

**Steering Committee on Media
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Dear Ms Mijatović,

In my capacity as Chair of the Steering Committee for Media and Information Society (CDMSI), it is my great pleasure to warmly congratulate you on your recent election as Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights. I am convinced that your remarkable and sustained engagement for human rights and the protection of freedom of expression in particular will be of great value in the fulfilment of your important new mandate.

The CDMSI has enjoyed excellent relations with you and your office in your previous role as OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media. I therefore take the liberty of inviting you for an exchange of views with the delegates during their next plenary session, which will take place from 19 – 22 June in Strasbourg. This will be the first meeting of the CDMSI under its new Terms of reference for the biennium 2018/2019, and we believe that an open discussion of today's most pertinent challenges to the freedom of expression as well as other information society related issues in Europe would be highly beneficial to both sides. With respect to a suitable timing during that week, we will be honoured to accommodate your schedule as feasible.

I wish you every success for your term and look forward to continuing and further strengthening our cooperation with a view to upholding the freedom of expression as embodied in Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and within the evolving global communications environment.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Schneider
Chair of the CDMSI

Ms Dunja Mijatović
Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights elect