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Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

Abridged report of the 11th plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 1-2 April 2025)

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) held its 11th plenary meeting in Strasbourg (France) on 1-2 April 2025, with Ružica Boškić (Slovenia) in the Chair.

The agenda of the meeting is contained in the Appendix. The full meeting report including the list of participants will be available on the CDENF website.¹

At its plenary meeting, the CDENF:

- **took note of and approved** its workplan for 2025, to be updated as appropriate by the Secretariat in advance of the next plenary meeting;
- **elected:**
 - o Ružica Boškić (Slovenia) as its Chair for a second term of office of one year, starting on 1 July 2025;
 - o Solvor Bäcklund (Norway) as its Vice-Chair for a second term of office of one year, starting on 1 July 2025;
- **designated:**
 - o Maria João Fernandes (Portugal) as expert member of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA);
 - o Marino di Nardo (Italy) as CDENF representative as observer to the Committee of experts on access to origins (CJ-OR)
- **welcomed** the designation of Célia Chamiça, (Portugal), as CDENF reference person for digital technologies, including artificial intelligence;
- **took note** of the information provided on relevant transversal activities led by other Council of Europe bodies and sectors;
- **took note** of a presentation by Astrid Podsiadlowski, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), on research on the challenges and good practices towards integrated child protection systems;
- **held an exchange of views and information** on the national implementation of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child in 2023-2024 and during the first quarter of 2025;

¹ www.coe.int/cdenf

- **took note of** a presentation on the Pathfinding Global Alliance to end all forms of violence against children, and held an exchange of views with Najat Maalla M'jid, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children;
- **took note of** the update of the progress of the work of the Committee of Experts on the prevention of violence (ENF-VAE);
- **took note of** the presentation of the Draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for inter-alia preventing and combating violence against children and **provided first comments** in the light of the ongoing written consultation on the draft document;
- **thanked** the outgoing Chair of ENF-VAE, Mária Vargová (Slovakia), for her important contribution to the work on the prevention of violence against children over the last two years;
- **took note of** the presentation of the draft report covering international and European law developments and case-law analysis for the thematic review of the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers on child-friendly justice;
- **held a first exchange** with the consultant on the thematic review of the Guidelines on child-friendly justice in view of the upcoming written consultation process on the draft report;
- **took note of** information on the preparation towards the first meeting of Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and Interagency services (ENF-JUS);
- **took note of** a presentation of a comparative study on tools and methods to ensure the best interests of the child in civil court proceedings in member and observer States developed in the framework of a cooperation project;
- **took note of** first elements of a Child Rights Impact assessment tool (CRIA) on artificial intelligence, in view of the development of a draft tool to be presented during the next plenary meeting;
- **took note of** the following date of its upcoming meeting:

12th CDENF Plenary meeting: Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2025 tbc.
- **adopted** this abridged report at the end of the meeting.

Appendix Agenda

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1. **Opening of the meeting**

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

 3. **Statement of the Chair and Secretariat**

 4. **Review of progress** (updated workplan)

 5. **Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)**
Main deliverable 8 and main task (iii)
Exchange on the national implementation of the Strategy in 2022-2024

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

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

Draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for inter-alia preventing and combating violence against children
Main deliverable 9

 - 5.1.2 **Presentation on the Pathfinding Global Alliance to end all forms of violence against children /6**

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

 - 5.2.1 **Child rights impact assessment tool on artificial intelligence**
Main deliverable 7

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

 - 5.3.1 **Thematic review of the Council of Europe Guidelines on child-friendly justice**
Main deliverable 13

 - 5.3.2 **Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS)**
Main deliverable 12

 6. **Transversal issues:**
 - a. Mainstreaming of gender, youth, rights of persons with disabilities and of Roma and Traveller issues
main task (xvii)
 - b. Contribution to the UNSDGs
main task (xx)

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

 8. **Elections to the Bureau**

 9. **Appointments**

10. Any other business

11. Date and place of next meeting

12. Approval of the abridged meeting report
