



18 May 2022

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**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL COHESION
(CCS)**

**First meeting
17-18 May 2022**

Opening of the meeting: Tuesday, 17 May at 9:30 (CET)

Closing of the meeting: Wednesday, 18 May at 12:30 (CET)

**Hybrid Meeting – Room 6, Palais
Strasbourg, France**

Draft Abridged report

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The European Committee on Social Cohesion held its first meeting on 17-18 May, in Strasbourg, France, in hybrid format. The Agenda and the order of business of the meeting are annexed to this report (Annex 1).

1. The Committee took note of the opening speech and welcoming address by Mr Jan Malinowski, Head, Department of Social Rights, DGI – Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, who chaired the meeting until the election of the Chair. Mr Malinowski congratulated the Committee with the new, stronger mandate as the only CoE intergovernmental body in the area of social cohesion and social rights.

II. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

3. The Committee adopted the agenda as it appears in document CCS(2022)1 and the order of business (CCS(2022)OJ1).

III. STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT

4. The Committee took note of the concise information on matters of general information provided by the Secretariat. Particular interest was paid to the mandate of the ad hoc working party on improving the European Social Charter system (GT-CHARTÉ).

IV. NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE BIENNIUM

5. The Committee took note of the new Terms of Reference for 2022-2025 and the draft action plan for the biennium 2022-2023, as it appears in document CCS(2022)2. The Committee decided to send written comments to the draft action plan by 31 May 2022, within two weeks after the meeting.

6. The Committee noted the positive developments that led to the establishment of the Committee for Social Cohesion and that a working party (GT-CHARTÉ)¹ is looking into CCS to strengthen its role as well as the ambitious mandate entrusted to it by the Committee of Ministers. At the same time acknowledges the limited resources allocated that would prevent the Committee and the bureau from meeting more frequently as well as having funds to appoint sub-committees and run activities.

7. In addition the Committee underscores the fact that it is not a monitoring committee of any legal instrument of the Council but focused entirely on the broader issues of social cohesion stemming from its diverse, ever changing and dynamic nature which requires the constant search for new insights for policy responses, promotion of good practices and recommendations for policy direction.

8. In this regard the Committee re-iterated the desire expressed by PECS(2021)11 of the possibility of holding an exchange of views with the Secretary General.

V. ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIR AND BUREAU AND APPOINTMENTS (RAPPORTEURS)

Election of the Chair, Vice-chair and Bureau members

9. The Committee elected Mr Joe Gerada (Malta) as Chair of the CCS and Ms Rita Skrebiškienė (Lithuania) as Vice-Chair for 2022-2023. Mr Jerzy Ciechanski (Poland) and Mr Riccardo Venturini (San Marino) were elected as Bureau members for the period 2022-2025. It was decided that the third member of the Bureau will be elected at a later stage.

Appointment of a Rapporteur on Gender Equality

10. The Committee appointed Mr Alexis Rinckenbach (France) as Rapporteur on Gender Equality.

¹ In the light of the proposals made by the Secretary General in document [SG/Inf\(2021\)13](#), the report submitted by the CDDH and the position papers adopted by the ECSR and the GC, the Deputies instructed the [ad hoc working party](#) to look into practical ways of improving the efficiency and impact of the reporting procedure under the Social Charter while reducing the reporting burden for member States.

Appointment of a Rapporteur on youth

11. The Committee appointed Mr Riccardo Venturini (San Marino) as Rapporteur on youth.

Appointment of a Rapporteur on children's rights

12. The Committee appointed Mr Per-Anders Sunesson (Sweden) as Rapporteur on children's rights.

Appointment of a Rapporteur on rights of persons with disabilities

13. The Committee appointed Ms Natalie Williamson (United Kingdom) as Rapporteur on rights of persons with disabilities.

Appointment of a Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller issues

14. The Committee appointed Mr Alexis Rinckenbach (France) as Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller issues.

VI. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE DIGITALISATION AND IT DEVELOPMENTS ON SOCIAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL COHESION

15. The Committee exchanged views of the report on the Impact of the Digitalisation and IT Developments on Social Rights and Social Cohesion as it appears in document CCS(2022)4.
16. The Committee decided to provide final written comments to the report by 31 May 2022, within two weeks after the meeting.
17. Further, the Committee agreed to look into the recommendations provided in the report, with a view of preparing a document for the Committee of Ministers' consideration.

VII. DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT REPORT ON CHALLENGES RELATED TO SOCIAL COHESION IN IMPLEMENTING THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

18. The draft report on Challenges Related to Social Cohesion in Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals was presented by Mr Lauri LEPPIK, the author.
19. The Committee exchanged views on the draft report and agreed to send written comments to it by 14 June 2022.

VIII. TOUR DU TABLE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL COHESION

20. In addition to the document reflecting recent developments in member States, the Committee took note of the concise oral presentations on recent developments in the field of social cohesion and social rights, particularly in the light of the war in Ukraine.
21. CCS members agreed to send any missing information to be included in document CCS(2022)3 on recent developments, until 31 May 2022.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. One member requested from the Secretariat to provide Budgetary information of the first CCS meeting.

X. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT CCS MEETING

23. According to the new ToR 2022-2025, the CCS will have one meeting per year. Should the sanitary situation allow, the next CCS meeting will take place in hybrid or fully in person in May 2023 in Strasbourg, France. The date of the meeting will be communicated in due time.

XI. ADOPTION OF THE ABRIDGED REPORT

24. The Committee is invited to provide comments to the abridged report (document CCS(2022)6) by 31 May 2022.

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(Draft) Agenda

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1.	Opening of the meeting	
2.	Adoption of the agenda and order of business	(CCS(2022)1 & CCS(2022)OJ1)
3.	Statement of the Secretariat	
4.	New Terms of Reference and draft action plan for the biennium	(CCS(2022)2)
5.	Elections of the Chair and Bureau and appointments (Rapporteurs)	
6.	Acknowledgment of the report on the impact of the digitalisation and IT developments on social rights and social cohesion	(CCS(2022)4)
7.	Discussion of the draft report on challenges related to social cohesion in implementing the UN sustainable development goals	(CCS(2022)5)
8.	Tour de table: Updates on latest developments in the area of social cohesion	(CCS(2022)3)
9.	Any other business	
10.	Date and place of the next meeting	
11.	Approval of the abridged meeting report	(CCS(2022)6)

Strasbourg, 29 avril 2022

CCS(2022)OJ1

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First meeting

ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

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DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022

9:30-12:00	Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
14:30-17:00	Items 5, 6, 7

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022

9:30-12:30	Items: 8, 9, 10, 11
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TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022 (9:30-17:00 CET)

9:30-10:00

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Introductory and welcome address by **Mr Jan MALINOWSKI**, Head of the Department of Social Rights, Directorate of Human Rights, DGI

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Documents: CCS (2022)1, CCS (2022)OJ1

Action: *The Committee is invited to adopt the draft agenda and order of business.*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee adopted the agenda as it appears in document CCS(2022)OJ1 and the order of business.

3. STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT

Brief presentation on matters of general interest by **Mrs Margarita GALSTYAN**, Secretary of the CCS

Action: *The Committee is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee took note of the information on matters of general interest provided by the secretariat.

10:00-10:30

4. NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE BIENNIUM

Document CCS(2022)2

The Secretary will present the CCS Terms of Reference for 2022-2025

Action: *The Committee is invited to take note of the CCS Terms of Reference for 2022-2025 and exchange views on the action plan 2022-2023*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee:

- *took note of the CCS Terms of Reference for 2022-2025*
- *exchanged views on the action plan for 2022-2023 and decided to send written comments to the draft action plan by 31 May 2022, within two weeks after the meeting.*

10:45-12:00

5. ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIR AND BUREAU AND APPOINTMENTS (RAPPORTEURS)

The Committee will elect the Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau. The elections will be in secret ballot (physical and on-line, via KUDO platform).

Action: *The Committee is invited to vote to elect the Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau (3 members to be elected).*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee elected:

- *Chair*
- *Vice-Chair*
- *Bureau members (2 members)*

14:30-15:30

The Committee will appoint from amongst its members up to 5 Rapporteurs on mainstreamed perspectives

Action: *The Committee is invited to appoint rapporteurs in the following areas: gender, youth, children's rights, rights of persons with disabilities, and Roma and Traveller issues.*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee appointed:

- Gender equality rapporteur
- Rapporteur on youth
- Rapporteur on children's rights
- Rapporteur on rights of persons with disabilities
- Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller issues

15:30-16:00

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF THE DIGITALISATION AND IT DEVELOPMENTS ON SOCIAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL COHESION

Document CCS(2022)4

Action: *The Committee is invited to hold a final exchange of views on the draft Report on the Impact of the digitalisation and IT developments on social rights and social cohesion with a view to its acknowledgment.*

Proposed draft decision

- The Committee exchanged final views on the draft Report
- The Committee decided to provide final written comments to the report by 31 May 2022, within two weeks after the meeting.
- The Committee agreed to look into the recommendations provided in the report, with a view of preparing a document for the Committee of Ministers' consideration.

16:15-17:00

7. DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT REPORT ON CHALLENGES RELATED TO SOCIAL COHESION IN IMPLEMENTING THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Document CCS(2022)5

Mr Lauri Leppik, CoE consultant, will present the draft report on the Challenges related to social cohesion in implementing the UN sustainable development goals

Action: *The Committee is invited to exchange views on the draft report on the Challenges related to social cohesion in implementing the UN sustainable development goals*

Proposed draft decision

- The Committee held an exchange of views on the draft Report and agreed to send written comments to it by 14 June 2022.

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022 (9:30 – 12:30)

9:30-10:30

Bureau Meeting

10:30-12:30

8. TOUR DU TABLE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL COHESION

Document CCS(2022)3

a. Recent developments within the Council of Europe

The Secretary will inform the CCS about important developments concerning social cohesion. Complementary topical concise information to the written document on this issue, if particularly relevant for the CCS, will be given by representatives of other bodies/committees of the Council of Europe.

b. Recent developments in Member States

Complementary topical concise information, if particularly relevant for the CCS, will be given by representatives of member states.

Action: *The Committee is invited to take note of relevant developments in the field of social cohesion / social rights.*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee took note of the information on developments in the field of social cohesion / social rights and agreed to provide any missing information until 31 May 2022.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Delegations are kindly asked to indicate any issues they may wish to raise under this item, at the beginning of the meeting when the CCS adopts its agenda.

Proposed draft decision

The Committee took note of the request of a member for further Budgetary information of the first CCS meeting.

10. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT CCS MEETING

According to the new ToR 2022-2025, the CCS will have one meeting per year. Should the sanitary situation allow the next CCS meeting will take place in hybrid or fully in person in ... 2023 in Strasbourg, France.

Proposed draft decision

The Committee took note of the suggestion and agreed that the next meeting will take place in May 2023 in Strasbourg, France, should the sanitary situation allow.

11. ADOPTION OF THE ABRIDGED REPORT

Document CCS(2022)6

Action: *The Committee is invited to adopt the draft abridged report as it appears in document CCS (2022)6.*

Proposed draft decision

The Committee is invited to provide comments to the abridged report by 31 May 2022.