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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE (CDDG)

13th meeting via videoconference

15 April 2021, 10.30-1.00 and 2.30-5.00 pm (CET)

16 April 2021, 10.30-1.00 and 2.30-5.00 pm (CET)

ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

| 15 April 2021 | | |
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| Approx. time | ITEM | |
| 10.30 | 1. | Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda |
| 10.40 | 2. | Information on recent activities and developments |
| | | Statement by the Chair |
| | | Report of the Bureau meeting |
| | | Exchange of views with Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance |
| | | Information by the Secretariat |
| 11.10 | 4. | Promoting democratic governance through shared experience |
| | | Exchange of views with Mr Viacheslav Nehoda, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development, Ukraine |
| 12.00 | 8. | Activities of the Committee of Ministers and other Council of Europe bodies |
| | | Exchange of views with Ambassador Marten Ehnberg, Permanent Representative of Sweden, Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Democracy (GR-DEM) |
| | 3. | State of implementation of the CDDG activities according to its terms of reference 2020-2021 |
| | | Progress of work |
| | | Revision of the work plan |
| 1-2.30 | | BREAK |

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| 2.30 | 3.1 | Democracy and technology |
| | | Report of the 4 th meeting of the Working Group on democracy and technology |
| | | Report by Mr Peter Andre, CDDG Rapporteur, on developments at the CAHAI |
| | 3.1.1 | <i>Specific task i: Impact of digital transformation on democracy and good governance</i> |
| | | Approval of the study |
| 3.30 | 3.1.2 | <i>Specific task 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</i> |
| | | Exchange of views with the Venice Commission: Presentation of the Principles for a fundamental rights-compliant use of digital technologies in electoral processes , by Mr José Luis Vargas Valdez, Judge at the Federal Electoral Tribunal, Mexico |
| 4.15 | 4. | Promoting democratic governance through shared experience |
| | | Exchange of views with Mr Frederic Vallier, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) |
| | | Presentation of current developments or ongoing reforms by members of the CDDG |
| 5.00 | | End of the first day |

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| 10.30 | 3.1.2 | <i>Specific task 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</i> |
| | | Consideration of the analysis of the replies to the questionnaire |
| | | Consideration of preliminary draft guidelines |
| | | Exchange of views with the participation of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ardita Driza Maurer, University of Zurich, Zentrum für Demokratie Aarau, Gimmel, Switzerland • Mr Robert Krimmer, ERA-Chair Full Professorship of e-Governance, Skytte Institute, University of Tartu, Estonia • Ms Melanie Volkamer, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany |

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| | 5. | Introduction of a 4-year Strategic Framework |
| | | Exchange of views on the implications and possible CDDG priorities for 2022-2025 |
| | 6. | Activities of the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance |
| | | Presentation by Ms Alina Tatarenko, Head of the Centre of Expertise for Good Governance |
| | | Update as regards the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE) |
| | 7. | Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers |
| | | Activities of the Presidency of Germany (November 2020-May 2021) |
| | | Priorities of the Presidency of Hungary (May-November 2021) |
| | 8. | Activities of the Committee of Ministers and other Council of Europe bodies |
| | | Parliamentary Assembly: presentation by Ms Sibel Arslan, General Rapporteur on local and regional authorities, member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development |
| | | Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: presentation by Mr Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress |
| | | World Forum for Democracy (WFD) |
| | | INGOs Conference: presentation by Mr Gerhard Ermischer, Civilscape |
| | | Activities of the Committee of Ministers and other Council of Europe bodies |
| 1-2.30 | | BREAK |
| 2.30 | 3.2 | Specific task iii: Democratic accountability |
| | | Report of the 3 rd meeting of the Working Group on accountability |
| | | Consideration of a preliminary draft recommendation for the Committee of Ministers on democratic accountability of elected officials and bodies at local and regional level |
| | | Presentation by Mr Jorge Valladares, Research and Policy Expert, Political Integrity, Transparency International (international secretariat) |
| | 9. | Gender mainstreaming in the work of the CDDG |
| | | Presentations by the CDDG gender equality rapporteurs |
| | | Approval of guidelines on gender mainstreaming in the work of the CDDG |
| | 10. | Other business |
| | 11. | Adoption of the abridged meeting report |
| 5.00 | | End of the second day |