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

### **CDDG WORKPLAN AND TIMETABLE 2022 (update)**

**The CDDG is invited to take note of the information and dates contained in this document.**

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The following table, initially approved at the CDDG's 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (29-30 November 2021), provides an updated overview of meetings and their dates for 2022. It is to be noted that:

- the GT-BG (regarding the draft recommendation on principles of good democratic governance) and the GT-DD (regarding the draft report on new forms of deliberative democracy) would complete their work in 2022 and the drafts would be submitted for approval to the CDDG at its 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (28-29 November);
- as previously agreed by the CDDG, the working group that is to prepare a draft "Report on green public administration aimed at collecting and disseminating good practice and case studies and identifying guidance for administrations at local, regional and national level" (specific task iii) might, in principle, begin its work before the end of the year; in this perspective, the CDDG adopted terms of reference for this working group at its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (see [CDDG\(2021\)20](#)). The exact schedule of work and members whose participation costs would be borne by the Council of Europe remained to be determined in due course. At its meeting on 24-25 March, the Bureau considered that the work of the GT-BG and GT-DD should nonetheless be given top priority in 2022.
- Technically speaking, the hybrid format is to be privileged for an unpredictable period, that is as long as special anti-Covid measures are in place in some countries and all CDDG members are not able to resume travels to Strasbourg; hybrid meetings in Paris are difficult to hold due to technical limitations.

<b>Timetable for 2022</b>		
<b>COMMITTEE/BODY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
WG on good democratic governance (GT-BG)	24-25 February	Strasbourg / videoconference
CDDG Bureau and ELoGE platform	24-25 March (platform on 25 March afternoon)	Strasbourg / videoconference
15th CDDG	21-22 April	Strasbourg / videoconference
WG on deliberative and participatory democracy (GT-DD)	5-6 May (with additional on-line meeting in June, as necessary)	Strasbourg / videoconference
WG on good democratic governance (GT-BG)	9-10 June Informal hybrid meeting (in-person participation not borne by CoE)	Strasbourg / videoconference

WG on good democratic governance (GT-BG)	15-16 September (with additional on-line meeting in June, as necessary)	Strasbourg / videoconference
WG on deliberative and participatory democracy (GT-DD)	26-27 September	Strasbourg / videoconference
CDDG Bureau	13-14 October	Paris or Strasbourg / videoconference
16th CDDG	28-29 November	Strasbourg / videoconference

It is recalled that starting from 2022, the programming of the intergovernmental committees' activities and their respective terms of reference is based on a quadrennial approach. Budgets are still adopted on a two-year basis by the Committee of Ministers, therefore the terms of reference are actually approved for the first biennial period and approved on a provisional basis for the second period of two years. This means that changes can be proposed by the CDDG to the Committee of Ministers for the second half of the Biennium, in particular.

It is also recalled that in accordance with *Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*, subordinate bodies should be encouraged to rely on information technologies and written consultation in their work.

The table below recalls the CDDG's specific tasks for the period 2022-2025, according to its [terms of reference](#).

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1. Draft Recommendation on Principles of good democratic governance of general application to all levels of government, building on the 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance at local level	31/12/2023
2. Report on new forms of deliberative democracy, with a view to complementing Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)4 on the participation of citizens in local public life and the 2017 Guidelines on civil participation in decision-making and taking into account its own work on e-democracy	31/12/2023
3. Report on green public administration aimed at collecting and disseminating good practice and case studies and identifying guidance for administrations at local, regional and national level, taking into account the proceedings of the 2020-2021 edition of the World Forum for Democracy and its previous work on digitalisation of the public administration	31/12/2023
4. Handbook on the use of digital technologies and artificial intelligence by the public administration, identifying case studies, best practice and policy recommendations	31/12/2024

5. Draft Recommendation on multilevel governance	31/12/2025
6. Report on multilevel governance and response to emergencies, building on its work on Democratic governance and the response to the Covid-19 pandemic	31/12/2025
7. Report on delivering social services at local level, building on the information collected during its work on Democratic governance and the Covid-19 pandemic	31/12/2025
8. Consultation to take stock of implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)5 on electronic voting and the Guidelines on new technologies and the different stages of the electoral process, involving the Venice Commission and Election Management Bodies	31/12/2025