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

18th plenary meeting

19-20 October 2023

Strasbourg, Council of Europe, Agora Building, Room G03

(the meeting will take place in fully presential format)

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening of the meeting: Thursday, 19 October 2023, 10:30

Closing of the meeting: Friday, 20 October 2023, 13:30

Session schedule (Strasbourg time):

→ Thursday 19 October 2023: 10:30 – 12:30; 14:30 – 17:30

→ Friday, 20 October 2023: 09:30 – 13:30

Venue: Agora building, room G03. Please note that the meeting will take place in fully presential format.

Agenda:

Under each agenda item, specific time is allocated for an exchange and discussion.

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)
19 October 2023	<i>Morning</i> 10:30 - 12:30	Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	<i>12:30 - 14.30</i>	<i>Break</i>
	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:30 – 17:30	Item 5 (continued), 7 (elections) at 16:00, Item 5 (continued)
20 October 2023	<i>Morning</i> 09:30 - 13:30	Items 5 (continued), 6, 8, 9, 10

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

WORKING DOCUMENT

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3. Information by the President and the Secretariat

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCPE-BU(2023)4	Report of the CCPE Bureau meeting, 11 May 2023
CCPE-GT(2023)4	Report of the CCPE Working Group meeting, 11–12 May 2023
CCPE(2022)5	Report of the CCPE 17 th plenary meeting, 3-4 October 2022

4. Exchange of views on topical developments in member States in the area of prosecution reforms and independence of prosecution (main task i) & Information from the Council of Europe bodies and committees and observer organisations

- Introduction by Justice Francesco DePasquale, President of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), on the CEPEJ activities and co-operation with the CCPE
- 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 October 2022).

5. Draft Opinion No. 18 (2023) on the Councils of Prosecutors as key bodies of prosecutorial self-governance (specific task i)

- Examination, with a view to its adoption, of draft Opinion No. 18 (2023)

WORKING DOCUMENT

CCPE(2023)9Prov1	Draft Opinion No. 18 (2023)
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCPE(2023)3	Compilation of responses of the CCPE members to the questionnaire for the preparation of the Opinion No. 18 (2023)
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6. Exchange of views on the CCPE's activities in 2023 as well as future priorities and focus areas (main task ii)

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCPE(2023)10	CCPE thematic study on the digitalisation in the work of the prosecution services and international co-operation
CCPE(2023)11	CCPE thematic study overviewing the Councils of Prosecutors and other bodies dealing with prosecutorial self-governance in member States of the Council of Europe
CCPE(2023)4	CCPE proposal for the attention of the CDPC on the need to update Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers CM/Rec(2000)19 on the role of public prosecution in the criminal justice system
CM(2023)131-add	Terms of Reference of the CCPE for 2024-2027
SG/Inf(2020)34	Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe
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 topic of the administration of prosecution services in member States as an appropriate topic for the CCPE Opinion No. 19 (2024) and on the topic of diversity and equity and moving towards inclusive prosecution services as an appropriate topic for the CCPE Opinion No. 20 (2025). Both these prospective topics have been fully discussed and approved by the CCPE Bureau and suggested by the Bureau to present for the consideration of the plenary meeting.
- Discussion and state of play as regards the current thematic studies of the CCPE, with a view to their adoption:
 - 1) thematic study on the digitalisation in the work of the prosecution services and international co-operation;
 - 2) thematic study overviewing the Councils of Prosecutors and other bodies dealing with prosecutorial self-governance in member States of the Council of Europe.

7. Elections (Bureau) and appointments (Rapporteurs)

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.

Ms Jana ZEZULOVA (Czech Republic) held the office of President of the CCPE in 2023. She can be re-elected for 2024.

Mr Mikael JÄRETOFT (Sweden) held the office of Vice-President of the CCPE in 2023. He can be re-elected for 2024.

7.2 Election of a member 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 Robert WALLNER (Lichtenstein) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2021 for the first mandate (period 2022-2023). He can be re-elected for 2024-2025.

Mr Antonio VERCHER NOGUERA (Spain) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2022 for the second mandate (period 2023-2024).

7.3 CCPE Working Group for 2024

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 19th plenary meeting, of the draft Opinion for 2024. The members of the Bureau of the CCPE will also attend the CCPE-GT meetings.

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”), the CCPE may appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur to support its work in 2024.

8. Any other business

9. Date and place of the meetings in 2024

10. Approval of the draft meeting report