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**CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL
OF EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS
(CCPE)**

16th plenary meeting

25-26 November 2021

Council of Europe, Main Building (Palais, Room 6)

Hybrid and virtual event

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening of the meeting: Thursday, 25 November 2021, 09:30

Closing of the meeting: Friday, 26 November 2021, 12:30

Session schedule (Strasbourg time - make sure you adapt to your time zone):

→ Thursday, 25 November 2021: 09:30 – 12:30; 14:30 – 17:30

→ Friday, 26 November 2021: 09:30 – 12:30

Venue: KUDO platform

Links to connect to each meeting session will be provided by e-mail to confirmed participants individually in advance of the meeting. Links will be different for each day.

For information on how KUDO works, please see : https://youtu.be/_kkVkpSpRDM

Agenda:

Under each agenda item, specific time is allocated for an exchange and discussion, taking into account the constraints of the remote process.

In line with the Committee of Ministers' practice, each delegation's interventions should not exceed 3 minutes, unless a different indication is provided by the President based on time available.

Working Documents:

The working documents are available on the [CCPE collaborative workspace](#)

Draft order of business: (provisional and subject to change in light of the work pace)

Date	Strasbourg time	Agenda items (see below)
25 November 2021	<i>Morning</i> 09.30 - 12:30	Items 1, 2, 3, 4
	12:30 - 14.30	<i>Break</i>
	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:30 – 17:30	Items 4 (continued), <u>7 (elections) at 16:00</u> , 5
26 November 2021	<i>Morning</i> 09:30 - 12:30	Items 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 <i>(note: items 4, 5, 6 can also be continued to be discussed if needed, but the session will start with elections)</i>

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

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3. Information by the President and the Secretariat

- Introduction of Mr Daniele Cangemi, Head of Department for Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standard Setting Activities, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCPE-BU(2021)3	Report of the CCPE Bureau, 17 June 2021
CCPE(2020)3	Report of the CCPE 15 th plenary meeting, 18-19 November 2020

4. Draft Opinion No. 16 (2021) on the implications of the decisions of international courts and treaty bodies as regards the practical independence of prosecutors (specific task i)

- Examination, with a view to its adoption, of draft Opinion No. 16 (2021)

WORKING DOCUMENT

CCPE-GT(2021)2Prov5	Draft Opinion No. 16 (2021)
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCPE(2021)4	Compilation of comments on the draft Opinion No. 16 (2021) provided before the plenary meeting of the CCPE
CCPE(2021)1	Compilation of responses of the CCPE members to the questionnaire for the preparation of the Opinion No. 16 (2021)

CCPE-GT(2021)3	Report of the meeting of the Working Group, 17-18 June 2021
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5. Exchange of views on topical developments in member States in the area of prosecution reforms and independence of prosecution (main task i) & Annual exchange of views to evaluate the CCPE activities and future priorities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in this sector (main task ii)

- Tour de Table on topical developments in member States in the area of prosecution reforms and independence of prosecution and other relevant events

Members and observers are invited to present, through a Tour de Table, to the CCPE recent legal and institutional developments, as well as on various events (since November 2020).

- Discussion of the current situation and challenges for the prosecution and the key strategic priorities under the four-year strategic framework of the Council of Europe

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

SG/Inf(2020)34	Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe
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6. Exchange of views on CCPE's proposed workplan for 2022-2023 and focus areas

- Introduction to the CCPE's draft terms of reference and the new Council of Europe programme and budget (2022-2025), by Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Head of Legal Co-operation Division

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CM(2019)131	Terms of reference of the CCPE for 2020-2021
CM(2021)131(restricted)	Draft terms of reference of the CCPE for 2022-2025
CM/Res(2021)3	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

- Discussion on the role of prosecutors in protecting the environment as a prospective topic for the CCPE Opinion No. 17 (2022), already discussed and approved by the CCPE Bureau, and which is in line with key strategic priorities 1, 6 and 10 of the above-mentioned four-year strategic framework (see above).
- Discussion of possible topics for prospective studies of the CCPE in 2022-2025 (to be coordinated with the CCPE Bureau).

7. Elections (Bureau) and appointments (Rapporteurs)¹

7.1 Election of the President and of the Vice-President

According to CM/Res(2021)3, the CCPE is expected to proceed with the election of its President and Vice-President. The President and Vice-President are elected for a one-year period, renewable once.

Mr Antonio VERCHER NOGUERA (Spain) held the office of President of the CCPE in 2021 and can be re-elected for 2022.

Mr Han MORAAL (The Netherlands) held the office of Vice-President of the CCPE in 2021 and can be re-elected for 2022. However, Mr MORAAL has informed that he would retire and would not run for re-election.

7.2 Election of members of the Bureau

According to CM/Res(2021)3, Bureau members are elected for the period corresponding to the duration of the mandate of the committee renewable once.

Mr José Manuel SANTOS PAIS (Portugal) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2020 for the first mandate (period 2021-2022).

Ms Jana ZEZULOVA (Czech Republic) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2020 for the first mandate (period 2021-2022).

7.3 CCPE's Working Group for 2022

According to CM/Res(2021)3 ("Where necessary, in order to expedite the progress of their work, committees may entrust a rapporteur or a limited number of committee members with a specific task to be fulfilled by their next meeting") the CCPE can decide to set up a Working Group (CCPE-GT) which will be entrusted with the preparation, for its 17th plenary meeting, of the draft Opinion for 2022. The members of the Bureau of the CCPE will also attend the CCPE-GT meetings. There is no automatic re-appointment of a member of the Working Group from one year to the next. The Working Group will start on 1st January 2022 subject to the adoption of the terms of reference by the Committee of Ministers on 23-25 November 2021.

7.4 Appointment of a CCPE Gender Equality Rapporteur

According to CM/Res(2021)3 ("Where necessary, in order to expedite the progress of their work, committees may entrust a rapporteur or a limited number of committee members with a specific task to be fulfilled by their next meeting"), and the proposed Terms of Reference, the CCPE may appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur to support its work.

¹ Their terms of office will start on 1st January 2022 subject to the adoption of the terms of reference by the Committee of Ministers on 23-25 November 2021.

8. Information from other Council of Europe bodies and committees and observer organisations

9. Any other business

10. Date and place of next meetings

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CCPE(2021)3	Calendar of CCPE meetings in 2022
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11. Approval of the draft meeting report