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CDENF workplan 2024-2025

Overview of main activities, priorities and meetings

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Introduction

1. This document has been prepared by the CDENF Secretariat to guide the work of the Steering Committee by proposing working methods and timelines for its main activities in 2025 and beyond if appropriate. It also contains the activities carried out by/under the supervision of the CDENF in 2024, to facilitate the review of progress achieved during this first biennium of the CDENF's mandate for 2024 – 2027. Under its [Terms of Reference \(2024-2027\)](#), the CDENF is instructed to carry out a number of **main tasks**, including overseeing the implementation of the [Strategy for the Rights of the Child \(2022-2027\)](#), and to complete a number of concrete **main deliverables**.
2. In addition to the work to be carried out by the CDENF at plenary level, this workplan also includes the timelines for the work of its subordinate bodies, the Committee of Experts for the prevention of violence ([ENF-VAE](#)), and the Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services ([ENF-JUS](#)), which will be carrying out its tasks during the years 2025-2026.
3. This workplan will be regularly updated by the Secretariat in line with the progress of the work and any other relevant decisions and developments.
4. The appended flow-chart is illustrating the proposed timelines for the work on the different main deliverables.

CDENF Priorities and Workplan for 2024-2025

Meeting	Dates	Priority themes	Main deliverables and themes
2024			
3rd meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 11-12 March 2024	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination and finalisation of the revised draft of the feasibility study on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education, including draft proposals on the non-binding instrument - Review of progress for the implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10
9th meeting of CJ/ENF-ISE	Strasbourg, 20-22 March 2024	Child-friendly justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the draft recommendation on care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum - First examination of the preliminary draft implementation tools on parental separation proceedings
CDENF Bureau Meeting	11-12 April 2024, Lisbon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of 9th CDENF plenary meeting - Follow-up on activities - Working methods - Discussion on guidance notes and thematic exchanges
9th CDENF plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 28-30 May 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of the draft feasibility study on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and the elements of a draft proposal for a non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education - Examination and adoption of the report on the rights of the child and artificial intelligence - Examination and adoption of the Mapping study on children's access to quality mental health care - First examination of the report on the implementation review of CM/Rec(2019)11 on effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration - Thematic exchange on Safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content, also to inform the drafting of a guidance note - Review and approval of the concept note of thematic review of CoE guidelines on child friendly justice
4th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 24-25 September 2024	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination and finalisation of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 on

			<p>Guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence and decision on the need to review the recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the detailed outline of a draft recommendation on comprehensive sexuality education - Follow-up to children's consultation on comprehensive sexuality education - Presentation of the report on prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children - Presentation of the report on progress and delay in achieving universal prohibition and elimination of corporal punishment in Council of Europe member states (<i>End Corporal Punishment</i>) - Follow-up to the guidance Note on Safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content
CDENF Bureau meeting	Strasbourg, 2-3 October 2024		Preparation of the 10 th CDENF Plenary meeting
10th meeting of CJ/ENF-ISE	Strasbourg, 14-16 October 2024	Child-friendly justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of the draft recommendation on care proceedings and its draft explanatory memorandum - Finalisation of the implementation tools on parental separation and care proceedings
10th CDENF plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 3-5 December 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Draft recommendation on the rights and the best interests of the child in care proceedings and its explanatory memorandum (jointly with CDCJ) - Adoption of implementation tool(s) on the protection of the best interests of the child in parental separation and in care proceedings (jointly with CDCJ) - Adoption of the implementation review report on CM/Rec(2019)11 on effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated children in the context of migration - Adoption of the implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 on Guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence - Exchange, as appropriate, on the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education - Examination and possible adoption of a draft guidance note on Safeguarding children

			<p>from the risks of accessing online pornographic content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the review of CoE guidelines on child-friendly justice - First examination of the child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence - Constitution of the Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS) - Annual exchange of views in order to evaluate CDENF activities and advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities
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2025			
Meeting	Dates	Priority themes	Main deliverables and themes
ENF-VAE ad-hoc meeting	Online, 10 February 2025		Examination of a preliminary draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and approval for stakeholder consultation.
CDENF Bureau meeting	Online, 5 February 2025		Preparation of the CDENF 11 th plenary meeting
11 th CDENF plenary meeting	Strasbourg 1-2 April 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange on the child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence - Examination of the first report of the thematic review of CoE guidelines on child-friendly justice
Mid-term review of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child	Strasbourg 3-4 April 2025		Stock-taking and forward-looking sessions on each of the 6 pillars of the Strategy for the Rights of the child
1 st meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 14-15 May 2025	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	- First exchange on elements as a basis for the preparation of a Draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines
5 th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 4-5 June 2025	Prevention of Violence against children	- Examination of the revised draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and presentation of the results of the stakeholder consultation.
CDENF Bureau meeting	Strasbourg or online, 25-26 September 2025 tbc		- Preparation of the CDENF 12 th plenary meeting

6th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 7-8 October 2025	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of a draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education - First exchange on a Guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children (tbc)
2nd meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2025	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination of a preliminary Draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines - Review of first elements of the Explanatory Memorandum
12th CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2025		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination of a child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence - Examination of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education in view of CDENF approval - Exchange on the draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines - First discussion of the Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy - Launch of the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18- Continuation of the review of CoE guidelines on child-friendly justice - Examination / adoption of a guidance note (tbc) - Launching of the CM Recommendation on the best interests of the Child in parental separation and in Care proceedings, and implementation tools (jointly with CDCJ). (tbc)

CDENF deliverables
Flow chart 2024 - 2027

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