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CDENF workplan 2025-2026

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 2025-2026

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 12 th CDENF plenary meeting
6 th 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
12 th CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2025	Violence against children, AI, child-friendly justice, participation of children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
7 th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 18 – 19 March 2026	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - First exchange on a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children
CDENF Bureau meeting	Paris, 9-10 April 2026 (tbc)		- Preparation of the 13 th CDENF plenary meeting
3 rd meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 23 – 24 April 2026	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	- Examination of a draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines

13 th CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 2 – 4 June 2026 (tbc)	AI, Child participation,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination of a child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence, and subject to its state of play, adoption of the CRIA+ - Presentation of the draft implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18 - Examination of the draft Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy - Continuation of the thematic review of guidelines on child-friendly justice
Conference of Ministers of Justice	Strasbourg, 16 June 2026	Child friendly justice	Tbc
CDENF Bureau meeting	24 – 25 September 2026 (tbc)		- Preparation of the 14 th CDENF plenary meeting
8 th meeting of ENF-VAE	Strasbourg, 7 – 8 October 2026	Prevention of Violence against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation and approval of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its explanatory memorandum - Examination of a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children
4 th meeting of ENF-JUS	Strasbourg, 29 – 30 October 2026	Multidisciplinary and interagency services	- Finalisation and approval of a draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, and its explanatory memorandum
14 th CDENF Plenary meeting	Strasbourg, 24 – 26 November 2026 (tbc)	Violence against children, child-friendly justice, child participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its explanatory memorandum, in view of its transmission to the CM - Approval of a recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines, in view of its transmission to the CM - 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 - Exchange of views on the thematic review of guidelines on child-friendly justice - Exchange of views on a guidance note on a topical issue

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CDENF deliverables
Flow chart 2025 - 2027

		2025											2026										2027														
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deliverable	Meetings			Bureau	11th CDENF and mid-term review					Bureau		12th CDENF Plenary					Bureau		13th CDENF Plenary			Bureau		14th CDENF Plenary													
4 ; 9	ENF-VAE					5th ENF-VAE				6th ENF-VAE					7th ENF-VAE								8th ENF-VAE														
	Age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for inter alia preventing and combatting violence against children, including sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children	Recommendation comprehensive sexuality education and explanatory memorandum																																			
14	Guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children																																				
12	ENF-JUS					1st ENF-JUS				2nd ENF-JUS						3rd ENF-JUS							4th ENF-JUS														
	Recommendation on Barnahus guidelines as a model for child-friendly justice	Recommendation Barnahus																																			
	CDENF files																																				
7	Child rights impact assessment on AI	CRIA AI																																			
10	Implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18																																				
11	Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy																																				
13	Thematic review Guidelines child-friendly justice	Thematic review Guidelines child-friendly justice																																			
16	Implementation reports of the Strategy																																				
17	Thematic exchange and guidance notes (themes to be decided)																																				
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		2nd Guidance note																																			