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

**Fifth plenary meeting**

**Meeting Report**

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*By videoconference*

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## Meeting Report

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

1. The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) held its fifth plenary meeting in Strasbourg in an online format on 4-6 July 2022, with Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou (Greece) in the Chair.

2. The Chair welcomed all members, participants and observers to this meeting, highlighting that this first meeting after the Launching Conference for the new Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) would be notably dedicated to first steps towards concrete actions under the Strategy. Further to this, the Bureau had decided to put a thematic exchange on the situation of children in and from Ukraine high up on the agenda, in order to give the CDENF the opportunity to be updated by and to exchange with the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Leyla Kayacik.

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

3. The CDENF adopted its agenda as it appears in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

### **3. Approval of the draft meeting report of the Plenary session dedicated to the rights of children in migration (1 – 3 February 2022)**

4. The CDENF approved the draft meeting report of its Plenary session dedicated to the rights of children in migration (1 – 3 February 2022).

### **4. Statement of the Chair and Secretariat**

5. The CDENF took note of practical information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat. Irena Guidikova, Head of the Children's Rights and Sports Values Department, via a pre-recorded video message, congratulated the CDENF on the adoption of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) and encouraged the Committee to pursue its work programme, thus providing useful responses to member States' needs, and to capitalise on the knowledge and competences gathered in the Committee. She further expressed her gratitude to the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers for their outstanding support for the successful launch of the Strategy by hosting the High-Level launching Conference in Rome (7-8 April 2022).

### **5. CDENF workplan: Overview of main activities, priorities and meetings**

6. The CDENF considered and approved its workplan for the first biennium of its terms of reference (2022-2023).

### **6. Review of the Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)**

7. The CDENF took note of and expressed its satisfaction with the Final Implementation Report of the previous Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021) and

instructed the Secretariat, subject to last possible comments to be sent by 8 July 2022, to submit the report to the Committee of Ministers for information.

## **7. Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027)**

### **7.1 Conclusions of the High-level Launching Conference for the Strategy (Rome 7-8 April 2022), hosted by the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers**

8. The Chair warmly thanked the Italian Delegation for having hosted this successful event, thereby emphasising the outstanding political support and strong commitment expressed by all speakers, including Deputy Ministers and Secretaries of State from twenty member States. Delegations expressed their high appreciation of the event, emphasising the importance of the work undertaken by stakeholders in the framework of the Strategy as well as the great value of the contribution by children, both as young experts and as young delegates. Reference was also made to the topicality of the session dedicated to the situation of children in crisis and emergency situations.

9. The CDENF took note of the [report on the Conference](#), , together with additional resources.

### **7.2 Development of implementation tools facilitating follow-up of and reporting back on the Strategy**

10. The CDENF took note and expressed appreciation of the operational documents and tools currently under preparation by the Secretariat, as foreseen by the Strategy, to facilitate its follow-up and reporting back of its implementation.

11. The Chair encouraged CDENF members to act as “Ambassadors” of the Strategy by presenting and promoting it, whenever the opportunity arises, at relevant events at national level. The Secretariat would share its Power Point presentation on the Strategy and its implementation with Delegations for use in this context.

### **7.3 Strategic Objective 1: Freedom from violence for all children**

#### **Draft Recommendation and draft Explanatory Memorandum on strengthening reporting systems on violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE)**

12. The CDENF heard an update by Rosario Farmhouse (Portugal), Chair of the Working Group on responses to violence against children (CDENF-GT-VAE) about the state of play of the work on the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States containing Guidelines on Strengthening reporting systems on violence against children and its draft Explanatory Memorandum. The Committee was informed that the drafts were currently under peer review by experts from different professional backgrounds in contact with children. The documents would again be discussed by the Working Group at its next meeting on 22-23 September. The text was foreseen to be sent to the CDENF for consideration in detail and approval at its 6<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting in November.

13. The Chair provided her views as regards the legal duty to report and duly noted that the concept may be subject to different interpretations in different jurisdictions. She also discussed the fact that follow-up procedures for professionals who had made a report and lengthy procedures involved could constitute barriers to reporting. Further, she emphasised that training should be systematically offered to professionals working for and with children, in addition to being mandatory, and provided both through initial and continuous training programmes, to all professionals, including volunteers.

14. The CDENF took note of the draft Recommendation and its draft Explanatory Memorandum, appreciated the progress achieved by the Working Group and was invited to send comments in writing to the Secretariat by 4 September 2022 in view of providing guidance to the Working Group in finalising the draft texts.

#### **7.4. Strategic Objective 2: Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children**

15. The CDENF heard information by its Bureau member Ružica Boškić (Slovenia), on a Seminar on Early intervention on intersex children - Promoting the Rights of the Child, held on 31 May 2022 and organised by the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CD-BIO), and on her presentation on the children's rights at stake, which referenced the relevant and recent ECHR case-law ([M v. France \(dec.\) - 42821/18, 26.4.2022](#)). Ritva Halila, CD-BIO Chair, updated the CDENF on the follow-up to the event, and the CDENF expressed its interest in further collaboration on the issue between the two Steering Committees.

16. The CDENF considered a concept note on Children's access to quality mental health care, taking note of the topicality of the subject matter, also in view of Article 3 of the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (equitable access to healthcare), and the importance of taking into account relevant national initiatives on the subject. Delegations agreed that the burden of reporting, notably on national health authorities, which are already under considerable amount of strain, should be limited, by taking into account already existing data and by enhancing co-ordination between national CDENF and CD-BIO Delegations. To facilitate this, the CDENF Secretariat would put national CDENF Delegations in contact with their CD-BIO counterparts upon their request.

17. The CDENF approved the concept note and instructed its Secretariat to take next steps towards the elaboration of a mapping study on Children's access to quality mental health care, as foreseen by the suggested work process and provisional timeline in the concept note.

#### **7.5 Strategic Objective 3: Access to and safe use of technologies for all children**

18. The CDENF heard a presentation by Leanda Barrington-Leach, Director of International Advocacy at the 5Rights Foundation, on the human rights challenges for children raised by AI technologies and of the pertinent work of her organisation, including an online safety toolkit designed to provide a step-by-step roadmap for policy makers in the implementation of UNCRC General Comment no. 25 (2021) on children's rights in relation to the digital environment.

19. The CDENF was informed by the Secretaru of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) of its ongoing work in developing an appropriate legal framework for the development, design and application of artificial intelligence, based on standards enshrined in the respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law and which is conducive to innovation. The CAI secretary additionally emphasised the importance of including a child-rights perspective in upcoming Council of Europe activities within the area.

20. The CDENF considered, revised, and approved a concept note on a Report on the rights of the child and artificial intelligence. In doing so, it considered the need to take into account already existing studies and surveys carried out at international and regional levels, to be complemented as appropriate, and instructed its Secretariat to take appropriate steps towards initiating the preparation of the report.

## **7.6 Strategic Objective 4: Child-friendly justice for all children**

### **Draft Recommendation(s) on the protection of the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)**

21. The CDENF heard an update by the Chair of the Committee of Experts (CJ/ENF-ISE), Seamus Carroll (Ireland), on the work that is underway concerning the topic of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings. The CDENF welcomed the progress achieved and decided to examine the revised draft Recommendation at its 6th plenary meeting.

22. The CDENF welcomed the information provided by the Irish Delegate, Eimear O'Brien, on relevant events hosted by the Irish Presidency to the Committee of Ministers, notably the mid-term Conference of the European Union/Council of Europe Joint Project CP4Europe on "Child and Youth Participation for Europe" held in Cork, Ireland, on 23-25 May 2022, and of an international conference relevant to the thematic work of the CJ/ENF-ISE, including a hearing of relevant stakeholders which is scheduled to take place in Dublin on 3-5 October 2022.

23. The CDENF took note of information provided by the representative of the Conference of INGO's (CINGO), Katerina Melissari, on the outcome of a webinar on Determining and Evaluating the Best Interests and Rights of Children in Parental Separation and Care Proceedings, organised by the Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child, on 21 June 2022 (presentations of and videos of the sessions to be published by the end of August on the [dedicated website](#)).

24. The CDENF also took note of other relevant ongoing work in cooperation projects, notably of the update of the HELP course on child-friendly justice, and of the development of an assessment tool on child-friendly justice.

## **7.7 Strategic Objective 5: Giving a voice to every child**

### **7.7.1 Draft Guide to good practice concerning the participation of children in the decision-making processes on matters regarding their health (BIO/ENF-CP)**

25. The CDENF heard an update by the Co-Chair of the Drafting Group, Joost van Haelst (Belgium), on the progress of the work and on the first draft of the guide presented to the CDENF for comments. He thanked delegations for examples of practices already submitted, and encouraged them to send further examples notably on practices relating to individual decision-making processes. Ritva Halila (Chair of CD-BIO and Co-Chair of BIO/ENF-CP), added that the group would appreciate children's input as well as CDENF delegates' comments on the text. The CDENF welcomed the progress achieved and agreed to send any additional comments on the draft Guide, as well as further examples of practices, by 5 August 2022.

### **7.7.2 Proposals for initiating the CDENF activity on children as defenders of human rights**

26. The CDENF heard a presentation by Alex Conte, Director of Child Rights Connect, on actions supporting Child Human Rights Defenders, who emphasised the importance of involving children in the elaboration of a report in this area. Delegations welcomed the presentation and the concept note and emphasised the necessity for adults to change their relation and perception of children. Other points raised were regarding limitations encountered by children depending on their age and development; the risk of being

exposed to harassment; and the importance of defining how children's rights and privacy legislation intersect.

27. The CDENF considered and approved a concept note on a Report on children as defenders of human rights and instructed its Secretariat to take appropriate steps towards initiating the preparation of the report.

## **7.8. Strategic Objective 6: Children's Rights in Crisis and Emergency Situations**

### **7.8.1 Thematic exchange on the situation of children in and from Ukraine**

28. The CDENF welcomed the presentation by Leyla Kayacik, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, on the outcome of her fact-finding missions in neighbouring countries, highlighting the following priority areas for actions: the need to protect most vulnerable persons; access to health care; linguistic integration; access to education and the labour market; and addressing inclusion into societies. She also referred to the 5th meeting of the Network of Focal Points on Migration, which took place on 9 -10 June 2022 addressing the situation of people fleeing Ukraine, and exchanging on child-friendly approaches and procedures in migration.

29. The CDENF took note of information by the Secretariat on relevant activities by the Lanzarote Committee and of co-operation activities related to children affected by migration, followed by an exchange on the situation of children in and from Ukraine. Key challenges raised in the discussion highlighted that there is a need: to develop monitoring mechanisms aimed at preventing measures that would harm children's rights; to identify mechanisms to prevent adoption of children in the territory of other countries; and for the provision of mental health care for children having suffered trauma. Delegations emphasised the necessity of cooperation/collaboration, training, and the use of existing tools.

30. Following this exchange, the CDENF instructed its Bureau to consider possible options for future exchanges on topical issues.

### **7.8.2 Age assessment for children in migration (*for adoption*)**

31. The CDENF adopted the draft Explanatory Memorandum of the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on Human Rights Principles and Implementing Guidelines on age assessment for children in migration, to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers for information together with its draft Recommendation, as approved by the CDENF on 2 February 2022.

## **8. Transversal issues:**

- a. Transversal approaches as promoted by the Strategy (gender-sensitivity, anti-discrimination, child participation)
  - b. Exchange on European and national child participation activities related to the Strategy
32. The CDENF heard a presentation by Luisa Sotomayor, Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against children, on their cross-cutting work on child-participation, including the production of a video "Let's tell the world", and the mapping on child participation activities (available at: <https://childparticipation.un.org/>).

33. The CDENF heard a presentation by Brigitte van den Berg, representative of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, on action promoting the UNSDGs for children at the local level, including the production of the booklet 'How to make your town a better place', which was developed in co-operation with children and with support by the Children's Rights Division. The booklet is available on the [Congress' website](#). The CDENF was invited to propose any further action to be undertaken as a contribution to the UNSDG Agenda 2030 as appropriate.

## **9. Co-operation with relevant Council of Europe bodies and other organisations**

34. The CDENF took note of the information provided by other Council of Europe bodies and sectors, notably the Lanzarote Committee and the co-operation unit of the Children's Rights Division, the Parliamentary Assembly, and partner organisations (Eurochild), who gave updates on their respective activities.

## **10. Opinions requested by the Committee of Ministers**

35. The CDENF revised and approved a draft opinion on PACE Recommendations 2225(2022) "For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content"; approved a draft opinion on PACE Recommendations 2227(2022) "Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities", and agreed to send any additional comments on the draft opinion on PACE Recommendation 2234 (2022) on "Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty" by 19 August 2022 in view of its subsequent adoption in written proceedings.

## **11. CDENF Working methods**

36. **The CDENF considered and approved** the proposed working methods for thematic mainstreaming and co-operation between Council of Europe intergovernmental committees and exchanged on areas of particular relevance.

## **12. Elections (Bureau) and appointments (Rapporteurs)**

### **Election of a Chair, Vice-Chair and one Bureau members**

37. The CDENF elected by secret ballot:

- Rosário FARMHOUSE (Portugal) as its Chair for a term of office of one year, renewable once;
- Ms Ruzićá BOŠKIĆ (Slovenia) as its Vice-Chair for a term of office of one year, renewable once;
- Ms Solvor BÄCKLUND (Norway) as a Bureau member to complete Ruzićá Boskić's term of office following her election as Vice Chair (until 31 December 2023). The term of office may be renewed once.

### **Appointment of thematic rapporteurs on mainstreamed perspectives, as well as of possible ad hoc representatives to follow specific activities**

38. The CDENF decided to postpone the appointment of its thematic rapporteurs to the 6<sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting.

**13. Requests for observer status with the CDENF**

39. The CDENF considered two requests for observer status, in the light of the proposals made by its Bureau, decided to grant observer status to “Hope for Children CRC policy center”; and decided not to grant observer status to “Hope and Homes for Children”.

**14. Any other business**

40. The CDENF warmly thanked the outgoing Chair, Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, for her dedicated work and long-standing commitment to the CDENF’s cause and to promoting the rights of the child at the Council of Europe more generally.

**15. Date and place of next meeting**

41. The Secretariat provided information regarding the next meetings:

- 26 September 2022 (Paris): 8<sup>th</sup> CDENF Bureau meeting
- 15-17 November 2022 (Strasbourg): 6<sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting

42. The CDENF heard and welcomed information Ms Hjördís Thordardóttir, Iceland, on the priorities relating to the rights of the child of the upcoming Icelandic Presidency to the Committee of Ministers, and activities organised on the occasion of the “European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse 2022”.

**16. Approval of the abridged meeting report**

43. In view of the limited time available, the Committee agreed to proceeding with the approval of the abridged report in a written procedure.

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**Appendix II****List of participants****MEMBERS / MEMBRES****MEMBERS / MEMBRES**

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