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**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE FIELDS OF BIOMEDICINE AND HEALTH (CDBIO)**

5th meeting

11-13 June 2024

Abridged report

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO) held its 5th meeting in Strasbourg from 11 to 13 June 2024. The meeting was chaired by Siobhán O'Sullivan (Ireland).

The agenda of the meeting is contained in the Appendix. The full report of the meeting, including the list of participants, is available from the Secretariat (doc. CDBIO/RAP5).

List of items for information of the Committee of Ministers

The CDBIO:

- examined the outline of a draft white paper on equitable and timely access to appropriate innovative treatments and technologies in healthcare, and invited delegations to make any written comments by 28 June 2024.
- took note of the proposals made by its gender equality rapporteur with a view to integrating gender equality in its strategic action plan 2026-2030.
- examined the draft Recommendation on Promoting Autonomy in Mental healthcare, revised in the light of the results of the targeted consultation held, and finalized it in view of its approval in November 2024; delegations were invited to send written comments on the draft Explanatory memorandum by 28 June 2024.
- designated Mark Bale (UK) as rapporteur for the integration of a youth perspective; decided to invite the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) to assist it in the development of its strategic action plan 2026-2030; entrusted the preparatory group to conduct a survey of national practices and experiences in engaging youth on ethical and bioethical topics.
- entrusted the Bureau with the task of proposing a way forward on the work on neurotechnologies and human rights based on the report prepared by Prof. Roberto Andorno (CH) on the analysis of the existing human rights framework with regard to the human rights issues raised by neurotechnologies and their applications.
- finalised and agreed for the report on the impact of AI on the 'patient-doctor' relationship to be published subject to possible editorial comments to be sent by 8 July 2024; welcomed the proposal by Finland to host an event in 2025 to promote the report.
- agreed to set up a drafting group in charge of developing a new draft strategic action plan on human rights in biomedicine and health (2026-2030), using as a basis the outcome of the horizon scanning exercise organised to that end, which was presented at the meeting by Dr Federica Lucivero (UK), rapporteur; delegations were invited to express interest in joining the drafting group by 28 June 2024;
- agreed to hold the next meetings on:
 - o 6th plenary meeting: 26-29 November 2024, in Strasbourg
 - o 7th plenary meeting: 3-6 June 2025, in Strasbourg

Appendix
Agenda

Tuesday 11 June 2024 (14.00-17.30)

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

- New CDBIO members invited to introduce themselves
- Reminder about the main decisions to be taken during the meeting

2. Equitable and timely access to appropriate innovative treatments and technologies in healthcare

Objective: Examination of the outline of a draft white paper with a view to give guidance to the Drafting Group for it to present a full text at the 6th plenary (November 2024) to be submitted for adoption at the 7th plenary meeting (June 2025)

- Examination of the outline of the draft white paper prepared by the Drafting Group

3. Other business

- a. Follow up to the Guide to children's participation in decisions about their health
- b. Armenia Action Plan II
Objective: Information on the cooperation project Human Rights and Biomedicine II
- c. Gender equality
Objective: brief presentation of proposals by the CDBIO Gender Equality rapporteur
- d. *PACE Recommendation 2275(2024) – “Ending the detention of “socially maladjusted” persons”*

4. Dates of the next meetings

- *6th meeting of the CDBIO: 26-29 November 2024, Strasbourg*
- *7th meeting of the CDBIO: 3-6 June 2025, Strasbourg*

Wednesday 12 June 2024 (09.30-13.00 / 14.30-18.00)

5. Draft Recommendation on respect for autonomy in mental healthcare

Objective: Examination of the revised draft Recommendation with a view to its approval at the 6th CDBIO meeting (November 2024)

- Examination of the draft Recommendation revised by the Bureau in the light of the comments received during the targeted consultation
- Examination of the draft Explanatory Memorandum prepared by Elaine Gadd, Consultant, based on previous inputs from CDBIO delegations, observers and participants and respondents of the targeted consultation exercise

6. Youth Forum

Objective: Examination of the draft paper prepared by the drafting group on how best to integrate the youth perspective in the work of the CBDIO and give guidance towards the finalization of the paper for 6th plenary (November 2024).

- Presentation of the draft paper on the integration of the youth perspective

Thursday 13 June 2024 (09.30-12.30 / 14.00-16.00)

8. Preparation of a new strategic action plan (SAP(2026-2030))

Objective: Definition of the next step in the preparation of a new SAP (2026-2030)

- Presentation of the report of the replies to the Horizon scanning questionnaire and event held on 3 April 2024
- Guidance to the Drafting Group entrusted with the development of the new SAP (2026-2030)

7. Artificial intelligence and biomedicine




Objectives: Finalisation of the draft report on AI on the application of AI in healthcare and its impact on the patient-doctor relationship and publication. To consider follow up steps.

- Examination of the draft report revised in the light of the comments received during the targeted consultation with a view to its finalisation and publication

9. Adoption of decisions taken by the CDBIO at its 5th meeting

Objective: Approval of the abridged meeting report

POINTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN WRITING

	<p>10. Developments in the field of bioethics</p> <p>Delegations, including observers, are invited to send information in writing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Developments in member states and other statesb. Developments in the field of bioethics in international organisationsc. Developments in other Council of Europe bodiesd. Developments at the European Court of Human Rights
	<p>11. 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>12. Cooperation with other committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Steering Committee for Human rights (CDDH)b. European Committee on Organ Transplantation (CD-P-TO)c. European Committee on Blood Transfusion (CD-P-TS)d. Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD)e. Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)f. Steering Committee for Legal Cooperation (CDCJ)