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## **EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (CDDG)**

### **REVISED WORKPLAN**

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## 1. Introduction

The CDDG's specific tasks for the 2020-2021 biennium are:

- (i) Building on its previous work on e-democracy, and taking into account the outcome of the 129<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Ministers in Helsinki, prepare a study on the impact of the digital transformation, including artificial intelligence and automated decision-making, on democracy and good governance, also with a view to contributing to the work of the CAHAI;
- (ii) Develop standards on new technologies and the different stages of the electoral process (including voter registration, transmission and tabulation of results, etc.) in the form of a Committee of Ministers' recommendation or guidelines as a follow-up to the Secretary General's reports on the State of Democracy, Human Rights and Rule of Law and taking into account the outcome of the 129<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Ministers in Helsinki as well as the work of the Venice Commission in this area.
- (iii) Draft a recommendation for the Committee of Ministers on democratic accountability of elected officials and bodies at local and regional level with a view to complementing Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2019\)3](#) on the supervision of local authorities' activities and updating previous work in this area.
- (iv) Promote the guidelines and the revised Handbook on public ethics at all levels of government.
- (v) Contribute to the implementation of the next Digital Governance Strategy in its field of expertise.
- (vi) Contribute to the updating of toolkits of the Centre of expertise for good governance reflecting the latest governance practices as well as the principles of efficiency and effectiveness.
- (vii) Report to the Committee of Ministers on a regular basis on the work and achievements of the European Stakeholders Platform which delivers the accreditation to the national platforms or bodies authorised to grant the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE).
- (viii) Review progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), as evidenced by monitoring mechanisms and promoted through standard-setting and exchange of experiences and good practices.

## 2. Proposals for the organisation of work in 2021

The proposals for the organisation of work and working methods in 2021 remain unchanged. As regards the completion of the main specific tasks for the biennium, the workplan which was agreed by the CDDG at its 12<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting remain applicable, namely:

Meeting	Progress
13 <sup>th</sup> CDDG	Completion of task (i)
14 <sup>th</sup> CDDG	Completion of task (ii) and (iii)

### 3. Revised timetable of meetings in 2021

Until the end of June 2021, meetings of intergovernmental committees will take place online. In the light of this decision, and the progress of work in working groups, following consultation of the Bureau, the following revised timetable of meetings is proposed for the CDDG and its subordinate structures:

<b>COMMITTEE/BODY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
13th CDDG	15-16 April	Videoconference
GT-DT Consultation with Election Management Bodies	One day meeting in May	Videoconference
GT-RE	16 June	Videoconference
GT-DT	One day meeting in September	
GT-RE	13-14 September	
Bureau	14-15 October	
14th CDDG	29-30 November	

At the Bureau's request, informal consultations amongst its members may be organised online in-between Bureau meetings, using the Bluejeans platform.

### 4. Action required

The CDDG is invited to consider the revised work plan.