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107th plenary meeting European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)

17-19 November 2026

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Room 11 and online

Draft annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

Working documents

- Draft agenda
  CDCJ(2026)OJ2 prov
- Draft annotated agenda
  CDCJ(2026)OJ2 ANN prov

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 25 September 2026)

The Chair will welcome any new member that has joined the committee since the last plenary meeting (2-4 June 2026) and give them the floor to introduce themselves.

4. Information by the chair, CDCJ members, and secretariat

The Chair will invite members for an update concerning meetings and events that they have attended of relevance to the current activities of the CDCJ, in particular CDCJ representatives in other committees.

5. Review of progress

a. Annual exchange of views to evaluate its activities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued (*main task xv*)

Working document
Stocktaking: implementation of CDCJ activities for 2026-2027
CDCJ(2026)01 rev3

b. Calendar of meetings, consultations and events for 2026-2027
CDCJ(2026)09 rev3

c. Future CDCJ activities

Exchange of views with Francesco Depasquale. President of the CEPEJ

Working documents

- Draft proposals for possible future CDCJ activities including draft terms of reference of the CDCJ for 2028-2031
CDCJ(2026)17 prov2 *(restricted)*

- Draft terms of reference of the CDCJ limited working group on justice and the workload of courts (CDCJ-JUS)
CDCJ(2026)28 prov2 *(restricted)*

Background 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

- 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

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

The CDCJ is invited to:

a. hold its annual exchange of views to evaluate its activities, based on document CDCJ(2026)01 rev3 ;

take note of the revised terms of reference for the CDCJ and CJ-OR for 2027, as adopted by the Committee of Ministers, and reappoint for one year Thomas Knoll-Biermann as Chair of the C-OR;

b. take note of the calendar of its activities for 2027.

c. examine the possible future CDCJ activities and draft terms of reference for 2028-2031, based on document CDCJ(2026)17 prov2 (restricted), and adopt the proposed draft terms of reference to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption;

examine and adopt the draft terms of reference for its Limited Working Group on Justice and the Workload of Courts (CDCJ-JUS) which is to revise Recommendation No. R (86) 12 concerning measures to prevent and to reduce the excessive workload in the courts, select its president and, if possible, its members;

hold an exchange of views with Francesco Depasquale, President of the European Commission on the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), concerning the work of the CDCJ-JUS on revising Recommendation No. R (86) 12, which originated in an opinion of the CEPEJ, and other matters of common interest to both committees, such as topics for a future thematic review under the Sofia Action Plan.

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

- Programme of the CDCJ Conference -" Strengthening Judicial Independence: Career and Training of Judges" (17 November 2026)
- Report on the thematic review focused on the career and training of judges

Background document

- Report of the CDCJ to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the implementation of the "Sofia Action Plan"

The Launch Conference of the report of 1st Thematic Review under the Sofia Action Plan will take place on the afternoon of the first day of the plenary meeting (17 November 2026).

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

Working document

- Draft outline of the feasibility study on the use of artificial intelligence for policing, the administration of justice and borders/migration
  CDCJ(2026)18 prov

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;

- to exchange views with the consultant on the draft outline of the feasibility study on the use of AI for policing, the administration of justice and borders/migration (CDCJ(2026)18 prov);

- to provide the necessary guidance to the consultant to pursue the preparation of the feasibility study with a view to its adoption at the plenary meeting of the CDCJ in November 2027.

The consultant, Dr Sabrina Hammoudi, will attend the meeting online.

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 final / CDCJ(2026)19 prov (*restricted)*

- Draft explanatory memorandum to the draft revised recommendation on the nationality of children
  CDCJ-MIG(2026)03 final / CDCJ(2026)20 prov *(restricted)*

- Draft checklist for policy makers
  CDCJ-MIG(2026)05 final / CDCJ(2026)21 prov *(restricted)*

- Compilation of comments from the CDCJ, CDCJ-MIG and Youth stakeholders
  CDCJ(2026)22 rev *(original language -restricted*)

- List of decisions of the 6th meeting of the CDCJ limited Working Group on Migration - CDCJ-MIG (22-23 September 2026, online)
  CDCJ-MIG(2026)PV2

Background documents

- Feasibility study on a non-binding legal instrument regarding stateless children's access to nationality
  CDCJ(2024)15

The CDCJ is invited to:

- to examine, in the light of the comments received from the CDCJ, CDCJ-MIG and Youth stakeholders (CDCJ(2026)22 rev - *restricted*), the draft revised recommendation on the nationality of children and its draft revised explanatory memorandum as well as the draft checklist for policy makers (documents CDCJ(2026)19 prov, CDCJ(2026)20 prov and CDCJ(2026)21 prov (restricted) respectively);

- to approve the draft revised recommendation, prior to its transmission to the Committee of Ministers, and adopt the draft revised explanatory memorandum and checklist;

- to take note of the list of decisions of the 6th meeting of the CDCJ-MIG (22-23 September 2026) (CDCJ-MIG(2026)PV2).

The Vice-Chair of the CDCJ-MIG, Katerina Radova (Czechia), and the consultant, Professor René De Groot, will also attend the meeting online on 19 Novembre at 9:00 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 prov6 *(restricted)*

- Preliminary draft explanatory memorandum to the draft recommendation
  CJ-OR(2026)03 prov (restricted)

- Compilation of CJ-OR comments received on the draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins
  CJ-OR(2026)04 *(original language - restricted)*

- Non- paper on the impact of Recommendation CM/Rec(2026)10 on establishing harmonised measures for the protection of third-party gamete donors
  CDCJ(2026)29

- Report of the 4th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins – CJ-OR (27-29 October 2026)
  CJ-OR(2026)05

Background documents

- 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 2025-2027 (revised version)
  CJ-OR(2025)01 rev2

- Workplan and calendar of CJ-OR activities for 2025-2027
  CJ-OR(2025)02 rev2

- 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:

- to examine the draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins (CJ-OR(2025)10 prov6)

- to take note of the preliminary draft explanatory memorandum (CJ-OR(2026)03 prov – restricted);

- to provide guidance on the draft texts to the CJ-OR.

The Chair of the CJ-OR, Thomas Knoll-Biermann (Germany) and the consultant, Laurence Brunet, will attend the meeting online**.**

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 rev2

- Compilation of comments received from CDCJ, CDENF and CDPC members on the draft report (gap analysis) on the thematic review of the Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice CDENF(2026)13 (*original language – restricted)*

Background documents

- Thematic Review of the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on child-friendly justice: Gap Analysis Report – Draft prepared by Susanna Greijer and Andriana Kostopoulou, independent consultants
CDENF(2026)06

- 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 is invited to examine the Thematic Review of the Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice - Draft Report (gap analysis) (document CDENF(2026)06 rev2) with a view to its adoption, together with the Steering Committee on the Rights of the Child (CDENF) and the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), at a joint session on 25 November 2026, to be followed online by CDCJ members.

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 prov6

The CDCJ is invited to:

- hold a tour de table in order 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;

- take note of document CDCJ(2025)03 prov6 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 documents

- Strategic input of the CDCJ to the Reykjavík principles for Democracy and the New Democratic Pact
  CDCJ(2026)06 prov2

- Questionnaire on Democratic Security for Council of Europe intergovernmental committees and monitoring bodies: proposals for CDCJ replies

Background documents

- Reykjavik Principles for Democracy

- 2026 Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe "The New Democratic Pact for Europe in times of rupture"

- 2025 Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe "Towards a new democratic pact for Europe"

The CDCJ is invited to:

- examine and finalise document CDCJ(2026)06 prov2, revised by the secretariat in the light of the outcome of the last plenary meeting and the meeting of the Bureau, 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;

- examine and finalise the replies to the questionnaire on democratic security as a contribution to the ongoing process within the framework of the New Democratic Pact.

13. Transversal issues

a. Mainstreaming gender, youth, children's rights, rights of persons with disabilities, and Roma and Traveller[1] issues *(main task xvi)*

Background document

- Checklist for assessment of gender equality aspects and impact CDCJ-BU(2021)15 final

b. Contribution to the UNSDGs - Goal 5: Gender equality, Goal 10; Reduce inequality within and among countries, Goal 13: Climate Change and Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions *(main task xix)*

The CDCJ is invited to assess how its activities for the past year contributed to mainstreamed issues and the UNSDs, based on the information provided by the secretariat

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

Working document

- Information collected CDCJ(2026)23 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)23 rev, and thank the delegations concerned for their contributions.

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)26 *(original language)*

[1] The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.
Les termes « Roms et Gens du voyage » utilisés au Conseil de l'Europe englobent la grande diversité des groupes concernés par les travaux du Conseil de l'Europe dans ce domaine : d'une part, a) les Roms, les Sintés/Manouches, les Calés/Gitans, les Kaalés, les Romanichels, les Béash/Rudars ; b) les Égyptiens des Balkans (Égyptiens et Ashkali) ; c) les branches orientales (Doms, Loms et Abdal) ; d'autre part, les groupes tels que les Travellers, les Yéniches et les personnes que l'on désigne par le terme administratif de « Gens du voyage » ainsi que celles qui s'auto-identifient comme Tsiganes. Ceci est une note de bas de page explicative et non une définition des Roms et/ou des Gens du voyage.

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 public law as it appears in document CDCJ(2026)26.

16. Elections and Appointments

a. Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair and a Bureau member)

Working documents

- Information note
  CDCJ(2026)INF01 *(restricted)*

- Candidates' biographies
  CDCJ(2026)INF02 (*original language – confidential)*

b. Appointments for 2027 (CDCJ Representatives and Rapporteurs,)
CDCJ(2026)27

The CDCJ is invited to:

- elect its chair and vice-chair for 2027;

- elect, for a two-year term of office, a member for its Bureau in replacement of Guillaume Vieillard (France) whose term comes to an end on 31 December 2026;

- designate its representatives in other committees where relevant work is being carried out and rapporteurs on mainstreamed issues.

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 meetings

Working document

- Calendar of meetings, consultations and events for 2026-2027
  CDCJ(2026)09 rev3

The delegations are invited to confirm the dates of its 108th plenary meeting scheduled for 8-10 June 2027 and its 109th plenary meeting scheduled for 16-18 November, in person in Strasbourg and online (hybrid format).

20. Adoption of the abridged meeting report

- CDCJ(2026)30 prov

The CDCJ is invited to adopt the abridged report of its 107th plenary meeting.

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

Date	**Timetable** CET	**Agenda items/**
17/11/2026	9:30 – 17:30	9:30 – 1-2 (adoption agenda) 3 (tour de table – CDCJ members*),* 4 (udpate), 5.a (stocktaking activities), 5.b (calendar*),* 5.c (future activités) 11:00 - coffee break 11:15 –5.c (continued -*Exchange of views with the CEPEJ president)* 7 (feasibility AI) 12:30 - lunch break 14:30 – 6- Launch conference “Strenghtening judicial independence and impartiality: career and training of judges” 15:45-16:15 - coffee break 16:15 – 17:30 – conference (continued) 17:30 - family photo[2] and closing 1st day meeting
18/11/2026	9:30 – 17:00	9:30 – 9 (CJ-OR) 10:45 - coffee break 11:00 – 9 (continued if need be*)*, 16 (elections and appointments), 10 (CFJ guidelines), 14 (legislative developments), 15 (developments in other fora) 12:30 - lunch break 14:00 –11 (Lawyers’ Convention), 12 (contribution Reykjavik & NDP), 13 (transversal issues) 15:45 - coffee break/*pause café* 16:00 – 17 (CDCJ Opinions)

[2] 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.

		18 (other business) 19 (next meetings) 17:00 – closing 2nd meeting day
19/11/2026	9:00 – 13:00	9:00 – 8 (CDCJ-MIG) 10:45 - coffee break/*pause café* 11:15 – 8 (continued if need be), 20 (adoption meeting report) 13:00 – closing 3rd meeting day

WORKING DOCUMENTS

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

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS / *DOCUMENTS DE RÉFÉRENCE*

Terms of Reference	CDCJ Terms of reference for 2024-2027 (revised)
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 2025-2027 (revised)
CM/Res(2021)3-consolidated (EN)	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods *(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 12 May 2021 at the 1404th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies and amended by Resolution CM/Res(2025)2 on 3 July 2025 at the 1533rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies))*
CDCJ(2026)02	Working methods of CDCJ (as revised and adopted by the CDCJ on 3 June 2026)
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: 122nd meeting	CDCJ-BU(2025)02 restricted Report
16-18 June 2025	104th plenary meeting	CDCJ(2025)13 Report
25-26 September 2025	Bureau: 123rd meeting	CDCJ-BU(2025)03 Report
18-20 November 2025	105th plenary meeting	CDCJ(2025)24

		Report
12-13 March 2026	Bureau: 124th meeting	CDCJ-BU(2026)03 Report
2-4 June 2026	106th plenary meeting	CDCJ(2026)16 Report
6-7 October 2026	Bureau: 125th meeting	CDCJ-BU(2026)04 Report

MEETING REPORTS OF CDCJ SUBORDINATE BODIES

23-25 April 2025	CDCJ-MIG: 3rd meeting	Decisions
3-5 June 2025	CJ-OR: 1st meeting	Report
29 September – 1 October 2025	CDCJ-MIG: 4th meeting	Decisions
28-30 October 2025	CJ-OR: 2nd meeting	Report
23-24 February 2026	CDCJ-MIG: 5th meeting	Decisions
24-26 March 2026	CJ-OR: 3rd meeting	Report
22-23 September 2026	CDCJ-MIG: 6th meeting	Report
27-29 October 2026	CJ-OR: 4th meeting	Report

RECENT CDCJ PUBLICATIONS

August 2026	Follow-up to the Council of Europe Plan of Action on strengthening judicial independence and impartiality (Sofia Action Plan) - Thematic review focused on the career and training of judges	Report
October 2026	Practical guide on the mechanism of the European convention on information on foreign law (ETS No. 62) and its additional protocol (ETS No. 97)	Greek version