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(DH-BIO)**

18th meeting

1-4 June 2021

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Abridged report

I. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) held its 18th meeting online from 1 to 4 June 2021. The list of participants and the agenda of the meeting appear in Appendices I and II to this report.

II. Collection of examples of good practices aiming at promoting voluntary measures in mental health care

2. The Secretariat recalled that the scope of this initiative is to identify practices carried out within Council of Europe member States which have contributed to reducing or ending recourse to involuntary measures in mental health care by either targeting the prevention of involuntary measures in mental health care or otherwise having such an impact. The objective of this work is to provide practical examples, to serve as an inspiration for policymakers and service-providers.
3. The draft Compendium including examples of good practices aiming at promoting voluntary measures in mental health care was presented by Dr Piers Gooding (Australia), consultant, who briefly described identified groups of practices and made general comments on the results achieved. Identified groups of examples included hospital-based practices, community-based practices, hybrid and other practices.
4. The web version of the draft Compendium was presented to the Committee for its comments.
5. Delegations, participants and observers exchanged views on the draft Compendium and on the way forward for this work to be finalised. Delegations expressed general support of the work carried out by Dr Gooding.
6. **Delegations, participants and observers, in particular relevant INGOs were invited to contribute to the draft Compendium with other examples of practices aiming at promoting voluntary measures in mental health care, as well as to send other relevant comments on the draft to the Secretariat by 30 June 2021.**

III. Health literacy

7. In the light of the pandemic and the human rights issues it raised, the Committee had agreed to extend the scope of the work on health literacy to other vulnerable groups than older persons foreseen under the Equity pillar of the Strategic Action Plan and its strategic objective “Combating health disparities created by social and demographic changes in Council of Europe member states”, in particular the concern that healthcare is less accessible to certain populations because of their social circumstances. Further, the Committee noted the view of the Bureau that “persons in vulnerable situations” would allow for a broader scope of persons and potentially anybody.
8. The draft report “Advancing health literacy for equitable access to healthcare – towards a guide to health literacy policy, strategy and service design” was presented by the consultant experts, Leena Paakkari (Finland) and Kristine Sørensen (Denmark). This included reference to five key challenges, namely access to digital spaces, access to valid health information, access to appropriate care, communication between individuals and health professionals, and shared decision-making regarding care and prevention. Reference to health literacy as an asset which saves time, costs and lives, and to health literacy responsiveness of decision makers to improve patient journeys, were also emphasised.

9. Delegations highlighted several issues to be considered in the finalisation of the experts' report and the development of the guide, notably the informed consent of persons in vulnerable situations, communication and patient safety, the articulation between health literacy and bioethical principles, misinformation, and the decisions regarding valid health information.
10. **The DH-BIO agreed with the proposal of the Bureau to set-up a small drafting group of members, experts and other representatives. The Chair welcomed the expression of interest by the two delegations and invited other delegations to express their interest to the Secretariat, at the latest by 30 June 2021.**

IV. Information update on ethical aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic

11. Delegations exchanged on new concerns raised by the pandemic. Welfare of children and families, isolation of older persons, public debate initiated, as well as special actions concerning specific groups of persons, were among the issues referred to.

V. Additional Protocol concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental health care services

12. The Bureau has considered the excellent progress made in the complementary work to the draft Additional Protocol on the collection of good practices on the promotion of voluntary measures in mental healthcare and has recommended postponing the vote on the draft Additional Protocol to the 19th plenary meeting (November 2021) to present it together with the collection which will be finalised by then.
13. The Committee (by 23 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 1 abstention) agreed with the Bureau proposal and postponed the vote on the draft Additional Protocol to the 19th plenary meeting (November 2021).

VI. Genome editing technologies

14. The DH-BIO rapporteur presented the Bureau proposal on the way forward following the agreement reached at the 17th plenary meeting in relation to Article 13. and in the light of the comments sent by delegations.
15. Delegations welcome the proposal and underline the importance for the DH-BIO to continue working on these issues as this is an area where the scientific community and governments continues to work on.
16. The Committee agreed with the proposal from the Bureau to:
 - Set up a drafting group to provide clarifications on the terms “preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic” and to avoid misinterpretation of the applicability of this provision to “research”.
Three delegations expressed their interest in joining the group. **Other expressions of interest to become member of the drafting group should be sent to the Secretariat by 30 June 2021.**
 - to publish the following communiqué:
“In accordance with its statement on gene editing technology adopted in December 2015 and its Strategic Action Plan on Human Rights and Technologies in Biomedicine (2020-2025); the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) examined

Article 13 of the Oviedo Convention in the light of developments in human genome editing.

Taking into account the technical and scientific aspects of these developments as well as the ethical issues they raise, it considered that the conditions were not met for a modification of the provisions of Article 13.

However, it agreed on the need to provide clarifications, in particular on the terms “preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic” and to avoid misinterpretation of the applicability of this provision to “research”.

17. The Bureau, in coordination with the Rapporteur on genetics and genomics and with the support of the Secretariat, will make proposals for a possible work on mitochondrial transfer to be discussed by the Committee at its 19th plenary meeting.

VII. Children’s participation in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health

18. The Secretariat has informed the Committee about the progress done with regard to the development of the Guide on children’s participation in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health as it is foreseen by the SAP. In particular, as the first step in the Guide’s development, the Secretariat has conducted an online survey on children participation in decision-making process in matters regarding their health (the Survey) which has received 185 answers from 36 countries from Europe and beyond.
19. The summary on the Survey was presented by the consultant expert, Dr Annagrazia Altavilla (France). Along with thorough analyses of the Survey results, it was concluded that the high rate of negative answers on different topics points out a lack of awareness of issues related to participation of children in decision making regarding their health. This was followed by an exchange of views with delegations. The latter expressed general support for the continuation of work and further development of the Guide.
20. The Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) has conveyed a full support from the part of the CDENF in this initiative and has reiterated that “giving voice to every child” is among the priority actions proposed by the new draft Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027).
21. **The DH-BIO agreed with the written Bureau proposal to set up a joint drafting group co-chaired by a member of the DH-BIO and a member of the CDENF. The Chair welcomed the expression of interest by one delegation. and confirmed her willingness to participate in the work of the drafting Group as DH-BIO Rapporteur on children. The other delegations are invited to express their interest in joining the drafting group to the Secretariat, at the latest by 30 June 2021.**

VIII. Equity in access to treatment and equipment in a context of scarcity

22. The Chair reminded this is the continuation of the work supported by the DH BIO during the 17th plenary on equitable access to healthcare in the context of scarce resources. This work aims to support policymakers in framing priorities for allocating healthcare taking into consideration ethical principles.
23. The Committee welcomed the proposal from the Bureau on the way forward and the outline for an instrument prepared by Prof. Kristof Van Assche (Belgium).
24. The Committee agreed with the methodology and the setting up of a drafting group. The Committee suggested preparing a draft text with a mix of substantive and procedural

principles to ensure a practical contribution to the management of shortage situations taking into account ethical principles.

25. The Secretariat reminded the importance of focusing the scope on shortages and scarce resources, keeping a clear distinction with the subsequent work on equity of access to innovative treatments. The Secretariat also reminded delegations that this work on treatment and equipment was considered as a priority.
26. **Delegations were invited to express their interest in becoming a member of the drafting group or suggesting experts from their national network to the Secretariat by 30 June 2021.**

IX. Neurotechnologies

27. The draft report on common human rights issued raised by different application of neurotechnologies in the biomedical field was presented by Dr Marcello Lenca (Switzerland), expert consultant. In particular, Dr Lenca overviewed a history and taxonomy of neurotechnologies and pointed out its current progress and limits. He gave examples of ethical and human rights challenges raised by application of neurotechnologies. Finally, he informed the DH-BIO about ongoing policy developments related to “neurorights”.
28. This was followed by an exchange of views with delegations who thanked Dr Lenca for the quality of his work and expressed their full support for its continuation.
29. The representative of the OECD expressed the full support of the OECD for the work done by the Council of Europe with regard to the assessment of the human rights issues raised by the application of neurotechnologies and confirmed the OECD interest in the joint-organisation of the upcoming Round table.
30. The representative of UNESCO also expressed the interest and support of her organisation to this initiative.
31. The Committee agreed with the Bureau proposal for a joint organization with the OECD of the Round Table foreseen in the SAP in November 2021, with the participation of UNESCO. A preparatory group consisting of the representatives of the DH-BIO, OECD and Dr Lenca will be set up to that end.
32. The Committee agreed on designation of Dr Siobhan O’Sullivan (Ireland), as the General Rapporteur for the Round Table.

X. Election to the Bureau

33. The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mark Bale (United Kingdom), for a second terms of two years in the Bureau.

XI. Decisions taken by the DH-BIO at its 18th meeting

34. In agreement with the delegations, the completed list of decisions taken during the meeting was sent to the Committee members and approved in the absence of comments by the deadline set.

XII. Dates of the next meetings

35. The DH-BIO agreed on the following dates for the next plenary meetings:
19th plenary meeting: 2-5 November 2021
20th plenary meeting: 31 May-3 June 2022

XIII. Other business

Terms of reference

36. The Committee welcomed the proposal prepared by the Secretariat for its new terms of reference 2022-2025. It supported the suggestion to give to the Committee the status of steering committee, as Steering Committee on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO).
37. Such change would mean that the CDBIO, starting in 2022, would be working directly under the authority of the Committee of Ministers. Delegations agreed however, on the importance and relevance of the links developed with the CDDH since 2012 and, even if the CDBIO would not anymore be subordinate to the CDDH, wished to maintain the important exchanges between the two committees.
38. The Committee also agreed that consideration should be given to the possibility of inviting the relevant intergovernmental committee for the setting up of a youth forum foreseen in the Strategic Action Plan.

Strategic Action Plan methodology and timeframe proposal for the priority actions planned

Genomics

39. The Committee took note of the presentation by Dr Ingo Härtel (Germany), Rapporteur on amongst the public, practitioners, and policy makers to ensure that patient and public interest is a key priority in the development and regulation of genomic medicine”, to be held in Autumn 2022.
40. Delegations highlighted several issues, including the genetic testing and protection of future generations as well as genomics of pathogens with reference to SARS-CoV-2 virus.
41. The Committee noted the relevant reports, both adopted and under preparation, of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and the work of the International Bioethics Committee.
42. The Committee agreed to set-up a small preparatory group, together with the Rapporteur, to develop the workshop. The Chair welcomed the expressions of interest and support by 6 delegations as well as the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Conference of European Churches.

Artificial intelligence (AI)

43. The Committee took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the framing and planning of the development of a report on the application of AI in healthcare and its impact on the doctor-patient relationship, including the role of healthcare professionals in respecting the autonomy, and right to information, of the patient, and in maintaining transparency and patient trust as critical components of the therapeutic relationship.

44. Delegations underlined the importance of AI for digital health having regard to its regulation, compliance with bioethical principles and values, progress in telemedicine especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, patient safety, and patient dialogue in the development of innovative products and procedures.
45. The Committee supported the proposal of the Secretariat to entrust Dr Brent Mittelstadt, Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, as consultant, with the preparation of an expert report and, where possible, to present its finding at its 19th plenary meeting.

Appendix I List of participants

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Appendix II Agenda/order of business

Tuesday 1 June 2021 (9.30-13.00)	
09.30-09.50	<p>1. Adoption of the draft agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New DH-BIO members invited to introduce themselves ○ Reminder about the main decisions to be taken during the meeting ○ Decision on the Bureau proposal to postpone to the 19th plenary meeting the vote on the draft Additional Protocol
09.50-11.00	<p>2. Collection of examples of good practices aiming at promoting voluntary measures in mental health care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation of the draft compendium by Dr Piers Gooding (Australia), Consultant and exchange with delegations</i> ○ <i>Discussion on the further step towards the finalisation of the compendium</i> <p><i>(SAP timeline: Compendium to be finalised in November 2021)</i></p>
11.00-12.30	<p>3. Health literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Presentation of the draft report by Dr Leena Paakkari (FI) and Dr Kristine Sørensen (DK), Consultants, and exchange with delegations</i> ○ <i>Discussion on the further step towards the development of a Guide: methodology and timeline (SAP provisional timeline: Guide to be finalised in Spring 2022)</i>
Wednesday 2 June 2021 (9.30-13.00)	
09.30-13.00	<p>5. Protocol concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental health care services</p>
09.30-12.30	<p>13. Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Terms of reference proposal (2022-2025)</i> b. <i>SAP: Methodology and time frame proposals for the priority actions planned</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Methodology proposals for the following activities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Artificial intelligence</i> - <i>Genomics</i>

12.30-13.00	<p>4. Information update on ethical aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic</p> <p><i>If time allowed, brief exchange of updated information on ethical aspects of the pandemic</i></p>
Thursday 3 June 2021 (9.30-13.00)	
09.30-11.30	<p>6. Genome editing technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on the elements to be clarified with a view to an agreement ○ Modalities of work and timeline
11.30-13.00	<p>7. Children's participation in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the summary of the survey by Ms Annagrazia Altavilla (F), Consultant - Modalities of work and timeline for the development of a guide: joint drafting group (DH-BIO and CDENF) (NB: SAP timeline: Guide to be finalised in Autumn 2022)
Friday 4 June 2021 (9.30-13.00)	
09.30-10.45	<p>8. Equity in access to treatment and equipment in a context of scarcity</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examination of the outline for draft guidelines on equity in access to treatment and equipment in a context of scarcity prepared by Prof. Kristof Van Assche (B), Consultant ○ Discussion on the next step towards the development of guidelines: methodology and timeline
10.45-12.00	<p>9. Neurotechnologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Examination of the study prepared by Dr Marcello Ienca (CH), Consultant ○ Preparation of the round table to be held in November 2021
12.00-12.10	<p>10. Bureau elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Bale (UK): 1st term is coming to an end. He is re-eligible for a second term
12.10-12.40	<p>11. Decisions taken by the DH-BIO at its 18th meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of the list of decisions

12.40- 12.50	<p>12. Dates of the next meetings</p> <p><i>Dates proposed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 19th meeting of the DH-BIO: 2-5 November 2021 ○ 20th meeting of the DH-BIO: 31 May-3 June 2022
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POINTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN WRITING

	<p>14. Developments in the field of bioethics</p> <p>Delegations, including observers, are invited to send information in writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developments in member states and other states b. Developments in the field of bioethics in international organisations c. Developments in other Council of Europe bodies d. Developments at the European Court of Human Rights
	<p>15. Chart of signatures and ratifications of the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, the Protocol on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings, the Protocol concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin, the Protocol concerning Biomedical Research and the Protocol concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purpose</p>
	<p>16. Cooperation with other committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. European Committee on Organ Transplantation (CD-P-TO) b. European Committee on Blood Transfusion (CD-P-TS) c. Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD) d. Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)
	<p>17. Cooperation activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information on relevant activities foreseen under the Armenia Action Plan