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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (CDDG)

ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

**Thursday 10 September 2020 from 10.30 to 1 and from 2.30 to 4.00 pm
and**

Friday 11 September 2020 from 10.30 to 1 and from 2.30 to 4.00 pm

Thursday 10 September 2020

10.30

1. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda** [CDDG(2020)OJ1]

2. **Information on recent activities and developments**

Statement by Mr Markku Mölläri (Finland), Chair *ad interim* of the CDDG
Reports of Bureau meetings

[[CDDG-Bu\(2020\)9](#)]
[[CDDG-Bu\(2020\)12](#)]
[[CDDG-Bu\(2020\)15](#)]
[[CDDG-Bu\(2020\)18](#)]
[[CDDG-Bu\(2020\)25](#)]

Exchange of views with Ms Claudia Luciani, Director,
Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance

Information by the Secretariat as regards the conduct of
the meeting

11.20

6. **Democratic governance and Covid-19** [[CDDG\(2020\)10](#) +
[Addendum I, II, III](#)]

- Consideration of a draft report

Webpage of the thematic meeting

- Exchange of views with Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary *ad interim* of the Venice Commission

Webpage on the CDDG and Covid-19

Members are invited to consider a preliminary draft report on Democratic Governance and Covid-19, which is largely based on the replies to the Rapid Response Service questionnaire (Addendum I) and the CDDG thematic meeting on A democratic governance response to Covid-19 (18 June 2020). They will be briefed by the Secretariat

Webpage of the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance and Covid-19

Venice Commission [report on Respect for democracy, human](#)

about a survey which was conducted amongst local authorities in Serbia in the context of a project implemented by the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance. Finally, they will hold an exchange of views with Ms Granata-Menghini on Elections and Covid-19.

[rights and the rule of law during states of emergency](#)

Members of the CDDG are invited to provide additional information on their countries' response to Covid-19, also by replying to the Rapid Response Service questionnaire or sending updates. The additional information will be taken into account in the preparation of the report and will be uploaded on the webpage.

1- Lunch break

2.30

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3. State of implementation of the CDDG activities according to its terms of reference 2020-2021

3.1 E-democracy

Final approval of the Guidelines on e-democracy in the form of a toolkit

[\[CDDG\(2020\)6\]](#)

Members are invited to discuss and give their final approval to the Guidelines on e-democracy in the form of a toolkit (the Handbook on e-democracy), which had already been approved in substance by the CDDG at its 9th plenary meeting.

3.00

3.3 Democracy and technology

- Report of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on democracy and technology (27-28 January 2020)
- Progress of work
- Participation of the representative of the CDDG (Peter Andre) to the Ad hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)

[\[GT-DT\(2020\)5\]](#)

[\[CDDG\(2020\)8\]](#)

Briefing by the Chair of the working group, the Secretariat and the CDDG representative to the CAHAI

3.4 Democratic accountability

- Report of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on accountability (13-14 February 2020)
- Progress of work

[\[GT-RE\(2020\)4\]](#)

[\[CDDG\(2020\)9\]](#)

Briefing by the Chair of the working group and the Secretariat

3.5 Stocktaking and exchange of views on priorities

[\[CDDG\(2020\)5\]](#)

Members are invited to take stock of the progress of work of the CDDG in relation to its terms of reference (2020-2021) and to identify possible priorities for future work

4. Secretary General's request for a contribution by the CDDG on general priorities and working methods

[\[CDDG\(2020\)14\]](#)

Exchange of views and approval of a reply

Members are invited to hold an exchange of views on the questions raised by the Secretary General, in order to provide an input for the reply by the Chair ad interim

4.00 *End of the first day*

Friday 11 September 2020

10.30 State of implementation of the CDDG activities according to its terms of reference 2020-2021 (continued)

3.2. *Public ethics*

- Updating the Guide on public ethics
- Presentation of the new toolkit on public ethics by Mr Alan Doig, expert consultant

[\[CDDG\(2020\)7\]](#)
[Toolkit](#)

As decided by the CDDG, the Guide "Steps to implementing public ethics in public organisations" is a living document, which should be regularly updated by the CDDG. Members are invited to approve the update.

11.00

7. European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE)

[Link to webpage](#)

- Stocktaking of implementation
- Presentation of the new webpage
- Presentation of the Regulations
- European Capital of Democracy project: Presentation by Helfried Carl, Senior Director of the Innovation in Politics Institute

[Regulations](#)
[Rules](#)

<https://innovationinpolitics.eu/en/>

Members will be briefed about the implementation of ELoGE. They will also be shown the new outlook of the ELoGE webpage and be reminded about the recent changes to the Rules of ELOGE and the Regulations of the European Stakeholders' Platform, both of which have already been approved.

Mr Helfried Carl will present the European Capital of Democracy project, which has many aspects in common with ELoGE.

12.00**8. Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers**

- Stocktaking of the Georgian Presidency (November 2019-May 2020)
- Priorities of the Greek Chairmanship (May-November 2020)

[Stocktaking](#)[Priorities](#)

Members are invited to take note of the information.

9. World Forum for Democracy

Information on the 2020 edition "Can Democracy Save the Environment?" (Strasbourg, 16-18 November 2020)

[Link to webpage](#)

Members are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

10. Activities of other Council of Europe bodies[\[CDDG\(2020\)11\]](#)

Members are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

- 1- 2.30** Lunch break, during which members will receive the draft abridged meeting report

11. Elections of the Bureau of the CDDG to be held at its 12th meeting[\[CDDG\(2020\)13\]](#)

Members are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

- 12.** Other business

- 14.** Adoption of the abridged meeting report

Members are invited to approve the abridged meeting report in the new harmonised format requested by the Committee of Ministers.

[\[CDDG\(2020\)12\]](#)**3.30**

- 13.** Concluding remarks by Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy

15. Date and place of the next meeting

25-27 November 2020 (place/modalities to be confirmed)