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

CDENF workplan 2025-2027

Overview of main activities, priorities and meetings

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

### 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 2026 and beyond if appropriate. It also contains the activities carried out by/under the supervision of the CDENF in 2024-2025, 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 2025-2027

2025			
Meeting	Dates	Priority themes	Main deliverables and themes
CDENF Bureau meeting	Online, 5 February 2025		- Preparation of the CDENF 11th plenary meeting
Ad-hoc ENF-VAE meeting	Online, 10 February 2025		- Examination of a preliminary draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and approval for stakeholder consultation
11th CDENF plenary meeting	Strasbourg 1-2 April 2025	AI, child-friendly justice	- 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
1st 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
5th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 4-5 June 2025	Prevention of Violence against children	- Presentation of the results of the stakeholder consultation - Examination of the revised draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education
Ad-Hoc Bureau Meeting	Online, 16 July 2025		- Examination of two official requests for observers to the CDENF and/or its subcommittees - Examination of the state of play of the thematic review on the child-friendly justice guidelines'
CDENF Bureau meeting	Paris, 25-26 September 2025		- Preparation of the 12th CDENF plenary meeting
6th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 7-8 October 2025	Prevention of Violence against children	- Approval of a draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education - Examination of Elements for a draft Explanatory memorandum

2nd meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2025	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	- Examination of Elements for a first draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines
CDENF Bureau meeting	Online, 14 November 2025		- Preparation of the 12 <sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting - Appointment of an ENF-VAE member
12th CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2025	Violence against children, AI, child-friendly justice, participation of children	- 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) - Examination of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education - Exchange on the Elements of a draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines - Examination of a draft child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence - Continuation of the review of CoE guidelines on child-friendly justice - Launch of the work on the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18 and on the Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy - Presentation of the Report of the Mid-term Review Conference and examination and adoption of the draft implementation report of the Strategy for the rights of the child (2022-2027) for the period 2024-2025

2026			
Meeting	Dates	Priority themes	Main deliverables and themes
Ad-Hoc Bureau meeting	Online, 9 February 2026		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of the 13th CDENF plenary meeting</li> <li>- Appointment of an ENF-JUS member</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 19 – 20 March 2026	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examination and review of the draft recommendation and on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its explanatory memorandum, in the light of the discussions in the CDENF</li> </ul>
CDENF Bureau meeting	Paris, 9-10 April 2026		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of the 13<sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 23 – 24 April 2026	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examination of a draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines</li> </ul>
13 <sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 2 – 4 June 2026	Prevention of violence against children, Child-friendly justice, Child participation, Social media and children's mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examination or approval of the revised draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its Explanatory memorandum</li> <li>- Presentation on the state of play on the drafting of a Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice</li> <li>- Presentation on the state of play of a child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence</li> <li>- Presentation on the state of play on the work on child participation - draft implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18 and draft Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy</li> <li>- Continuation of the thematic review of guidelines on child-friendly justice</li> <li>- 4<sup>th</sup> June: thematic dialogue on social media and Children's Mental Health, in view of preparing a guidance note</li> </ul>
CDENF Bureau meeting	17-18 September <u>in Paris</u> or 24 – 25 September 2026 <u>online</u> (tbc)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of the 14<sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting</li> </ul>

8 <sup>th</sup> meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 23 – 24 September 2026	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If needed - Finalisation and approval of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its explanatory memorandum</li> <li>- First exchange on a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 29 – 30 October 2026	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalisation and approval of a draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice</li> </ul>
14 <sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 25 – 27 November 2026	Violence against children, child-friendly justice, child participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its explanatory memorandum, in view of its transmission to the CM</li> <li>- Approval of a recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines, in view of its transmission to the CM</li> <li>- Examination of the Implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18 and of the guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy</li> <li>- Adoption of the final Report on the thematic review of the Guidelines on child-friendly justice</li> <li>- Exchange of views on and/or adoption of a guidance note</li> </ul>

## 2027

Meeting	Dates	Priority themes	Main deliverables and themes
9 <sup>th</sup> meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 9 – 10 March 2027 (tbc)	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange on a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children</li> </ul>
CDENF Bureau meeting	March - April 2027 Tbc		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of the 15<sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting</li> </ul>
15 <sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 25-27 May 2027 (tbc)		tbc
CDENF Bureau meeting	September 2027 tbc		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of the 16<sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting</li> </ul>
10 <sup>th</sup> meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 22 – 23	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalisation and approval of a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children</li> </ul>

	September 2027 (tbc)		
16 <sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 24-26 November 2027 (tbc)		tbc

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