



3 September 2020

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**19<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Tuesday 29 September 2020 (10h00 – 12h30; 14h00 – 16h30)  
via videoconferencing  
Draft Agenda**

**1. Opening of the meeting - Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law**

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

**3. Current situation in the Organisation vis-à-vis COVID-19 and other general developments - Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department**

- Status update on the situation vis-à-vis COVID-19
- [Toolkit by the Secretary General on the impact of the sanitary crisis on freedom of expression and media freedom \(SG/Inf\(2020\)19\)](#)
- Task Force on freedom of expression and media

**4. Follow-up to the recommendations of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> CDMSI Bureau meetings**

- Keeping the CDMSI informed and organising informal Q&A sessions
- Postponement of the Ministerial Conference to June 2021 and proposed approach for the way forward
- Report on the impact of the COVID-19 related crisis on freedom of expression

**5. Standard-setting work**

- Developments regarding the draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age

- Reports from the first meetings of the CDMSI committees of experts
  - Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG)
  - Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF)
  - Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS)

## **6. Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society**

- Status update
- Revised concept and programme
- Conference documents
  - revised draft resolutions and draft final declaration
  - new draft Resolution on the impact of the health crisis on freedom of expression

## **7. Planning**

- November 2020 and June 2021 CDMSI Plenary meetings (format and duration)
- Upcoming elections to the CDMSI Bureau

## **8. Latest Council of Europe developments of relevance for the CDMSI**

- In-house consultations on the work of steering committees;
- In-house consultations on issues of relevance to the CDMSI work (CDDH, T-PD).

## **9. Reports, studies and other documents/activities of relevance for the CDMSI**

- Report on the impact of the COVID-19 related crisis on freedom of expression
- [Implementation Guide to Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)4 on the Protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors](#)
- [Gender Equality and Media - Analytical Report – 2019 Data](#)
- “The Mission to Inform” study and its launch event
- HELP courses on Freedom of expression and on Protection and safety of journalists

## **10. Recent and forthcoming events**

- Information by the Secretariat (informal CM meeting on media freedom and safety of journalists; IGF-2020; other)
- Tour de table

## **11. Other business**

**GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

<a href="#">Terms of reference</a>	<i>CDMSI terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
<a href="#">Terms of reference</a>	<i>MSI-DIG terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
<a href="#">Terms of reference</a>	<i>MSI-REF terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
<a href="#">Terms of reference</a>	<i>ADI/MSI-DIS terms of reference</i>
<a href="#">CM/Res(2011)24</a>	<i>Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>
<a href="#">Political declaration and resolutions</a>	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society – Freedom of Expression and Democracy in the Digital Age – Opportunities, Rights, Responsibilities. Adopted Political Declaration and Resolutions</i>
<a href="#">CM(2013)162</a>	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Belgrade, 7-8 November 2013) - Report of the Secretary General</i>
<a href="#">Conference website</a>	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Nicosia, 10-11 June 2021)</i>

**RECENT MEETING REPORTS**

<a href="#">CM(2020)7</a>	<i>Abridged report of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of CDMSI (3-5 December 2019)</i>
<a href="#">CDMSI(2019)005</a>	<i>Long report of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of CDMSI (3-5 December 2019)</i>
<a href="#">CDMSI-BU(2020)002</a>	<i>Report of 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (27 May 2020)</i>