



Building a Europe  
for and with children  
Construire une Europe  
pour et avec les enfants



Strasbourg, 17 May 2021  
CDENF(2021)OJ1ANN

## **Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)**

### **Annotated agenda and order of business**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting**

Strasbourg, 18-20 May 2021

*By Videoconference*

*Tuesday 18 May 2021 – 9.30 am to 4.45 pm*

*Wednesday 19 May 2021 – 2 pm to 4.30 pm*

*Thursday 20 May 2020 – 9.30 am to 1 pm*

*Prepared by the Children's Rights Division*

[children@coe.int](mailto:children@coe.int)  
[www.coe.int/cdenf](http://www.coe.int/cdenf)

## Annotated Agenda

1.	<b>Opening of the meeting</b>	
2.	<b>Adoption of the agenda and order of business</b>	<a href="#">CDENF(2021)OJ1Rev</a> CDENF(2021)OJ1ANN <a href="#">CDENF(2021)LOP1</a>
3.	<b>Statement of the Chair and Secretariat</b>	
4.	<b>CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress and next steps</b>	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)21rev3</a>
	Review of the updated CDENF workplan for the biennium	
4.1	<b>Examination of the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)</b>	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)02rev</a> (action plan)
	a. Review of the updated action plan	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)25rev</a> (draft outline)
	b. Information on the outline of the implementation report and next steps	
4.2	<b>Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)</b>	CDENF(2021)05 (draft Strategy – restricted)
	a. Examination of the draft Strategy	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)17Rev2</a> (work programme and timetable)
	b. Update on progress made with child consultations	
	c. Update on the Strategy launching conference in 2022	
4.3	<b>The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings</b>	<a href="#">CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)PV1</a> (report 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting)
	a. Update on progress made by the Committee of experts on the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE); working methods and workplan	<a href="#">CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)01rev2</a> (working methods and workplan)
	b. Delegation to the Bureau of the adoption of the feasibility studies and decision on the instrument/tools to be prepared by the CJ/ENF-ISE	CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)03A (draft feasibility study on parental separation - restricted)
		CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)03B (draft feasibility study on care proceedings - restricted)
4.4	<b>Work to enhance the implementation of international and Council of Europe standards on the protection of children from violence in member states</b>	<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)PV1</a> (report 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting)
	a. Update on the progress made by the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE) towards the preparation of a draft Recommendation on the Strengthening mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children and discussion of the first draft;	<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)01rev</a> (draft recommendation)
		<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)02rev</a> (summary report)

	b. Approval of a questionnaire to be disseminated via the CDENF.	<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)03rev</a> (draft survey)
	<b>The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field</b>	<a href="#">DH-BIO/INF(2020)20</a> <a href="#">DH-BIO(2021)11</a>
4.5	a. Presentation of an overview on the results of the survey carried out by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) among Delegations and stakeholders b. Update on working methods and next steps towards the establishment of a joint drafting group.	(Proposal for setting up of a drafting group for the development of the Guide jointly with the CDENF)
		<a href="#">CDENF(2021)12</a> (report of the 1 <sup>st</sup> webinar) <a href="#">COVID-19 pandemic and children: challenges, responses and policy implications</a> <a href="#">Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on upholding equality and protecting against discrimination and hate during the Covid-19 pandemic and similar crises in the future</a>
4.6	<b>COVID-19 related responses and actions</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> CDENF webinar on COVID-19 and education: presentation of report and conclusions - 2 <sup>nd</sup> CDENF webinar: proposals for the next event	
		<a href="#">CM/AS(2020)Rec2167-final</a> (CM reply to PACE Recommendation 2167 (2020)) <a href="#">CM/AS(2020)Rec2169-final</a> (CM reply to PACE Recommendation 2169 (2020)) <a href="#">CM/AS(2021)Rec2175-final</a> (CM reply to PACE Recommendation 2175 (2020))
4.7	<b>CDENF opinions for the Committee of Ministers (for information only)</b>	
	<b>CDENF priorities 2022 - 2025</b>	CDENF(2021)06 (Priorities of the CDENF for 2022-2025-Restricted)
5.	Exchange on new priorities for the work of the CDENF for the upcoming four years' cycle, taking into account the new priorities and actions defined under the draft Strategy	
	<b>Transversal issues</b>	
6.	Review of progress towards the UNSDGs through an exchange of views with representatives of other international organisations, notably UNICEF, the UNSRSG office, and the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children and national delegations	<a href="#">CDENF(2021)07Rev</a> (programme for the exchange of views)

---

**7. Co-operation projects**

---

- Co-operation and synergies with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society**
8. a. European Union: EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child  
b. UNCRC: Organisation of a Regional Discussion as contribution to the 2021 UNCRC Day of General Discussion on “children’s rights and alternative care”  
c. ENOC: Child Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA)  
d. Representatives of further bodies and organisations: Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society organisations

[EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child \(2021-2024\)](#)

[Draft Programme Regional Discussion on Children’s Rights and Alternative Care](#)

---

**Elections of the Bureau**

9. Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and of (a) new Bureau member(s)

[CDENF\(2021\)INF1](#)

---

**Nominations/Expressions of interest to be submitted to the CDENF Secretariat by Wednesday, 19 May, 2 pm**

---

**10. Any other business**

---

**11. Date and place of next meetings**

- Plenary session on migration: 14-15 June 2021
- 4<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021

[CDENF\(2020\)21Rev3](#)  
(schedule of CDENF meetings)

---

**12. Approval of the abridged report**

---

## Order of business

Tuesday, 18 May 2021		
Timing	Working Document reference <sup>1</sup>	Agenda item
9.30 am		<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>
9.35 am	CDENF(2021)OJ1 CDENF(2021)OJ1ANN <a href="#">CDENF(2021)LOP1</a>	<b>2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business</b> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to review and adopt the draft agenda and order of business.
9.40 am		<b>3. Statement of the Chair and the Secretariat</b> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF will take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat.
	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)21rev3</a>	<b>4. CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress and next steps</b> Review of the updated CDENF workplan for the biennium
9.45 am	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)02rev</a> (action plan)  <a href="#">CDENF(2020)25rev</a> (draft outline)	<b>4.1 Examination of the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) (CDENF specific task (i))</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by Mr Ásmundur Einar Daðason, Minister of Social Affairs and Children, Iceland, on the Act on Integration of Services in the Interest of Children's Prosperity and on the Dashboard on Children's wellbeing</li> </ul> <u>Exchange of views with Minister Daðason</u> <i>Time for presentation and questions: 30 minutes</i>
10:15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update by the secretariat on the state of implementation of the Strategy and of the action plan and a draft outline for the final implementation report and key timelines</li> <li>Interventions by member states representatives, participants, and observers</li> </ul> <u>Required action:</u> the CDENF is invited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and take note of the updated action plan</li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> Meeting documents will not be screened during the videoconference. CDENF members and observers are invited to have either printed their own copies of the working or reference documents or access those on the Committee's public website [www.coe.int/cdenf](http://www.coe.int/cdenf).

		<p>b) Take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the progress towards the preparation of the final implementation report</p> <p><i>Time for update and discussion: 15 minutes</i></p>
10:30 am		<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45 am	<p>CDENF(2021)05 (draft Strategy – restricted)</p> <p><a href="#">CDENF(2020)17Rev2</a> (work programme and timetable)</p>	<p><b>4.2 Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of the draft Strategy</li> <li>• Update on the progress made with child consultations: Presentation by DCI Italy</li> <li>• Update on the Strategy launching conference in 2022</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Take note of the presentations and interventions of delegations</li> <li>b) Review the draft text of the Strategy before circulation for written comments to all CDENF delegations</li> </ol> <p><i>Time for presentations: 45 minutes; Time for discussion and procedure: 2,5 h (to be continued after lunch break)</i></p>
12.30 pm		<b>Lunch break</b>
2:00 pm		<b>4.2 (continued) Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) and (vi))</b>
3.30 pm	<p><a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)PV1</a> (report 4<sup>th</sup> meeting)</p> <p><a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)01rev</a> (draft recommendation)</p> <p><a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)02rev</a> (summary report)</p> <p><a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)03rev</a> (draft survey)</p>	<p><b>4.4 Work to enhance the implementation of international and Council of Europe standards on the protection of children from violence in member states (CDENF specific task (iii))</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral update by the Chair on progress made by the Working Group (<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE</a>)</li> <li>• Presentation by the experts on progress made towards the preparation of a draft recommendation on strengthening mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children</li> <li>• Prof. Mariëlle Bruning, Leiden University</li> <li>• Simona Florescu, Leiden University</li> <li>• Interventions by member states representatives, participants, and observers</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> the CDENF is invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Take note of the presentations above</li> <li>b) Approve relevant questionnaires related to the issues covered by the Working group, to be disseminated via the CDENF.</li> </ol> <p><i>Time for presentation and discussion: 45 minutes</i></p>

4:15 pm	<p><a href="#">CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)PV1</a> (report 3rd meeting)</p> <p><a href="#">CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)01rev2</a> (working methods and workplan)</p> <p>CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)03A (draft feasibility study on parental separation - restricted)</p> <p>CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)03B (draft feasibility study on care proceedings -restricted)</p>	<p><b>4.3 The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings (CDENF specific task (iv) 1))</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral update by Mr Seamus Carroll, Chair of the <a href="#">CJ/ENF-ISE</a> on progress made, working methods and workplan</li> <li>• Interventions by member states representatives, participants, and observers</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> the CDENF is invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Take note of the progress made by the CJ/ENF-ISE, including the consultations underway, and recall that member states are expected to provide further comments on the draft feasibility studies</li> <li>b) Entrust the Bureau to take due account of comments received as a result of consultations, to examine and adopt the revised feasibility studies and to decide on the instrument/tools to be prepared by the CJ/ENF-ISE, jointly with the Bureau of the CDCJ</li> </ol> <p><i>Time for presentation: 10 minutes; Time for discussion: 20 minutes</i></p>
4:45 pm		<b>End of first day</b>
<b>Wednesday, 19 May 2021</b>		
<b>Timing</b>	<b>Working Document reference</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
2:00 pm	CDENF(2021)06 (Priorities of the CDENF for 2022-2025 - Restricted)	<p><b>5. CDENF priorities 2022 - 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange on new priorities for the work of the CDENF for the upcoming four years' cycle, taking into account the new priorities and actions defined under the draft Strategy</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> the CDENF is invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Take note of the presentation</li> <li>b) Agree on priorities for 2022-2025</li> </ol> <p><i>Time for presentation: 15 minutes; Time for discussion: 25 minutes.</i></p>
2:40 pm		<p><b>7. Co-operation projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral presentation of the co-operation projects underway by the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> the CDENF is invited to take note of the presentation.</p> <p><i>Time for presentation: 20 minutes.</i></p>

3:00 pm	<a href="#">EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024)</a>  <a href="#">Draft Programme of the regional discussion</a>	<p><b>8. Co-operation and synergies with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society (CDENF specific task (ix))</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>European Union</u>: EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child: Presentation by Valeria Setti, European Commission Coordinator for the rights of the Child</li> <li>• <u>UNCRC</u>: Organisation of a Regional Discussion as contribution to the 2021 UNCRC Day of General Discussion on “children’s rights and alternative care”</li> <li>• <u>ENOC</u>: Presentation by Bruce Adamson, President, on ENOC’s activities on Child Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA) (tbc)</li> <li>• <u>Representatives of further bodies and organisations</u>: Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society organisations</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action</u>: The CDENF is invited to take note of the presentations and interventions.</p> <p><i>Time for presentations and discussion: 60 minutes.</i></p>
4:00 pm		<b>Coffee break</b>
4:15 pm	<a href="#">CDENF(2021)12</a> (report of the 1 <sup>st</sup> webinar)  <a href="#">COVID-19 pandemic and children: challenges, responses and policy implications</a>  <a href="#">Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on upholding equality and protecting against discrimination and hate during the Covid-19 pandemic and similar crises in the future</a>	<p><b>4.6. COVID-19 related responses and actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> CDENF webinar on COVID-19 and education: presentation of report and conclusions</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> CDENF webinar: proposals for the next event to be postponed to the second semester of 2021</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action</u>: the CDENF is invited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Take note of the presentations above</li> <li>b) Agree on a new timeline for the 2<sup>nd</sup> CDENF webinar</li> </ol> <p><i>Time for presentation and discussion: 15 minutes</i></p>
4.30 pm		<b>End of second day</b>

Thursday, 20 May 2021		
Timing	Working Document reference	Agenda item
9.30 am	<a href="#">CDENF(2021)INF1</a>	<p><b>9. Elections of the Bureau</b></p> <p>Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and of (a) new Bureau member(s).</p> <p><b>Nominations/Expressions of interest to be submitted to the CDENF Secretariat by Wednesday 19 May, 2 pm</b></p>
10:00 am	<a href="#">DH-BIO/INF(2020)20</a> <a href="#">DH-BIO(2021)11</a> (proposal for setting up of a drafting group for the development of the Guide jointly with the CDENF)	<p><b>4.5 The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 2 and (vi))</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Dr Annagrazia Altavilla, consultant to the Secretariat, of the results of the survey carried out by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) among Delegations and stakeholders</li> <li>• Working methods and next steps towards the establishment of a joint working group.</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to agree on next steps towards the establishment of a joint drafting group.</p> <p><i>Time for presentation: 20 minutes; Time for discussion: 10 minutes.</i></p>
10.30 am	<a href="#">CDENF(2021)07Rev</a> (programme for the exchange of views)	<p><b>6. Transversal issues</b></p> <p>Review of progress towards the UNSDGs through an exchange of views with representatives of other international organisations, notably UNICEF, the UNSRSG office, and the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children and national delegations.</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the good practices presented and interventions by participants.</p> <p><i>Time for presentation and discussion: 60 minutes.</i></p>
11.30 pm		<b>Coffee break</b>
12.00 pm		<b>10. Any other business</b>
12:15	<a href="#">CDENF(2020)21Rev3</a> (schedule of CDENF meetings)	<p><b>11. Date and place of next meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary session on migration: 14-15 June 2021</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting: 13-15 October 2021</li> </ul> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the dates of the next meetings</p>

12.30 pm		<b>12. Adoption of the abridged meeting report</b> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to adopt the abridged meeting report.
<b>1.00 pm</b>		<b><i>End of the meeting</i></b>

## Reference and other documents for information

<a href="#">Terms of reference</a>	CDENF Terms of reference 2020-2021
<b>Agenda item 4.1</b>	<a href="#">Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)</a> <a href="#">1st report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)</a> <a href="#">Mid-term evaluation report on the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)</a> <a href="#">Report on the third priority area of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2016-2021): “A life free from violence for all children”</a> <a href="#">2nd report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child</a>
<b>Agenda item 8</b>	<a href="#">Council Conclusions on EU priorities for cooperation with the Council of Europe 2020-2022</a>

## Recent meeting reports and other CDENF documents

<a href="#">CM(2020)74</a>	Abridged report of the first meeting of the CDENF (4-6 February 2020)
<a href="#">CDENF-BU(2020)PV01</a>	Report of the first meeting of the Bureau (25-26 May 2020)
<a href="#">CDENF(2020)PV2</a>	Summary report of the first thematic exchange of the CDENF (26 June 2020)- COVID 19 Pandemic responses: lessons learnt from management and adaptation to ensure that children are treated as rights holders during the pandemic and beyond
<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2020)PV1rev</a>	Report of the first meeting of the CDENF-GT-VAE (23-24 June 2020)
<a href="#">CDENF-BU(2020)PV02</a>	Report of the second meeting of the Bureau (1 July 2020)
<a href="#">CJ/ENF-ISE(2020)PV1</a>	Report of the first meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (24-25 September 2020)
<a href="#">CDENF-GT-VAE(2020)PV2</a>	Report of the second meeting of the CDENF-GT-VAE (5-6 October 2020)
<a href="#">CDCJ&amp;CDENF/Bu(2020)PV1</a>	Report of the first joint meeting of the Bureaux of the CDCJ and CDENF (7 October 2020)
<a href="#">CDENF/Bu(2020)PV3</a>	Report of the third meeting of the Bureau (20 October 2020)
<a href="#">CM(2021)24</a>	Abridged report of the second meeting of the CDENF (16-18 November 2020)

<a href="#"><u>CDENF-GT-VAE(2020)PV3</u></a>	Report of the third meeting of the CDENF-GT-VAE (1-2 December 2020)
<a href="#"><u>CJ/ENF-ISE(2020)PV2</u></a>	Report of the second meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (14 and 18 December 2020)
<a href="#"><u>CDENF/Bu(2021)PV1</u></a>	Report of the fourth meeting of the Bureau (2 February 2021)
<a href="#"><u>CDENF/Bu(2021)PV2</u></a>	Report of the fifth meeting of the Bureau (12-13 April 2021)
<a href="#"><u>CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)PV1</u></a>	Report of the third meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (14-15 April 2021)
CDENF-GT-VAE(2021)PV1	Report of the fourth meeting of the CDENF-GT-VAE (22-23 April 2021)