



98th meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)

1-3 June 2022

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Room 6

Agenda

1. **Opening of the meeting**
2. **Adoption of the agenda and order of business**
3. **Statement of the Chair and Secretariat**
4. **Tour de table: interventions by newly designated members of the CDCJ**
5. **Review of progress**

Justice and the Rule of Law

- 5.1 **Review of the implementation of the Sofia Action Plan on judicial independence and impartiality**
 - Examination and approval of the report of the CDCJ to the Secretary General – with the participation Ms Mjriana Visentin, CDCJ consultant
- 5.2 **Protection of the profession of lawyer – Committee of Experts - CJ-AV**
(main deliverable 1)
 - Update by the Chair of the CJ-AV and next steps
 - Exchange of views

Family law and children's rights

- 5.3 **Rights and best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings – Committee of Experts - CJ/ENF-ISE** *(main deliverable 2)*
 - State of progress of the elaboration of the draft recommendation and explanatory memorandum
 - Hearing of relevant stakeholders and high-level event organised in the framework of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (May-November 2022)

- 5.4 Rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins** (*main deliverable 10*)
- Review and approval of the draft comparative study – with the participation of Professor Jean-René Binet, CDCJ consultant
 - Thematic exchange on:
 - the member States' perspectives on the rights of parents and the rights of the child
 - the options and feasibility of elaborating a draft recommendation on the topic
- 5.5 Report on the state of play of the implementation of the European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock - ETS No. 85, including proposals for follow-up deliverables** (*main deliverable 12*)
- Proposals for possible follow-up action(s) to the evaluation report on the European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock - ETS No. 85
 - Thematic exchange
- 5.6 Report on the state of play of the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)4 on preventing and resolving disputes related to child relocation, including proposals for follow-up deliverables** (*main deliverable 6*)

Public Law

- 5.7 Administrative detention of migrants - Limited working group of CDCJ - CDCJ-MIG: Guide for practitioners** (*main deliverable 8*)
- Update by the Chair of the CDCJ-MIG
 - Exchange of views on selected issues
- 5.8 Statelessness and the right to a nationality: follow-up activities**
- Final report on the International Conference and technical meeting on "Statelessness and the right to a nationality" (Strasbourg, 23-24 September 2021)
 - Bureau's proposals for follow up activities

Promoting and facilitating the functioning of Conventions within the CDCJ's area of competence (main task (iii))

- 5.9 Report on the state of play and assessment of the implementation of the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law (ETS No. 62) and its additional protocol (ETS No. 97); proposals for follow-up deliverables, communication and awareness-raising activities** (*main deliverable 4*)
- Review and approval of draft concept note and questionnaire

Technological developments, including artificial intelligence

- 5.10 Administration and Artificial Intelligence - CDCJ-ADMIN-AI**
- Update on progress, revised workplan and next steps
- 5.11 Review of legal instruments falling under its responsibility in the light of technological developments to assess implementing challenges and proposals for follow-up deliverables** (*main deliverable 7*)
- Proposed concept and workplan

Follow-up and promotion of the implementation of the non-binding instruments prepared by CDCJ, and if appropriate of others within its area of competence (main task iv)

- 5.12 **Report on the state of play of the implementation Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)7 on the protection of whistleblowers, including proposals for follow-up deliverables** (*main deliverable 12*)
 - Review and approval of the draft report – with the participation of Ms Ana Myers, CDCJ consultant
 - Exchange of views on proposals for follow-up deliverables to the report
6. **Transversal issues:**
Mainstreamed perspectives: Gender, youth, children’s rights, rights of persons with disabilities, and Roma and Traveller issues mainstreaming (*main task xiv*)
7. **Observers**
 - Examination of possible criteria to assess requests of observer status with the CDCJ and its subordinate bodies
8. **Visibility of the work and deliverables of the CDCJ**
 - Exchange of views on key events of the CDCJ (2022-2023)
 - Translation of legal instruments prepared by the CDCJ into non-official languages of the Council of Europe
9. **Legislative developments in member states in the areas of public and private law**
10. **Co-operation with other international organisations and civil society and with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees**
11. **Appointments**
 - CDCJ representatives
 - Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
12. **CDCJ Opinions (if any)** (*main deliverable 15*)
13. **Any other business**
14. **Date and place of next meeting**
15. **Approval of the abridged meeting report**