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**STEERING COMMITTEE  
FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANDSCAPE  
(CDCPP)**

**ELECTIONS OF A CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR  
AND FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU**

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**NOMINATION OF A RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS  
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**For action**

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## Introduction

### *I. Rules of procedure and working methods of the CDCPP*

As a Council of Europe intergovernmental committee, the rules of procedure and working methods of the CDCPP are governed by [Resolution CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) of the Committee of Ministers. The rules of procedure for intergovernmental committees appear in Appendix 1 to this Resolution (see extract on page 4).

Article 12 of the Rules of procedure stipulates that: “Every committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.” The principle role of the Chair is to “conduct proceedings and sum up the conclusions whenever he or she thinks necessary”, the Vice-Chair shall replace the Chair should the Chair be absent or otherwise unable to preside the meeting.

In accordance with Article 13 of the rules of procedure, the CDCPP may appoint a Bureau consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair and a limited number of other members of the committee. The functions of the Bureau are:

- to assist the Chair in conducting the committee's business;
- to supervise the preparation of meetings at the committee's request;
- to ensure continuity between meetings as necessary;
- to execute other additional specific tasks delegated by its Committee.

The current Terms of Reference run from January 2020 to December 2021.

[Link to the ToR](#)

## Composition of the Bureau

The composition of the Bureau of the CDCPP is currently as follows:

### Chair:

**Ms Giuliana De Francesco** (Italy) – elected in 2018 for a one-year term of office, re-elected in 2019 for one year.

### Vice-Chair:

**Mr Levan Kharatishvili** (Georgia) – elected in 2018 for a one-year term of office, re-elected in 2019 for one year.

### Other members:

**Ms Monica Redondo Alvarez** (Spain) – elected in 2019 for two years.

**Ms Orane Proisy** (France) – elected in 2019 for two years.

**Mr Terje Bikram Hovland** (Norway) – elected in 2018 for two years, renewable in 2020.

**Mr Alfredas Jomantas** (Lithuania) – elected in 2018 for two years, renewable in 2020.

**Mr Petar Miladinov** (Bulgaria) – elected in 2018 for two years, renewable in 2020.

**Ms Flora van Regteren Altena** (The Netherlands) – elected in 2018 for two years, renewable in 2020.

**Mr Andreï Chistol** (Republic of Moldova) – elected in 2016 for two years, renewed in 2018 for two years (until 2020).

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In addition, the CDCPP's Terms of Reference state that the Committee will “appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur and a Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities from amongst its members.”

**Ms Giuliana De Francesco** (Italy) and **Mr Andreï Chistol** (Republic of Moldova) are serving as Gender Equality Rapporteurs for the CDCPP.

## Elections procedure

Due to the technical constraints of electronic voting, whereby non-voters can no longer participate in the meeting once the vote is open, the voting will take place at the very end of the session and the results will be e-mailed to all participants after the meeting.

The voting will be secret; the Secretariat and the voters will only be able to see the final results of the vote for each office. Only persons designated by the national delegations as being entitled to vote on behalf of the delegation will be invited to stay online for the voting session. Other participants will be invited to leave the session.

## Persons voting on behalf of their delegations

For the good organisation of the voting session, we would therefore be grateful if national delegations could inform the Secretariat, by e-mail (e-mail address: [cdcpp@coe.int](mailto:cdcpp@coe.int)), as to **who will be voting on behalf of the delegation**. In addition to the given and family names of the person entitled to vote on behalf of the delegation, we would need to have his/her email address. To ensure transparency in the voting process, **please use the e-mail address that you have declared in advance**. The **deadline for designating the person entitled to vote on behalf of the national delegation is 4 November at 6 pm, Strasbourg time**.

## Nomination of candidates

We would also like to **ask any delegation wishing to propose candidates for election to the CDCPP Bureau to notify the Secretariat by e-mail, preferably by 4 November (and in any case by 9 November at 11 am, Strasbourg time, at the latest), indicating for which post the delegation proposes the candidate, after prior consultation with the potential candidate**. We ask delegations to confirm that they have obtained the consent of the candidate(s) they wish to nominate.

Committee members are also invited to propose a candidate as Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities. The deadline and procedure for proposing candidates to these posts are the same as for Bureau members.

For further information on the subject, please see the:

- i) [Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023](#).
- ii) [Factsheet](#), produced for the Copenhagen seminar on awareness raising for persons with disabilities held in December 2017.

## Action required

The Committee is invited to<sup>1</sup>:

- elect a Chair for one year;
- elect a Vice-Chair for one year;
- elect (or re-elect) four Bureau members for two years and one Bureau member for one year;
- elect a Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to the approval of its Terms of Reference for 2020-2021 by the Committee of Ministers

### Extract from Resolution CM/Res(2011)24

#### Article 12 – Chair

- a. Every committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. However, the Chair of a subordinate body may be appointed by the steering or ad hoc committee to which it is answerable.
- b. The Chair shall conduct proceedings and sum up the conclusions whenever he or she thinks necessary. He or she may call to order a speaker who departs from the subject under discussion or from the committee's terms of reference. The Chair shall retain the right to speak and to vote in her/his capacity as a member of the committee, except in cases where an additional expert from the same country has been appointed to sit on that committee.
- c. The Vice-Chair shall replace the Chair if the latter is absent or otherwise unable to preside the meeting. If the Vice-Chair is absent, the Chair shall be replaced by another member of the Bureau, appointed by the latter or, where there is no Bureau, by a member of the committee appointed by the committee.
- d. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. In steering committees, the election shall be held by secret ballot, in other committees by a show of hands, unless a member of the committee requests a secret ballot.
- e. The term of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be one year. It may be renewed once.

#### Article 13 – Bureau

- a. Every steering and ad hoc committee may appoint a bureau consisting of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and a limited number of other members of the committee. The number of other members shall be specified in the committee's terms of reference. Any other committee may, if need be, appoint a bureau composed, normally, of not more than three members in addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair. The functions of the Bureau are:
  - to assist the Chair in conducting the committee's business;
  - to supervise the preparation of meetings at the committee's request;
  - to ensure continuity between meetings as necessary;
  - to execute other additional specific tasks delegated by its Committee.
- b. No decision on substantive issues shall be taken by the Bureau on behalf of the committee. In exceptional cases and due to time constraint, the Bureau may have recourse to the tacit approval of all the members of the committee through electronic communication, in order to expedite procedure on decisions requested by the Committee of Ministers.
- c. Other members of the Bureau shall be appointed in the same manner as the Chair and Vice-Chair. They shall be appointed immediately after the Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with an equitable distribution of posts, taking into account in particular geographical distribution, gender balance and, where relevant, legal systems.
- d. The term of office of such members shall correspond to the duration of the mandate of the committee and may be renewed once. However, a member may, on expiry of her/his second term, be appointed Chair or Vice-Chair. **In order to ensure partial replacement of the Bureau each year, the first term of at least one such member shall be limited to one year.**
- e. A member elected to replace another whose term of office has not expired shall complete her/his predecessor's term. The same shall apply to the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair.