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Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Annotated Agenda and Order of Business

8th plenary meeting (in presence)

Strasbourg, 14 - 16 November 2023

Palais de l'Europe

Tuesday, 14 November 2023 – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm / 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm – Palais Room 8

Wednesday, 15 November 2023 – 9:30 am to 12:00 pm / 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm – Palais Room 8

Thursday, 16 November 2023 – 9:30 am – 1:00 pm (joint session with the European Committee for Legal Cooperation (CDCJ)) – Palais Room 9

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Agenda

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2. **Adoption of the agenda and order of business**
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3. **Statement of the Chair and Secretariat**
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5. **Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027)
First Implementation Report of the Strategy (2022-2023)**
Main task (ii)

5.1 **Strategic Objective 1: Freedom from violence for all children**

Committee of Experts on the prevention of violence (ENF-VAE)

- a. **Draft feasibility study on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for *inter alia* preventing and combatting violence against children, including sexual violence and harmful behaviour**
- b. **Implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 on Council of Europe policy guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence including the development of model prevention approaches**

Main deliverables 8, 10

5.2 **Strategic Objective 2: Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children**

Mapping study on children’s access to quality mental health care

Main deliverable 5 and main task (xiv)

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

Draft report on the rights of the child and artificial intelligence

Main deliverable 16

5.4 Strategic Objective 4: Child-friendly justice for all children

Committee of Experts on the rights and best interests of the child in the context of parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)

Draft Recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings and its draft Explanatory Memorandum

Main deliverable 2

- for approval / adoption, joint session with CDCJ –

5.5 Strategic Objective 5: Giving a voice to every child

a. **Draft Guide to children's participation in decisions regarding their health (BIO/ENF-CP)**

- for adoption -

Main deliverable 4 and main task (xiv)

b. **Report on children as defenders of human rights**

- for approval -

Main deliverable 6

5.6 Strategic Objective 6: Children's rights in crisis and emergency situations

a. **Thematic exchange on Children's rights and the Environment**

Main task (iv)

b. **Implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)11 on effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration**

Main task (viii) and main deliverable 7

6. Transversal issues:

a. Transversal approaches as promoted by the Strategy
(gender-sensitivity, anti-discrimination, child participation)

b. Contribution to the UNSDG Agenda 2030

Main task (xxi)

7. Co-operation with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and other institutions and observers

a. Council of Europe bodies and sectors

b. International organisations

c. INGOs

8. Evaluation of completed activities / Annual exchange of views to evaluate its activities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued

Main task (xvii)

9. Opinions requested by the Committee of Ministers

10. CDENF Working methods

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12. Any other business

13. Date and place of next meetings

14. Approval of the abridged meeting report

Draft Annotated Agenda and Order of Business

Tuesday, 14 November 2023 (morning)		
Timing (CET)	Agenda Item	Working documents Reference documents
9:30 am	1. Opening of the meeting	
9:35 am	2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to review and adopt the draft agenda and order of business.	CDENF(2023)OJ3rev CDENF(2023)OJ3ANN CDENF(2023)LOP3
9:45 am	3. Statement of the Chair and Secretariat <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information provided by the Chair and the Secretariat.	<u>Reference documents</u> CDENF/Bu(2023)PV3 Report of the 11 th Bureau meeting Barnahus mapping study and event
10:00 am	4. CDENF workplan: Overview of main activities, priorities and meetings <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to consider, possibly comment, and approve its revised workplan.	<u>Working document</u> CDENF(2023)4rev2 CDENF workplan (revised) <u>Reference document</u> Terms of Reference of the CDENF for 2022-2025
10:15 am	5. Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027) First Implementation Report of the Strategy (2022-2023) <i>Main task (ii)</i> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take note of and exchange on the first implementation report of the Strategy prepared by the Secretariat and evaluate the progress achieved, and - exchange on the modalities of following the further implementation of the strategy, notably its mid-term review. 	<u>Working document</u> CDENF(2023)27 First implementation report <u>Reference documents</u> Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027) Child-friendly version of the Strategy CDENF(2022)INF2 CoE Conventions and Recommendations – Key Resources for implementing the Strategy (2022-2027)
10:45 pm	8. Evaluation of completed activities / Annual exchange of views to evaluate its activities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued	<u>Reference documents:</u> <i>see above under agenda item 5</i>

Main task (xvii)

6. Transversal issues

a. Transversal approaches as promoted by the Strategy (gender-sensitivity, anti-discrimination, child participation)

Main task (xviii)

b. Contribution to the UNSDG Agenda 2030

Main task (xxi)

Required action: The CDEF is invited to:

- take note of the information provided by the Secretariat on relevant activities, and
- hold an exchange of views to evaluate its activities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities.

11:15 am – 11:30 am Coffee Break

11:30 am 5.6 Strategic Objective 6: Children's rights in crisis and emergency Situations

b. Implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)11 on effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration

Main task (viii) and main deliverable 7

Required action: The CDEF is invited to:

- take note of a presentation by the consultants on the first results stemming from the survey carried out among national Delegations, and
- hold a first exchange on key points of the upcoming implementation review report.

Reference documents

[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2019\)11 and its Explanatory Memorandum](#)

[CDEF\(2023\)12rev2](#)

Methodology and questionnaire for the implementation review

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

Tuesday, 14 November 2023 (afternoon)

2:00 pm 5.5 Strategic Objective 5: Giving a voice to every child

a. **Draft Guide to children's participation in decisions regarding their health (BIO/ENF-CP)**

- *for adoption* -

Main deliverable 4 and main task (xiv)

Required action: The CDEF is invited to consider, and adopt the draft guide, in view of its subsequent adoption by the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the field of Biomedicine (CDBIO).

Working document

[CDEF\(2023\)14rev2/CDBIO\(2023\)3rev2](#)

Draft Guide

Reference document

CDEF(2023)28REV/CDBIO(2023)28REV

Compilation of comments submitted by CDEF and CDBIO (restricted)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Coffee Break

3:15 pm	Strategic Objective 1: Freedom from violence for all children - Committee of Experts on the prevention of violence (ENF-VAE)	<u>Working document</u> CDENF(2023)24 Questionnaire on the implementation of CM/Rec(2009)10
	a. Draft feasibility study on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for <i>inter alia</i> preventing and combatting violence against children, including sexual violence and harmful behaviour	<u>Reference documents</u> ENF-VAE website
	b. Implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 on Council of Europe policy guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence including the development of model prevention approaches	Terms of Reference of the ENF-VAE for 2023-2024
	<i>Main deliverables 8, 10</i>	
	<u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take note of the update presented by the Chair of ENF-VAE, and - agree on the questionnaire for the implementation review to be circulated among Delegations for replies by 31 January 2024. 	
4:00 pm	5.5 Strategic Objective 5: Giving a voice to every child	<u>Working document</u> CDENF(2023)22
	b. Report on children as defenders of human rights	Report on children as defenders of human rights
	- <i>for approval</i> -	CDENF(2023)30
	<i>Main deliverable 6</i>	
	<u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consider, revise, and approve the draft report for publication, and - hold an exchange on the conclusions of and follow-up to the report. 	

5:30 pm - End of day 1

Wednesday, 15 November 2023 (morning)

9:30 am

*Coffee break
around 10:30
(as appropriate)*

5.6 Strategic Objective 6: Children’s rights in crisis and emergency Situations

a. Thematic exchange on Children’s rights and the Environment

Main task (iv)

Required action: The CDENF is invited to:

- take note of the presentations by the experts, and
- hold an exchange of views on the topic.

Reference documents

[CDENF\(2023\)21rev](#)

Concept note for the thematic exchange

[UNCRC GC No. 26 on children’s rights and the environment](#)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch break

Wednesday, 15 November 2023 (afternoon)

1:30 pm

11. Elections to the Bureau

Reference document

[CDENF\(2023\)INF3](#)

CDENF Bureau elections

2:00 pm

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

Draft report on the rights of the child and artificial intelligence

Main deliverable 16

Required action: The CDENF is invited to take note of an oral update by the Secretariat on the state of play of this activity.

Reference document

[CDENF\(2023\)20](#)

Outline and questionnaire for report on AI and children

2:10 am

5.2 Strategic Objective 2: Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children

Mapping study on children’s access to quality mental health care

Main deliverable 5 and main task (xiv)

Required action: The CDENF is invited to take note of an oral update by the Secretariat on the state of play of this activity.

Reference documents

[CDENF\(2023\)10rev](#)

Outline and methodology of the report

[CDENF\(2023\)11](#)

Questionnaire on children’s access to quality mental health care

2:20 pm

7. Co-operation with relevant Council of Europe bodies and other organisations (continued)

- a. Council of Europe bodies and sectors
- b. International organisations
- c. INGOs

Required action: The CDENF is invited to hear the presentations and information shared by its partner organisations and bodies.

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Coffee break

3:30 pm

9. Opinions requested by the Committee of Ministers

Required action: The CDENF is invited to

- take note of the Committee of Minister's reply to PACE Recommendation 2244(2023)
- to adopt opinion(s) as requested by the Committee of Ministers, as appropriate.

Working documents

CDENF(2023)31 (*restricted*)

CDENF Opinion on PACE Recommendation 2263 (2023)

CDENF(2023)32 (*restricted*)

CDENF Opinion on PACE Recommendation 2262 (2023)

Reference documents

[Committee of Ministers reply to PACE Recommendation 2244 \(2023\)](#)

[CDENF Opinion on PACE Recommendation 2244 \(2023\)](#)

4:00 pm

10. CDENF Working methods

Required action: The CDENF is invited to take note of and discuss the information presented by the Secretariat.

Reference documents

[Resolution CM/Res\(2021\)3](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

[CDENF\(2022\)12](#)
Thematic mainstreaming and co-operation between Council of Europe intergovernmental Committees

4:20 pm

12. Any other business

4:25 pm

13. Date and place of next meeting

4:30 pm

14. Approval of the abridged meeting report

- *subject to the decision to be taken under item 5.4 on Thursday, 16 November, jointly with CDCJ –*

5:00 pm - End of day 2

Thursday, 16 November 2023 (morning)

9:30 am

5.4 Strategic Objective 4: Child-friendly justice for all Children

Committee of Experts on the rights and best interests of the child in the context of parental separation and in care proceedings (CJ/ENF-ISE)

Draft Recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings and its draft Explanatory Memorandum

Main deliverable 2

- *for approval / adoption, joint session with CDCJ -*

Required action: the CDENF is invited to:

- approve, jointly with the CDCJ, the Draft Recommendation on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings;
- adopt its draft Explanatory Memorandum; and
- instruct its Secretariat to submit both texts to the Committee of Ministers for adoption of the Draft Recommendation and taking note of its Explanatory Memorandum.

Working documents

CDCJ(2023)28/CDENF(2023)25
(restricted)

Draft recommendation on the protection of the rights and best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings

CDCJ(2023)29/CDENF(2023)26
(restricted)

Draft explanatory memorandum to the draft recommendation

Reference documents

CDCJ(2023)30/CDENF(2023)29
(restricted)

Compilation of comments received from CDCJ and CDENF on the draft recommendation and its draft explanatory memorandum by 10th November

[CJ/ENF-ISE\(2023\)PV02](#)

Report of the 8th meeting of the CJ/ENF-ISE (Strasbourg, 4-6 October 2023)

[CJ/ENF-ISE\(2023\)01rev](#)

CJ/ENF-ISE working methods and workplan for 2023-2024

CJ/ENF-ISE(2023)06 Mos *(restricted)*

Compilation of comments received on the draft recommendation and its preliminary draft explanatory memorandum (version circulated in May 2023)

1:00 pm - End of the meeting