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106th plenary meeting European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)

2-4 June 2026

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Room 10 and online

Annotated Agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business**

Working documents

- Agenda
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The CDCJ is invited to adopt the agenda and the order of business.

- 3. Tour de table: interventions by newly designated members of the CDCJ**

Background document

[Members of the CDCJ](#) (as of 7 May 2026)

The Chair will welcome any new member that has joined the committee since the last plenary meeting (18-20 November 2025) and give them the floor to introduce themselves.

- 4. Information by the Chair and Secretariat**

- [Report](#) by Mr João Arsénio de Oliveira (Portugal) on the 45th plenary meeting of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), 4-5 December 2025

- [Report](#) by Mr Jean-Christophe Boulet (Belgium) on the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV), 24-25 March 2026

The CDCJ is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair and by the secretariat on the developments that have occurred since the 105th plenary meeting (18-20 November 2025) and their possible implications for CDCJ's operations and activities.

In connection with this information, Mr João Arsénio de Oliveira (Portugal) will be invited to present briefly his [Report](#) on his participation in the 45th plenary meeting of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice – CEPEJ (4-5 December 2025) and Mr Jean-Christophe Boulet (Belgium) will be invited to present briefly his [Report](#) on his participation in the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on the Environment – CDENV (24-25 March 2026).

5. Review of progress

- a. Stocktaking: implementation of CDCJ activities for 2026-2027
[CDCJ\(2026\)01 rev](#)

- b. Future CDCJ activities

Working documents

- Proposals on possible future CDCJ activities
[CDCJ\(2025\)14 prov4](#)
- Possible promotion and revision of existing instruments prepared by the CDCJ
[CDCJ\(2026\)05 prov2](#)
- Breakout group discussions on future work of the CDCJ - Practical arrangements, methodology and template for structured discussion
[CDCJ\(2026\)14](#)

Background documents

- Research note: Case law of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the role of notaries for the effective administration of justice
[CDCJ-BU\(2026\)02 rev](#)
 - [Complete list of conventions for which the CDCJ has been given responsibility](#)
 - [Recommendations, resolutions and guidelines](#)
- c. Revised Terms of Reference of The CDCJ and of the CJ-OR for 2024-2027 - Draft update for 2027
[CDCJ\(2026\)11 \(restricted\)](#)

Background document

- CDCJ Terms of reference for 2024-2027 ([revised version](#))

The CDCJ is invited to:

- take note of the state of play of the implementation of the CDCJ activities since the 105th plenary meeting of the CDCJ (18-20 November 2025) as it appears in document [CDCJ\(2026\)01 rev](#) and take note of the additional information provided by the secretariat;
- examine the possible future CDCJ activities, including those related to the promotion and the revision of instruments prepared by the CDCJ, as proposed in documents

[CDCJ\(2025\)14 prov4](#) and [CDCJ\(2026\)05 prov2](#) respectively, as well as any further proposals submitted ahead of and during the meeting;

- take note of the changes that occurred since the 105th plenary meeting and provide guidance on possible future activities in the context of the preparation of the committee's future Terms of Reference (2028-2029);
- examine the proposal by the secretariat regarding conventions and recommendations falling under the CDCJ's responsibility where a review of their implementation in member states or promotion and/or revision is found appropriate (see [CDCJ\(2026\)05 prov2](#));

The discussion on the future activities will also require the examination of the draft update for 2027 in the revised 2024-2027 Terms of Reference of the CDCJ and of the CJ-OR as proposed in document [CDCJ\(2026\)11](#) (*restricted*) which reflects the CDCJ Bureau's position.

For a more interactive and in-depth examination of its future work the CDCJ will be divided into two breakout groups on 2 June from 14:00 to 15:30 in line with the practical arrangements, methodology and template for structured discussion contained in document [CDCJ\(2026\)14](#). After the breakout groups, the CDCJ will then make its decisions in light of the conclusions emerging from both groups and summarised by their rapporteurs.

CDCJ delegations are invited to send the secretariat any proposal for new topics/instruments to review before the meeting (if possible by 22 May) to facilitate discussions.

Justice and the Rule of Law

6. Council of Europe Plan of Action on Strengthening Judicial Independence and Impartiality (Sofia Action Plan) - Focused thematic review of the implementation of selected aspects of the Sofia Action Plan (*main deliverable 10*)

Working documents

- Thematic review focused on the career and training of judges: Draft report [CDCJ\(2024\)13 prov7](#)
- Compilation of comments received from CDCJ members on the draft report [CDCJ\(2026\)03](#) (*original language - restricted*)
- Follow up to the thematic review focused on the career and training of judges - Draft concept note and programme for a launch conference [CDCJ\(2026\)04 prov](#)

Background documents

- Follow-up proposal on the thematic review focused on the career and training of judges [CDCJ\(2025\)20](#)
- Compilation of the replies received by member states to the questionnaire to collect additional information [CDCJ\(2025\)02 rev3](#) (*original language - restricted*)
- [Report of the CDCJ to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the implementation of the "Sofia Action Plan"](#)

The CDCJ is invited to:

- take note of the information provided by the secretariat;
- examine carefully the draft report on the thematic review focused on the career and training of judges (document [CDCJ\(2024\)13 prov7](#)), as a follow-up by the CDCJ to the [Council of Europe Plan of Action on Strengthening Judicial Independence and Impartiality](#) (Sofia Action Plan) in the light of the comments received from CDCJ members in document [CDCJ\(2026\)03 \(restricted\)](#); adopt this report and authorise its publication;
- examine and agree on the way forward, on the basis of the draft concept note and programme for a launch conference (document [CDCJ\(2026\)04 prov](#)).

Prior to the examination of this agenda item, an exchange of views is planned between the CDCJ and the Vice-President of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), Judge Wiggo Storhaug Larssen, on 3 June at 9:30, given the CCJE contribution to the preparatory work on the report on the first thematic review, and to explore possible topics for the next thematic review in the light of recent work of the CCJE.

7. The use of artificial intelligence for policing, the administration of justice and borders/migration – Feasibility study (main deliverable 11)

Background documents

- Concept note concerning the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for policing, the administration of justice and borders/migration and the use of AI or other automated decision-making (ADM) for communication purposes
[CDCJ-ADMIN-AI\(2023\)01](#)
- Note regarding the CDCJ input to the preparation of the draft Council of Europe Framework Convention on artificial intelligence by the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI)
[CDCJ\(2023\)13](#)
- Proposals on the directions to be taken by the CDCJ in its future work in the field of artificial intelligence and administrative law
[CDCJ-ADMIN-AI\(2022\)01](#)

The CDCJ is invited to take note of the information provided by the secretariat orally on the recruitment of a consultant for the preparation by autumn 2027 of the feasibility study expected for adoption by the CDCJ at its Plenary at the end of 2027.

Public Law

8. Statelessness and access to nationality (main deliverable 7 and main task xi)

Working documents

- Draft revised recommendation on the nationality of children
[CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)02 prov2 \(restricted\)](#)
- Draft explanatory memorandum to the draft revised recommendation on the nationality of children
[CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)03 prov2 \(restricted\)](#)

- Draft checklist for policy makers
[CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)05 prov2](#) (*restricted*)
- Compilation of comments from the CDCJ
[CDCJ\(2026\)12](#) (*restricted*)
- List of decisions of the 5th meeting of the CDCJ limited Working Group on Migration - CDCJ-MIG (23-24 February 2026, online)
[CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)PV1](#)

Background documents

- Composition of the committee
[CDCJ-MIG\(2025\)INF01 rev](#)
- CDCJ-MIG workplan for 2026
[CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)01](#)
- Feasibility study on a non-binding legal instrument regarding stateless children's access to nationality
[CDCJ\(2024\)15](#)

The CDCJ is invited to:

- take note of the update provided by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Katerina Radova (Czechia), of the CDCJ limited working group on migration (CDCJ-MIG) and the secretariat;
- in the light of the comments received from CDCJ delegations and observers ahead of the meeting and compiled in document [CDCJ\(2026\)12](#) (*restricted*), examine the draft revised recommendation on the nationality of children (document [CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)02 prov2](#) (*restricted*), its draft explanatory memorandum (document [CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)03 prov2](#) (*restricted*)) and the draft checklist for policy makers (document [CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)05 prov2](#) (*restricted*)) and to provide the necessary guidance to the CDCJ-MIG and its consultant to pursue its work.

In doing so, the CDCJ will be invited, *inter alia*, to decide on the requirement of "legal" and "habitual" residence in Principles 2, 5 and 11 of the draft recommendation, noting that the CDCJ-MIG has identified differing national approaches.

- take note of the list of decisions made by the CDCJ-MIG at its 5th meeting (23-24 February 2026) (document [CDCJ-MIG\(2026\)PV1](#)).

The consultant, Professor René De Groot, will also attend the meeting online on 4 June at 9:30 to assist the committee during the discussion.

Family law and children's rights

9. Rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins (*main deliverable 8 and main task xi*)

Working documents

- Draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins
[CJ-OR\(2025\)10 prov4](#) (*restricted*)

- Compilation of comments received from CDCJ members on the draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins
[CDCJ\(2026\)13 rev](#) (*restricted*)
- Report of the 3rd meeting of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins – CJ-OR (24-26 March 2026)
[CJ-OR\(2026\)02](#)

Background documents

- [Letter of 9 March 2026 from the Danish Institute for Human Rights on its input to the CJ-OR work](#) (*restricted*)
- Compilation of comments received from the CJ-OR on the draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins (version CJ-OR(2025)10 prov3)
[CJ-OR\(2026\)01 rev](#) (*restricted*)
- Composition of the Committee of Experts on access to origins (CJ-OR) responsible for the preparation of a draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins
[CJ-OR\(2025\)INF01 rev](#)
- CJ-OR Terms of Reference for 2025-2026 (revised version)
[CJ-OR\(2025\)01 rev](#)
- Workplan and calendar of CJ-OR activities for 2025-2026, as updated on 07/11/2025
[CJ-OR\(2025\)02 rev1](#)
- Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins
[CJ-OR\(2025\)03 rev](#)
- Overview of European and international standards concerning the rights of donor conceived persons to know their origins
[CJ-OR\(2025\)05](#)
- [Comparative study on access of persons conceived by gamete donation to information on their origins](#)

The CDCJ is invited to:

- take note of the information provided by the Chair of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR), Mr Thomas Knoll-Biermann (Germany), and the secretariat;
- examine the draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins (document [CJ-OR\(2025\)10 prov4](#) (*restricted*)), in the light of the comments received from CDCJ members as they appear in document [CDCJ\(2026\)13](#) (*restricted*);
- provide to the CJ-OR and its consultant the necessary guidance to pursue the preparation of the draft legal instrument and its accompanying draft explanatory memorandum;
- take note of the report of the 3rd meeting of the CJ-OR (24-26 March 2026) (document [CJ-OR\(2026\)02](#)).

The consultant, Ms Laurence Brunet, will also attend the meeting online on 2 June at 11:00 to assist the committee during the discussion.

10. Thematic review of the guidelines on child-friendly justice (focus: civil and administrative proceedings) *(main deliverable 9)*

Working documents

- Thematic Review of the Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice - Draft Report (gap analysis)
[CDENF\(2026\)06](#)

Background documents

- Compilation of comments received from CDCJ members on the draft report
[CDCJ\(2025\)16 rev](#) *(original language – restricted)*
- Note of the CDCJ secretariat on identified civil and administrative matters in the draft report on the review of criminal, civil and administrative law aspects of the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Child-Friendly Justice
[CDCJ\(2025\)10](#)
- Draft report on the review of criminal, civil and administrative law aspects of the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Child-Friendly Justice
[CDENF\(2025\)03rev1 Full](#)

including:

[part \(1\)](#) - analysis and rationale of the revisions proposed

[part \(2\)](#) - drafting proposals to amend the guidelines

[part \(3\)](#) - drafting proposals to amend the explanatory memorandum

- [Table of replies received following the CDENF consultation process \(original language\)](#)

The CDCJ, together with the Steering Committee on the Rights of the Child (CDENF) and the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), is invited to:

- take note of the progress made since their last plenary meetings in 2025 in drafting the thematic review on the guidelines on child-friendly justice; the consultants of the CDENF, Susanna Greijer and Andriana Kostopoulou, will present the gap analysis report they have prepared (document [CDENF\(2026\)06](#));
- provide possible guidance to the consultants as necessary;
- take note of the deadline for submitting written comments on the draft report (early September 2026) to help finalise the gap analysis report and its conclusions on whether to revise the child-friendly justice guidelines, with a view to its adoption at a joint online session of the three committees next November.

11. **State of play of the implementation of selected conventions and/or recommendations falling under the CDCJ’s responsibility, including proposals for follow-up deliverables, and awareness-raising activities in other international and global fora where relevant** (*main deliverable 12 and main tasks v, xiv and xviii*)

Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer Treaty Office (CETS No. 226) – follow-up

- a. Tour de table on signatures and ratifications of the Luxembourg Convention
- b. Promotion of the Luxembourg Convention

Working document

- Promotion of the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer [CDCJ\(2025\)03 prov5](#)

The CDCJ is invited to:

- take note of the progress in each member state of the signature/ratification process of the Luxembourg Convention (CETS No. 226) for the protection of the profession of lawyer;
- examine document [CDCJ\(2025\)03 prov5](#) on activities to promote the said convention and provide the necessary guidance to the secretariat as necessary.

CDCJ delegations are invited to inform the secretariat of any translations of the Luxembourg Convention produced by their authorities in their national languages, and to provide electronic copies of these, which could be made available on the Treaty Office’s website as “unofficial translations” as well as on the CDCJ webpage dedicated to the Luxembourg Convention.

12. **Provide input to the Committee of Ministers in view of the regular, high-level dialogue with member States and partners on delivering on the Reykjavik Principles for Democracy** (*main task xiii*) **and contribute, where relevant, to the process towards a New Democratic Pact for Europe** (*main task ii*)

Working document

- Strategic input of the CDCJ to the Reykjavik principles for Democracy and the New Democratic Pact [CDCJ\(2026\)06 prov](#)

Background documents

- [Reykjavik Principles for Democracy](#)
- [2025 Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe “Towards a new democratic pact for Europe”](#)

The CDCJ is invited to:

- examine document [CDCJ\(2026\)06 prov](#) prepared by the secretariat on the strategic input of the CDCJ to the Reykjavik Principles for Democracy and the New Democratic Pact for Europe, which underlines the relevance of its activities to these two strategic documents;

- provide the secretariat with the necessary guidance to finalise this document in order to provide the Committee of Ministers with its input on the implementation of the [Reykjavik Principles for Democracy](#) and the [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#).

13. Observer status with the CDCJ and its subordinate bodies

Working document

- Request from the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) for observer status with the CDCJ and preliminary assessment by the secretariat in light of the CDCJ criteria to grant observer status
[CDCJ\(2026\)07](#) (*restricted*)

Background document

- Criteria to assess requests for observer status and decision-making processes
[CDCJ\(2022\)20](#)

The CDCJ is invited to examine the request from the Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) for observer status with the CDCJ and the preliminary assessment by the secretariat in the light of the CDCJ criteria to grant observer status (see restricted document [CDCJ\(2026\)07](#)).

The President of the CNUE, Roland Wadge, will attend the meeting on 3 June to present the application and provide the committee with any additional information it may require.

14. Developments in member states in the area of private law

Working document

- Information collected
[CDCJ\(2026\)08 rev](#) (*original language*)

The CDCJ is invited to:

- take note of the information provided by member states on developments in their legislation in the area of private law, as it appears in document [CDCJ\(2026\)08 rev](#), and thank the delegations concerned for their contributions;

Document [CDCJ\(2026\)08 rev](#) contains the information received from member states before or immediately after the CDCJ Bureau meeting held in March. CDCJ members are offered the possibility of sharing new and/or additional information in writing **no later than 26 May**, or, if need be, of providing brief information orally during the meeting provided that they notify the secretariat beforehand and supply a text in advance for the purpose of interpretation.

- confirm the proposal made by the CDCJ Bureau in March to add a rubric in the calls for information asking delegations to indicate whether any developments would prove relevant to future work of the committee.

15. Co-operation with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, other international organisations and civil society in the area of private law

Working document

- Information collected
[CDCJ\(2026\)10](#) (*original language*)

The CDCJ is invited to take note of the information provided by relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, other international organisations and civil society in the area of private law as it appears in document [CDCJ\(2026\)10](#) and thank the contributors for this information.

16. Review of the CDCJ working methods

Working document

- Draft revised working methods of the CDCJ
[CDCJ\(2026\)02 prov2](#) (*restricted*)

Background documents

- [Non-paper on the CDCJ working methods](#)
- [Working methods of CDCJ - adopted by written procedure on 2 September 2014, revised by the CDCJ Bureau during its 102nd meeting \(29-30 June 2017\) and revised by the CDCJ at its 97th plenary meeting \(1-3 December 2021\)](#)

The CDCJ is invited to:

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- examine the proposals for a revision of the CDCJ working methods (document [CDCJ\(2026\)02 prov2](#) (*restricted*)) prepared by the secretariat in the light of the discussions held at the last CDCJ plenary meeting in November 2025 and of its Bureau in March 2026, and taking into account, *inter alia*, new rules for plenary and bureau meetings since 1 January 2026, Resolution [CM/Res\(2021\)3-consolidated](#) (intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods), Resolution [Res\(2001\)6](#) (access to Council of Europe documents), and [Council of Europe Transparency Framework](#);
- adopt its revised CDCJ working methods as they will appear in document CDCJ(2026)02 final.

17. CDCJ Opinions (if any) (*main deliverable 13*)

If need be, the CDCJ is invited to take decisions or to provide appropriate guidance concerning possible comments on adopted texts that the Committee of Ministers transmitted to CDCJ for opinion. To date, no request for an opinion has been received by the CDCJ secretariat.

18. Any other business

Delegations are invited to raise, prior or at the early beginning of the meeting, any other issues and present them.

19. Dates and place of next meetingsWorking document

- Calendar of meetings, consultations and events for 2026-2027
[CDCJ\(2026\)09 rev](#)

The delegations are invited to:

- take note of the updated calendar of its meetings, consultations and events for 2026-2027 ([CDCJ\(2026\)09 rev](#));
- confirm the dates of its 107th plenary meeting scheduled for 17-19 November 2026 in person in Strasbourg and online (hybrid format).

20. Adoption of the abridged meeting report

- CDCJ(2026)15 prov

The CDCJ is invited to adopt the abridged report of its 106th plenary meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Date	Timetable	Agenda items
02/06/2026	9:30 – 17:00	1-4, 5.a, 7 10:30 coffee break 11:00 – 9 14:00 – 5.b and 5.c (breakout groups session) 15:30 coffee break 16:00 - 5.b and 5.c (continued)
03/06/2026	9:30 – 17:00	9:30 – 6 (incl. exchange of views with Wiggo Storhaug Larssen, Vice-President of the CCJE) 10:30 – 13 CNUE 10:45 coffee break 11:00 – 16 14:00 – 10 Joint session with the CDENF

		12, 14, 15, 16 (second reading and adoption) 15:25 family photo ¹ 15:30 coffee break 16:00 - 11
04/06/2026	9:30 – 13:00	8 10:30 coffee break 10:45 – 17 to 20

WORKING DOCUMENTS

Working documents are made available on the CDCJ restricted website
www.coe.int/cdcj

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Terms of Reference	CDCJ Terms of reference for 2024-2027
Terms of Reference	CDCJ-MIG – CDCJ limited working group on migration – Terms of reference for 2024-2026
Terms of Reference	CJ-OR – Committee of Experts on access to origins – Terms of reference for 2025-2026
CM/Res(2021)3-consolidated	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods (<i>Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 May 2021 at the 1404th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies and amended by Resolution on 3 July 2025 at the 1533rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies</i>)
CDCJ(2021)24	Working methods of CDCJ
CDCJ-BU(2021)15 final	Checklist for assessment of gender equality aspects and impact
CDCJ(2022)20	Criteria to assess requests for observer status with the CDCJ and its subordinate bodies and decision-making processes

CDCJ MEETING REPORTS

20-21 March 2025	Bureau: 122 nd meeting	CDCJ-BU(2025)02 restricted Report
16-18 June 2025	104 th plenary meeting	CDCJ(2025)13 Report

¹ The family photo being intended for publication on the CDCJ website and other documents, those who will join the group to participate will be considered to have given their consent to this publication

25-26 September 2025	Bureau: 123 rd meeting	CDCJ-BU(2025)03 Report
18-20 November 2025	105 th plenary meeting	CDCJ(2025)24 Report
12-13 March 2026	Bureau: 124 th meeting	CDCJ-BU(2026)03 Report

MEETING REPORTS OF CDCJ SUBORDINATE BODIES

23-25 April 2025	CDCJ-MIG: 3 rd meeting	Decisions
3-5 June 2025	CJ-OR: 1 st meeting	Report
29 September – 1 October 2025	CDCJ-MIG: 4 th meeting	Decisions
28-30 October 2025	CJ-OR: 2 nd meeting	Report
23-24 February 2026	CDCJ-MIG: 5 th meeting	Decisions
24-26 March 2026	CJ-OR: 3 rd meeting	Report

RECENT CDCJ PUBLICATIONS

January 2026	Compendium of promising practices on access to nationality for stateless children	English French
February 2026	Administrative detention of migrants and asylum seekers: Guide for practitioners	German Portuguese
February 2026	Practical guide on the mechanism of the European Convention on information on foreign law	German Italian Romanian Spanish Hungarian Polish
February 2026	Study on national climate litigation	English French
February 2026	Information leaflet on the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer (CETS No. 226) – for states not members of the Council of Europe	English French
March 2026	Information leaflet on the Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer (CETS No. 226)	Spanish Italian German

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