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4th plenary meeting

Annotated agenda and order of business

Strasbourg, 13-15 October 2021

By videoconference (Agora room G.03)

Wednesday 13 October 2021 – 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Thursday 14 October 2021 – 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Friday 15 October 2021 – 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

(Strasbourg time / CET)

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Agenda

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1. **Opening of the meeting**

 2. **Adoption of the agenda and order of business**

 3. **Statement of the Chair and Secretariat**

 4. **CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress evaluation of completed activities and next steps**

 - 4.1. **Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) (CDENF specific task (i))**
 - a. Presentation of and approval of the draft implementation report
 - b. Presentation of the state of play and final tasks ahead

 - 4.2. **Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))**
 - a. Review of the draft Strategy, as revised:
 - during and following the dedicated Plenary session (14-15 June 2021)
 - based on the results of the child consultations led in ten member states
 - b. Presentation by children and facilitators on their proposals for a future Council of Europe Strategy
 - c. State of play of the organisation of the Launching conference of the Strategy, to be held on 6-8 April 2022 in Rome/Italy

 - 4.3. **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))**
 - a. Consideration of the draft analysis report on national mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children, as prepared by the CDENF-GT-VAE Working Group
 - b. European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) and CDENF webinar on intrafamily violence and mental health

 - 4.4. **The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings (CDENF specific task (iv) 1)**

State of play of the work process, including the launch of a child consultation process, in the CJ/ENF-ISE Sub-Committee

 - 4.5. **The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field (DH-BIO) (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 2 and (vi))**

State of preparations towards the set-up of a joint Drafting group by the CDENF and the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), to prepare a draft guide to good practices concerning the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health
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- 4.6. CDENF opinions (if appropriate) (CDENF main task (iv))**
- a. Final draft opinion by the CDENF on PACE Recommendation 2206 (2021) on the Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's rights
 - b. Final response by the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly on PACE Recommendation 2196 (2021) on the Impact of labour migration on left-behind children
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- 5. Co-operation and synergies with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society (CDENF specific task (ix))**
- a. European Union's priorities according to the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024)
 - b. Oral updates by other international organisations, Council of Europe bodies and committees, and civil society organisations
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- 6. Co-operation projects**
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- 7. Working methods and evaluation of activities (CDENF main task (xi))**
- a. New Committee of Minister's Resolution on intergovernmental committees and their working methods as of 2022
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- 8. Election to the Bureau**
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- 9. Any other business**
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- 10. Date and place of next meetings**
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- 11. Approval of the abridged meeting report**
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- 12. Closing**
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Annotated agenda and order of business

Important preliminary remark concerning the order of business of this meeting:

Depending on the time needed for the examination, revision and approval of the draft Strategy (item 4.2.b.), this item will either be covered until lunchtime on the second day of the meeting (option A), or, if needed, be pursued in the afternoon of day 2, and on the third meeting day, by postponing or shortening some of the other items accordingly (option B). For further information, please see the presentation of the two options proposed for the order of business as of Thursday 14 October, 2:30 pm (starting on page 7 below).

Wednesday, 13 October 2021		
Timing (CET)	Working Document reference ¹	Agenda item
9:30 am		1. Opening of the meeting
9:35 am	CDENF(2021)OJ4 CDENF(2021)OJ4ANN CDENF(2021)LOP4	2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to <u>review and adopt</u> the draft agenda and order of business.
9:40 am	CDENF-Bu(2021)PV3 CDENF(2021)AR2	3. Statement of the Chair and the Secretariat <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat.
9:50 am	CDENF(2020)21 rev5 Schedule of CDENF activities and main priorities CDENF Terms of reference	4. CDENF's tasks and activities: review of progress evaluation of completed activities and next steps <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and comment on any proposals made in terms of outlook towards the work programme of 2022.
9:55 am	CDENF(2021)18 Draft implementation report CDENF(2020)02rev Action Plan	4.1. Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) (CDENF specific task (i)) a. Presentation of and approval of the draft implementation report b. Presentation of the state of play and final tasks ahead <u>Required action:</u> Due to delays taken in preparing the final implementation report, the CDENF is invited to decide to <u>adjourn this item</u> to its first meeting in early 2022.
10:00 am	<i>See below</i>	4.2. Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))

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		<p>c. State of play of the organisation of the Launching conference of the Strategy, to be held on 6-8 April 2022 in Rome/Italy</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat and the Italian delegation on the CDEF, and to encourage and support the co-organisation of this event.</p>
10:15 am	Coffee break (15 minutes)	
10:30 am	<p>CDEF(2021)05rev Draft Strategy – restricted – as sent out after the May meeting</p> <p>CDEF(2021)05rev2 Draft Strategy – restricted – including text proposals</p> <p>CDEF(2021)05rev3 Draft Strategy – restricted – including all changes agreed on in June</p> <p>CDEF(2021)05rev4 Draft Strategy – restricted – including the proposals for additions submitted by consulted children and the European Commission</p> <p>CDEF(2021)05rev5add(bil) – restricted - Compilation of comments received in advance of the meeting (bilingual)</p> <p>CDEF(2021)AR01rev Abridged Report 3rd plenary meeting 2021</p> <p>CDEF(2021)AR03Rev Abridged Report Plenary session dedicated to the review of the Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022 – 2027)</p> <p>CDEF(2021)PV03 Meeting report Plenary session dedicated to the review of the Draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022 – 2027)</p>	<p>4.2. (continued) Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDEF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))</p> <p>a. Review of the draft Strategy, as revised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - during and following the dedicated Plenary session (14-15 June 2021) - based on the results of the child consultations led in ten member states <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to examine the latest changes and additions made to the draft Strategy with a view to their approval and, finally, approval of the draft Strategy overall.</p>
1:00 pm	Lunch break (90 minutes)	

2:30 pm	Address by Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy (DGII) of the Council of Europe	
2:45 pm	<p>Council of Europe child consultations to inform the development of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)</p> <p>CDENF(2021)21 – Programme of children’s presentations and exchange of views</p> <p>CDENF(2021)21Add Videos transcripts</p>	<p>4.2. (continued) Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))</p> <p>b. Presentation by children and facilitators on their proposals for a future Council of Europe Strategy</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to hear the presentations made by children and facilitators involved in the child consultation process led in 10 countries and to hold an exchange of views with the children.</p>
4:30 pm	End of the first day	
Thursday, 14 October 2021		
9:30 am	<p>CDENF(2021)05rev Draft Strategy – restricted – as sent out after the May meeting</p> <p>CDENF(2021)05rev2 Draft Strategy – restricted – including text proposals</p> <p>CDENF(2021)05rev3 Draft Strategy – restricted – including all changes agreed on in June</p> <p>CDENF(2021)05rev4 Draft Strategy – restricted – including the proposals for additions submitted by consulted children and the European Commission</p>	<p>4.2. (continued) Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))</p> <p>a. Review of the draft Strategy, as revised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - during and following the dedicated Plenary session (14-15 June 2021) - based on the results of the child consultations led in ten member states <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to examine the latest changes and additions made to the draft Strategy with a view to their approval and, finally, approval of the draft Strategy overall.</p>
10:45 am	Coffee break (15 minutes)	

<p>11:00 am</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>4.2. (continued) Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to examine the latest changes and additions made to the draft Strategy with a view to their approval and, finally, <u>approval of the draft Strategy on the whole.</u></p> <p>NB: From here on, the order of business will continue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - either according to option A (if the draft Strategy is adopted by lunchtime on day 2) – <u>see as of page 7</u> - or according to option B (if more time is needed for examination, revision and approval of the draft Strategy) – <u>see as of page 9.</u> <p>Please refer to the two options as set out below</p>
<p>1:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch break (90 minutes)</p>	

Option A (applying in case the draft Strategy will have been approved by the Committee previously):

Thursday, 14 October 2021 (continued)		
Timing (CET)	Working Document reference ²	Agenda item
2:30 pm	CDENF(2021)INF2	<p>8. Election to the Bureau</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to proceed with the election or re-election of three of its Bureau members.</p> <p><i>NB: All three outgoing members of the Bureau are re-eligible for a second term of office. Nominations/expressions of interest should be submitted to the CDENF Secretariat by Wednesday, 13 October, 2 pm.</i></p>
3:00 pm	<p>CDENF(2021)19 Draft analysis report of the survey led amongst all CDENF delegations</p> <p>CDENF(2021)20 Concept notes for the two webinars on mental health and intrafamily violence (22 November 2021)</p>	<p>4.3. 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))</p> <p>a. Consideration of the draft analysis report on national mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children, as prepared by the CDENF-GT-VAE Working Group</p> <p>b. European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) and CDENF webinar on intrafamily violence and mental health</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to hear the presentation of the analysis report of the survey, Simona Florescu (Leiden University), and the information provided by the Secretariat on the upcoming webinar.</p>
3:30 pm	<p>CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)05rev Concept note for the child consultation process</p>	<p>4.4. The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings (CDENF specific task (iv) 1))</p> <p>State of play of the work process, including the launch of a child consultation process, in the CJ/ENF-ISE Sub-Committee</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of and discuss the information presented by the Secretariat.</p>
4:00 pm	<p>DH-BIO(2021)11 Proposal by the DH-BIO for setting up of a drafting group for the development of the Guide jointly with the CD-ENF</p> <p>BIO/ENF-CP(2021)LOP</p>	<p>4.5. The rights of children and children's participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field (DH-BIO) (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 2 and (vi))</p> <p>State of preparations towards the set-up of a joint Drafting group by the CDENF and the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), to prepare a draft guide to good practices concerning the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health</p>

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	List of members of the Joint Drafting Group	<u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to take note of and discuss the information presented by the Secretariat.
4:15 pm	CDEF(2021)14Rev Draft opinion on Recommendation 2206(2021) CM/AS(2021)Rec2196 Reply by the Committee of Ministers on Recommendation 2196(2021)	4.6. CDEF opinions (if appropriate) (CDEF main task (iv)) a. Final draft opinion by the CDEF on PACE Recommendation 2206 (2021) on the Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children's rights b. Final response by the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly on PACE Recommendation 2196 (2021) on the Impact of labour migration on left-behind children <u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to take note of and discuss the information presented by the Secretariat, notably regarding the outcomes of the written consultation for item a.
4:30 pm	End of the second day	
Friday, 15 October 2021 (9:30 am – 1:00 pm)		
Timing (CET)	Working Document reference³	Agenda item
9:30	EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024)	5. Co-operation and synergies with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society (CDEF specific task (ix)) a. European Union's priorities according to the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024) b. Oral updates by other international organisations, Council of Europe bodies and committees, and civil society organisations <u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to hear the information shared by its partner organisations and bodies.
10:15		6. Co-operation projects <u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat on ongoing co-operation projects in the areas of child-friendly justice and child participation.
10:45 am	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3	7. Working methods and evaluation of activities (CDEF main task (xi)) a. New Committee of Minister's Resolution on intergovernmental committees and their working methods as of 2022

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		<u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of and discuss the information presented by the Secretariat
11:00 am	Coffee break (15 minutes)	
11:15 pm		9. Any other business
11:25 pm	CDENF(2020)21Rev5 Revised work programme and timetable	10. Date and place of next meetings <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to present any last comments, proposals or questions with regard to the outlook to the 2022 work programme presented through the working document.
11:45 pm	CDENF(2021)AR4prov	11. Approval of the abridged meeting report <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to examine and approve the provisional abridged meeting report.
12:45 pm		12. Closing
1:00 pm	End of the third day	

Option B (applying in case more time is required for Strategy examination, revision and approval, beyond 14 October at lunchtime):

NB: According to this scenario, the Strategy examination will be pursued until final revision by the Committee, the remaining items of the agenda will then be taken up according to the order below (and given the time available, depending on when the Strategy discussion will end)

Thursday, 14 October 2021 (continued)		
2:30 pm	CDENF(2021)INF2	<p>8. Election to the Bureau</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to proceed with the election or re-election of three of its Bureau members.</p> <p><i>NB: All three outgoing members of the Bureau are re-eligible for a second term of office. Nominations/expressions of interest should be submitted to the CDENF Secretariat by Wednesday, 13 October, 2 pm.</i></p>
2:45 pm	<p>CDENF(2021)19 Draft analysis report of the survey led amongst all CDENF delegations</p> <p>CDENF(2021)20 Concept notes for the two webinars on mental health and intrafamily violence (22 November 2021)</p>	<p>4.3. 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))</p> <p>a. Consideration of the draft analysis report on national mechanisms for professionals to report violence against children, as prepared by the CDENF-GT-VAE Working Group</p> <p>b. European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18 November) and CDENF webinar on intrafamily violence and mental health</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to hear the presentation by the consultant mandated for the analysis of responses to the survey, Simona Florescu (Leiden University), and the information provided by the Secretariat on the upcoming webinar.</p>
3:00 pm	<p>CDENF(2021)05rev Draft Strategy – restricted – as sent out after the May meeting</p> <p>CDENF(2021)05rev2 Draft Strategy – restricted – including text proposals</p> <p>CDENF(2021)05rev3 Draft Strategy – restricted – including all changes agreed on in June</p> <p>CDENF(2021)05rev4</p>	<p>4.2. (continued) Preparation of the Council of Europe draft Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) (CDENF specific tasks (ii) + (vi))</p> <p>b. Review of the draft Strategy, as revised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - during and following the dedicated Plenary session (14-15 June 2021) - based on the results of the child consultations led in ten member states <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to examine the latest changes and additions made to the draft Strategy with a view to their approval and, finally, <u>approval of the draft Strategy on the whole.</u></p>

	<p>Draft Strategy – restricted – including the proposals for additions submitted by consulted children and the European Commission</p> <p>CDENF(2021)21 – Programme of children’s presentations and exchange of views with them</p>	
<p>NB: The items presented from here-on, are all to be considered as “optional” and will be covered only once the Strategy item has been closed.</p>		
Exact time to be seen	<p>CJ/ENF-ISE(2021)05rev Concept note for the child consultation process</p>	<p>4.4. The protection of the best interests of the child in situations of parental separation and in childcare proceedings (CDENF specific task (iv) 1))</p> <p>State of play of the work process, including the launch of a child consultation process, in the CJ/ENF-ISE Sub-Committee</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat and present any questions.</p>
Exact time to be seen	<p>DH-BIO(2021)11 Proposal by the DH-BIO for setting up of a drafting group for the development of the Guide jointly with the CD-ENF</p> <p>BIO/ENF-CP(2021)LOP List of members of the Joint Drafting Group</p>	<p>4.5. The rights of children and children’s participation in the decision-making process in the biomedical field (DH-BIO) (CDENF specific tasks (iv) 2 and (vi))</p> <p>State of preparations towards the set-up of a joint Drafting group by the CDENF and the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), to prepare a draft guide to good practices concerning the participation of children in the decision-making process on matters regarding their health</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat and present any questions.</p>
Exact time to be seen	<p>CDENF(2021)14Rev Draft opinion on Recommendation 2206(2021)</p> <p>CM/AS(2021)Rec2196 Reply by the Committee of Ministers on Recommendation 2196(2021)</p>	<p>4.6. CDENF opinions (if appropriate) (CDENF main task (iv))</p> <p>a. Final draft opinion by the CDENF on PACE Recommendation 2206 (2021) on the Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children’s rights</p> <p>b. Final response by the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly on PACE Recommendation 2196 (2021) on the Impact of labour migration on left-behind children</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat, notably regarding the outcomes of the written consultation procedure for item a.</p>
4:30 pm	End of the second day	

Friday, 15 October 2021 (9:30 am – 1:00 pm)		
NB: From here on, once again, the examination, revision and approval of the draft Strategy will be pursued as long as needed, and the following items be covered either very briefly at the end of the meeting or be postponed.		
<i>Exact time to be seen</i>	EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024)	<p>5. Co-operation and synergies with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees, international organisations and civil society (CDEF specific task (ix))</p> <p>c. European Union's priorities according to the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2021-2024)</p> <p>d. Oral updates by other international organisations, Council of Europe bodies and committees, and civil society organisations</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to hear the presentations and information shared by its partner organisations and bodies.</p>
<i>Exact time to be seen</i>		<p>6. Co-operation projects</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat on ongoing co-operation projects in the areas of child-friendly justice and child participation, which are carried out with the involvement of CDEF delegations.</p>
<i>Exact time to be seen</i>	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3	<p>7. Working methods and evaluation of activities (CDEF main task (xi))</p> <p>a. New Committee of Minister's Resolution on intergovernmental committees and their working methods as of 2022</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to take note of the information presented by the Secretariat and present any questions.</p>
11:00 am	Coffee break (15 minutes)	
<i>Exact time to be seen</i>		9. Any other business
<i>Exact time to be seen</i>	CDEF(2020)21Rev5 Revised work programme and timetable	<p>10. Date and place of next meetings</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to present any last comments, proposals or questions with regard to the outlook to the 2022 work programme presented through the working document.</p>
<i>Exact time to be seen</i>	CDEF(2021)AR4prov	<p>11. Approval of the abridged meeting report</p> <p><u>Required action:</u> The CDEF is invited to examine and approve the provisional abridged meeting report.</p>

		<i>NB: In case the time is too short to have the abridged meeting report examined and approved before the end of the meeting, due to a prolonged consideration of the draft Strategy, the report would be circulated to the CDEF after the meeting and approved via written procedure.</i>
12:45 pm		12. Closing
1:00 pm	<i>End of the third day</i>	