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

8th meeting

18-20 November 2025

Room 3, Palais de l'Europe (main building), Strasbourg, France

Draft Agenda/Draft Order of Business

Decisions to be taken:

- **Approval of the new Strategic Plan on human rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)**
- **Agreement on the modalities for the definition of the actions under the Strategy (2026-2030)**
- **Agreement on the final report of the SAP (2020-2025)**
- **Bureau elections:**
 - **Election of the Chair and Vice Chair**
 - **Subject to the outcome of the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, at least one Bureau member**

LIST OF ITEMS

1. **Opening and adoption of the agenda**
2. **Neurotechnologies and human rights** (exchange on the workshop to take place on 18 November)
3. **Strategic Action Plan**
 - a. **SAP (2020-2025)**
 - Final report, including impact assessment
 - b. **Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)**
4. **Artificial intelligence**
5. **Youth perspectives**
6. **Other business**
 - a. Access to origins (CJ-OR)
 - b. Human rights and drug policies (DH-PDA)
 - c. Organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)
 - d. Human rights in mental healthcare
 - e. Guide to children's participation in decisions about their health
 - f. Health literacy
 - g. Armenia Action Plan
 - h. Events foreseen in 2026
7. **Bureau elections**
8. **Dates of the next meetings**
9. **Adoption of decisions taken at the 8th plenary meeting**



Points for information to be dealt only in writing

10. Developments relevant to human rights in the fields of biomedicine and health
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 Purposes
12. Cooperation with other committees

Tuesday 18 November 2025 (09.00-18.00)

Workshop on human rights and neurotechnologies

Wednesday 19 November 2025 (9.30-18.00)

1. Opening and adoption of the draft agenda

- **Opening address by Rafael Benitez, Director for Social Rights, Health and Environment, on the outcome of the Conference on the Protection of Health (15 October 2025)**
- New CDBIO members invited to introduce themselves
- Reminder about the main decisions to be taken during the meeting

Essential documents

	<i>Outcome paper of the Conference on the Protection of Health</i>
	<i>Concept note and programme of the Conference on the Protection of Health (15 October 2025)</i>
<i>CDBIO/BU RAP(2025)2</i>	<i>Meeting Report of the Bureau (Paris, 16-17 October 2025)</i>
<i>CDBIO/RAP7</i>	<i>Meeting Report of the 7th CDBIO meeting (Strasbourg, 3-5 June 2025)</i>

2. Neurotechnologies and human rights

- *Short exchange on the outcome of the workshop held on 18 November 2025*

Useful documents

	<i>Programme of the Workshop</i>
<i>CDBIO(2025)4</i>	<i>ECtHR Case Law in relation with document "Neurotech HR challenges table"</i>
<i>CDBIO(2024)23</i>	<i>Concept note on the Seminar on human rights legal framework and neurotechnologies</i>
<i>CDBIO(2024)16REV</i>	<i>Analysis of the existing European human rights framework concerning the human rights issues raised by neurotechnologies and their applications by Prof. Roberto Andorno (CH), Rapporteur</i>

<p>3. Strategic Action Plan</p> <p>a. SAP (2020-2025)</p> <p><i>Objective: Finalisation of the final report of the SAP including impact assessment</i></p> <p>b. Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Strategic Plan (2026-2030) - Agreement on the approach for the definition of the actions under each strategic objective - Where time allowed, preliminary discussion on possible actions 	
Essential documents	
CDBIO(2025)15	Draft final report of the SAP (2020-2025), including report on impact assessment
CDBIO(2025)18	CDBIO Strategic Plan for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health: Keeping Human Rights at the Core of Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)
CDBIO/BU RAP(2025)2	Working methods, see §26 of the Meeting Report of the Bureau (Paris, 16-17 October 2025)
Useful documents	
CDBIO(2023)5 Final	Mid-term report of the SAP (2020-2025)
CDBIO(2025)2	Concept note on the Impact in member States of the strategic action plan on human rights and technologies in biomedicine (2020-2025)
<p>4. Artificial Intelligence</p> <p><i>Objective: Presentation of the HUDERIA academy 2026</i></p>	
Useful documents	
	HUDERIA - risk and impact assessment of AI systems
Report web page	Artificial Intelligence - Human Rights and Biomedicine (coe.int)
	The Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence - Artificial Intelligence
	Artificial intelligence and human rights

Thursday 20 November 2025 (09.30-12.30)

5. Youth perspectives

<i>Objective: Presentation of the newly adopted reference framework for a youth perspective</i>	
Essential document	
CDBIO(2025)16	<i>Integration of a youth perspective and cooperation with the youth advisory council and wider community from Mark Bale, Rapporteur</i>
Useful documents	
	<i>10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth: Final Declaration</i>
	<i>10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth: Resolution on the Council of Europe Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective</i>

<p>6. Other business</p> <p>a. Access to origins</p> <p><i>Objective: Brief report on the outcome of the meeting of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR)</i> In charge of developing a draft Recommendation on access to origin for children born out of gametes/embryo donation</p> <p>b. Human Rights and drug policies</p> <p><i>Objective: Brief report on the outcome of the first meeting of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA)</i> In charge of developing a draft Recommendation on bringing human rights to the heart of drug and addiction policies</p> <p>c. Organ transplantation</p> <p><i>Objective: Brief report on the last meeting of the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)</i></p> <p>d. Human rights in mental health care</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Update on the examination process of the legal instruments by the Committee of Ministers</i> - <i>Update on HELP course on mental health and human rights</i> <p>e. Guide to children's participation in decisions about their health</p> <p><i>Objective: Update of follow-up activities</i></p> <p>f. Health literacy</p> <p><i>Objective: Information on the 3rd Conference on health literacy and human rights, 5 December 2025 in Rome</i></p> <p>g. Action Plan Armenia</p>

Objective: Information on the progress made in the cooperation activities


h. Events foreseen in 2026



Useful documents

a. CJ-OR(2025)01	<i>Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR)</i>
a. CJ-OR(2025)12	<i>Report of the 2nd CJ-OR meeting (28-30 October 2025)</i>
b. CDDH(2025)06	<i>Terms of reference of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA)</i>
b. DH-PDA(2025)R1	<i>Report of the 1st DH-PDA meeting (1-2 July 2025)</i>
c.	CD-P-TO terms of reference (new ToR proposed)
c.	<i>Report of the CD-P-TO meeting (9-10 October 2025, Kalamata, Greece)</i>
d. CDBIO(2025)5	<i>Committee of Ministers' decisions on Draft Additional Protocol concerning the protection of the human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare and on Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2025)... on respect for autonomy in mental healthcare</i>
e.	Children's participation in decisions about their health - Human Rights and Biomedicine
f.	Conference on Health Literacy and Human Rights (5 December 2025, Rome)
g.	Evaluation report of the cooperation on human rights in biomedicine in Armenia
g.	Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova 2025-2028 and Press release

7. Bureau elections	
<u>Objectives:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of the Chair and Vice Chair (the Chair and Vice Chair first term is ending. The Chair is re-eligible for second term of one year. The Vice-Chair is not running for re-election as she is leaving the CDBIO) - Subject to the outcome of the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, election of one Bureau member (Sanne Weezel first term in the Bureau is ending. She is re-eligible for a second term of two years) 	
Essential document	
CDBIO(2025)17	Bureau elections
8. Dates of the next meetings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9th meeting of the CDBIO: 2-5 June 2026, Strasbourg ○ 10th meeting of the CDBIO: 17-20 November 2026, Strasbourg 	
9. Adoption of decisions taken by the CDBIO at its 8th meeting	
<u>Objective:</u> Approval of the abridged meeting report	

POINTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN WRITING

	10. Developments in the field of bioethics
	Delegations, including observers, are invited to send information in writing.
	<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 e. Developments in the field of bioethics in the Decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)
	Essential documents
a. CDBIO/INF(2025)10	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in member states and other states</i>
b. CDBIO/INF(2025)12	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in international organisations</i>
c. CDBIO(2025)20	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in other Council of Europe bodies</i>

	d. CDBIO/INF(2025)9	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in the European Court of Human Rights</i>
	e. CDBIO/INF(2025)8	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in the Decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i>
	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	
	Useful document	
	CDBIO/INF(2025)7	<i>Chart of signatures and ratifications</i>
	12. Cooperation with other committees	
	<ul 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) 	
	Useful documents	
	CDBIO(2025)20	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in other Council of Europe bodies</i>
	CDDH	Terms of reference
	CD-P-TO	Terms of reference
	CD-P-TS	Terms of reference
	T-PD	Rules of procedure
	CDENF	Terms of reference
	CDCJ	Terms of reference

DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATE BY DELEGATIONS

Delegations are invited to provide where appropriate updated information of the following documents	
	Updated Questionnaire on Medically Assisted Procreation (MAP). Replies of delegations
	Replies to the questionnaire on surrogacy
CDBIO/INF(2025)11	<i>Background document on preimplantation and prenatal genetic testing-legislation</i>
CDBIO(2025)21	<i>Legislative developments on nuclear transfer and their relationship with Article 18.2 of the Convention</i>

USEFUL DOCUMENTS FOR SEVERAL ITEMS

CDBIO/RAP7	<i>Meeting report of the 7th CDBIO meeting (Strasbourg, 3-5 June 2025)</i>
CDBIO/BU RAP(2025)2	<i>Meeting Report of the Bureau (Paris, 16-17 October 2025)</i>

GENERAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR REFERENCE

CM/Res(2021)3	<i>Resolution on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>
CDBIO/INF(2025)1	<i>Information document on the CDBIO</i>
CDBIO/INF(2023)2	<i>Texts of the Council of Europe on bioethical matters, Volume I</i>
CDBIO/INF(2023)2	<i>Texts of the Council of Europe on bioethical matters, Volume II</i>
<i>Please click on the respective link to open the Convention and its Protocols</i>	Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS 164)
	Explanatory Report to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine
	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings (ETS 168)
	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (ETS 186)
	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Biomedical Research (CETS 195)
	Additional Protocol concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes (CETS 203)