rights of persons with disabilities, on democracy and technology including AI, for the years 2022-2023

16.45**12. Abridged meeting report; date of the next meeting; closure of the meeting**

For decision:	Documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the abridged meeting report - Date of next CDDG meeting; proposed date: 21-22 April 	CDDG(2021)30

17.30 End of meeting day 2