Strasbourg, 4 December 2019

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (CDDG)

DRAFT AGENDA

Opening of the meeting: Monday 9 December 2019 at 9.30 am
Close of the meeting: Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 6.00 pm
Strasbourg, Council of Europe, Agora, Room G03

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda [CDDG(2019)OJ1 rev.] For adoption
   Order of business

2. Recent developments
   - Council of Europe: information by Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance For information and discussion
   - Member States: exchange of views on the basis of information from delegations concerning ongoing reforms in their countries For information

3. Information by the Chair and Bureau members on recent activities [CDDG(2019)1] For information

4. Promoting democratic governance through shared experience

   Intervention by Ms Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

   Administrative and government reform For discussion
   - Mr Michal Bagačka, State Secretary responsible for Public Administration, Slovak Republic
   - Mr Sean Dougherty, OECD Network on Fiscal Relations
   - Mr Sigurður Ingi Jóhannsson, Minister of Transport and Local Government, Iceland
   - Mr Viacheslav Nehoda, Deputy Minister of Regional Development, Ukraine

   Other international organisations
   - Mr Sean Dougherty, OECD Network on Fiscal Relations
5. **Cooperation with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**

   Exchange of views with Mr Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress

For discussion


   [CM/Rec(2017)5] For information
   [CDDG(2019)2] For decision

7. **Decisions by the Committee of Ministers of relevance to the work of the CDDG**

   For discussion

7.1 **Issues presented for consideration by the CDDG**

   [CDDG(2019)3] For action

7.2 **CDDG Terms of Reference 2020-2021**

   Terms of Reference [CDDG(2019)4] For decision

- Exchange of views and consideration of a workplan
- The impact of the digital transformation on democracy and governance
  - *Round Table on Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Democracy (Strasbourg, 20 September 2019)*
  - *Artificial Intelligence, Democracy and Governance: a brief overview of ongoing work by other international organisations and fora*
- New technologies in the electoral cycle
- Appointment of Rapporteurs on Gender Equality, on Children’s Rights, on Roma and Travellers Issues and on the rights of persons with disabilities

8. **State of implementation of the CDDG activities according to its terms of reference 2018-2019**

8.1 **Public ethics**

   - Information on the meetings of the CDDG working group on public ethics (18-19 March and 16-17 September 2019, Strasbourg)
   - Guidelines on public ethics
   - Revised handbook of good practice on public ethics
   - Feasibility study on a Council of Europe indicator framework on public ethics

   [CDDG(2019)8] For adoption
   [CDDG(2019)9 + Addendum] For adoption
   [CDDG(2019)10] For decision

8.2 **E-democracy**

   - Information on the meetings of the CDDG working group on e-democracy (14-15 March and 12-13 September 2019, Strasbourg)
   - Guidelines on e-democracy in the form of a toolkit

   [CDDG(2019)11 + Addendum] For approval in substance and decision
8.3 **Strategy for Innovation and Good Governance**
- Promotion of the 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance in member States
- Report on the third meeting of the European Stakeholders’ Platform (23 May 2019)
- Conference on the 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance and the European Label of Governance’ Excellence (28 October 2019)

For discussion

9. **Developing tools on good democratic governance and supporting reforms**

*Centre of Expertise for Good Governance*
- Activity report of the Centre of Expertise: state of implementation and activities in 2019

For discussion

10. **Election of the Bureau**

*Election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and five members of the Bureau*

For election

11. **Chairmanships of the Committee of Ministers**


For information

12. **Activities of other Council of Europe bodies**

*Final report*

For information

Presentations on:
- INGOs Conference
- World Forum for Democracy
- The activities of the Electoral Assistance Division
- Directorate of Internal Oversight: Evaluation of the intergovernmental committees

13. **Other business**

- Reports on meetings of the Bureau
  - [CDDG-Bu(2019)9] For information
  - [CDDG-Bu(2019)21] For information

- Any other item

14. **Adoption of the abridged meeting report**

For adoption

15. **Date and place of the next meeting**

For decision