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CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS

(CCPE)

17th plenary meeting

3-4 October 2022

Council of Europe, Agora Building, Room G03

Hybrid and virtual event

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening of the meeting: Monday, 3 October 2022, 10:30 **Closing of the meeting**: Tuesday, 4 October 2022, 13:30

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

→ Monday 3 October 2022: 10:30 – 12:30; 14:30 – 17:30 → Tuesday, 4 October 2022: 09:30 – 13:30

Venue: Agora room G03 and 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 : <u>https://youtu.be/_kkVkpspRDM</u>

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 <u>CCPE collaborative workspace</u>

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

Date	Strasbourg time	Agenda items (see below)
3 October 2022	<i>Morning</i> 10:30 - 12:30	Items 1, 2, 3, 8 (Exchange of views with the Vice-President of Eurojust), 4
	12:30 - 14.30	Break
	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:30 – 17:30	Items 4 (continued), <u>7 (elections) at</u> <u>16:00</u> , 5
4 October 2022	<i>Morning</i> 09:30 - 13:30	Items 4, 6, 8 (continued), 9, 10, 11

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

- Information by the President on the exchange of views with the Committee of Ministers on 15 September 2022
- Introduction by Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Head of Legal Co-operation Division, and Mr Artashes Melikyan, Head of Judicial Independence Unit, Secretary of the CCPE

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

<u>CCPE-BU(2022)3</u>	Speech of the CCPE President before the Committee of Ministers, 15 September 2022
<u>CCPE-BU(2022)2</u>	Report of the CCPE Bureau meeting, 16 June 2022
<u>CCPE(2021)5</u>	Report of the CCPE 16 th plenary meeting, 25-26 November 2021

4. Draft Opinion No. 17 (2022) on the role of prosecutors in the protection of the environment (specific task i)

• Examination, with a view to its adoption, of draft Opinion No. 17 (2022)

WORKING DOCUMENT

<u>CCPE-GT(2022)3Pr</u>	Draft Opinion No. 17 (2022)
<u>CCFE-G1(2022)3FI</u>	Drait Opinion No. 17 (2022)

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

<u>CCPE(2022)2</u>	Compilation of responses of the CCPE members
	to the questionnaire for the for the preparation

	of the Opinion No. 17 (2022)
<u>CCPE-GT(2022)1</u>	Working Paper for the preparation of the CCPE Opinion No. 17 (2022)
<u>CCPE-GT(2022)5</u>	Report of the CCPE Working Group meeting, 16 – 17 June 2022

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 December 2021).

• 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

Strategic Framework of the Council of Europ	<u>SG/Inf(2020)34</u>	Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe
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6. Exchange of views on the CCPE's activities in 2023 and focus areas

- Introduction by Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Head of Legal Co-operation Division, and Mr Artashes Melikyan, Head of Judicial Independence Unit, Secretary of the CCPE
 - European Conference of Prosecutors : possible options for follow-up by the CCPE

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

<u>CCPE website</u>	European Conference of Prosecutors (5-6 May 2022): keynote interventions of session I – Prosecutorial independence, autonomy and accountability: different models, common challenges in the protection of human rights?
<u>CM(2021)131</u>	Terms of reference of the CCPE for 2022-2025
<u>CM/Res(2021)3</u>	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

- Discussion on the Councils of Prosecutors as key bodies of prosecutorial self-governance as a prospective topic for the CCPE Opinion No. 18 (2023), already discussed and approved by the CCPE Bureau, which is in line with the key strategic priorities 1 and 6 of the Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe (see above).
- Discussion of the state of play as regards the prospective studies of the CCPE in 2022-2025 (to be coordinated with the CCPE Bureau).
- Discussion on the outcome of the European Conference of Prosecutors (Palermo 5-6 May 2022) and orientations for follow-up actions by the CCPE and/or other competent bodies and committees 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.

Mr Antonio VERCHER NOGUERA (Spain) held the office of President of the CCPE in 2021-2022.

Ms Jana ZEZULOVA (Czech Republic) held the office of Vice-President of the CCPE in 2022.

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).

Mr Robert WALLNER (Lichtenstein) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2021 for the first mandate (period 2022-2023).

7.3 CCPE Working Group for 2023

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 18th plenary meeting, of the draft Opinion for 2023. 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 2023.

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

- Exchange of views with Mr Boštjan Škrlec, Vice-President of Eurojust, who will address the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors.

9. Any other business

10. Date and place of next meetings

11. Approval of the draft meeting report