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Meeting Report

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) held its 13th plenary meeting in Strasbourg (France) on 2-4 June 2026, with Ružica Boškić (Slovenia) in the Chair. The CDENF held a Thematic Dialogue on Social Media and Children's Mental Health in Strasbourg and online on 4 June 2026. This event was organised in co-operation with the [Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health](#) (CDBIO), under the auspices of the [Presidency of Monaco](#) of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, the event contributed to the [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#). It opened at high level with interventions by Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and Christophe Robino, Minister of Health and Social Affairs of Monaco. The dialogue brought together 150 policy makers, international experts, civil-society representatives and youth ambassadors from Ireland and Malta, with over 350 participants following online.
2. The Chair welcomed all members, participants and observers to the meeting, and invited new members of the CDENF to introduce themselves.

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

3. The CDENF adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix I.

3. Statement of the Chair and Secretariat

4. The Chair informed the CDENF that Bragi Guðbrandsson has now been awarded the 2025 North-South Prize. The recent announcement of the award was an important recognition of the Barnahus model and its significant contribution to strengthening the protection of children's rights in Europe.
5. Anne Kayser-Attuil, Secretary of the CDENF, introduced the changes that occurred within the team of the CDENF Secretariat.
6. The Secretariat expressed its gratitude to Monaco, Andorra and Slovenia for their recent voluntary contributions, and invited delegations to consider further opportunities to provide voluntary funding in support of the Council of Europe's work on children's rights, in particular to strengthen child participation in the activities of the Children's Rights Division.

4. Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027)

7. The Secretariat provided an overview of the progress made for each deliverable, the remaining work to be carried out, and the upcoming deadlines. The CDENF approved its revised workplan for 2025-2027.

4.1. Strategic Objective 1: Freedom from violence for all children

8. The CDENF took note of the information presented by Marjo Malja (Finland), Chair of the ENF-VAE, on this Committee's work. Marjo Malja recalled that the draft recommendation and explanatory memorandum on the protection of children against violence through age-

appropriate comprehensive sexuality education was presented to the CDENF for the second time in November 2025, after which written comments were submitted by several member states. The draft was subsequently revised during the 7th meeting of ENF-VAE (19-20 March 2026) and the Committee transmitted its final version of the recommendation and explanatory memorandum to the CDENF on 23 April 2026, calling for written comments by 13 May 2026.

9. The CDENF examined the draft Recommendation and reviewed the changes made to the former version, with the aim of integrating the comments received from the CDENF. It also carried out informal negotiations to reach a compromise on the most contentious issues. The CDENF namely agreed on:
 - the reference to “science-based” comprehensive sexuality education;
 - the use of “bodily integrity and personal autonomy”;
 - in §2.2, adding a reference to “cultural-awareness” in the definition of comprehensive sexuality education;
 - in §3.4, aligning the enumeration of the vulnerability grounds to the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027);
 - in §5.2, underlining the need for educators to be trained on how to deliver this education in a culturally aware and trauma-informed learning environment;
 - in Section 8, deleting the express reference to the mandatory nature of this education, while keeping a reference to the fact that *de jure* or *de facto* exemptions undermine the protection of children from violence.
10. The CDENF approved the draft Recommendation on the protection of children against violence through age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education, to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption.
11. The CDENF agreed to align the draft Explanatory Memorandum with the agreed wording of the draft Recommendation. It held further informal negotiations to find a wording compromise on the “mandatory” nature of comprehensive sexuality education in schools.
12. The CDENF examined and adopted the Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Recommendation, subject to last editorial changes, to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for information.

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

13. Aoife Nolan, President of the Council of Europe’s European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), provided an overview of that Committee’s work relating to children’s rights and highlighted the relevance of the European Social Charter to the CDENF’s future priorities. She underlined the importance of ensuring that the themes and standards stemming from the Charter are more systematically reflected in the CDENF’s upcoming work, including in the development of the next Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2028–2033). She encouraged the CDENF to integrate social rights considerations, such as poverty, social inclusion, health, education and protection of vulnerable groups, into its strategic thinking to reinforce coherence across Council of Europe bodies and strengthen the overall impact of children’s rights policies.

4.3. Strategic objective 3: Access to and safe use of technologies for all children

14. The report of the Thematic Dialogue on Social Media and Children’s Mental Health, organised in co-operation with the CDBIO under the auspices of the Presidency of Monaco of the Committee of Ministers, is provided in Appendix 2.

4.4. Strategic Objective 4: Child-friendly justice for all children

4.4.1. Thematic review of the Council of Europe Guidelines on child-friendly justice (Joint session with the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and the Council of Europe Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC))

15. The CDENF, the CDCJ and the CDPC took note of the workplan provided by Tanja Gerwien, Co-Secretary of the CDENF, for producing a Thematic Review of the Council of Europe Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice.
16. The CDENF, CDCJ and CDPC took note of the presentation of the Gap Analysis report on the Thematic Review of the Guidelines on Child-Friendly Justice by Susanna Greijer, one of the two independent consultants responsible for preparing this report.

4.4.2. Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS)

17. Tanja Gerwien, Secretary of the ENF-JUS, provided an overview of the progress made during the three meetings of the ENF-JUS, which took place in May and October 2025, and in April 2026.
18. The CDENF took note, for the first time, of the ENF-JUS' draft Recommendation on integrated services for children affected by violence, presented by Susanna Greijer, independent consultant.
19. A CDENF and stakeholder consultation had been launched mid-May with a deadline for comments on **30 June 2026**.

4.5. Strategic Objective 5: Giving a voice to every child

20. Raluca Verweijen-Slammescu, consultant, presented the ongoing 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 draft Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy. She presented the state of play of the child consultations initiated in several member states, through governmental and non-governmental organisations.
21. The CDENF adopted the draft questionnaire to member states to inform the implementation of the CM/Rec(2012)2 on child participation.
22. The CDENF took note of the organisation of interactive workshops to be organised during the next CDENF (26 November 2026). These aim to foster lively exchanges between member states, partners, children and youth organisations on national good practices and challenges encountered regarding child participation.

5. Exchange of views on the next CDENF Terms of Reference and Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2028-2033)

23. Malcolm Cox, Evaluator at the Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO) of the Council of Europe, gave an overview of the main outcomes of the evaluation report of the Council of Europe sub-programme on children's rights. He noted that the sub-programme had consistently met or

exceeded its planned targets between 2021 and 2025, demonstrating strong performance despite challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the war of aggression in Ukraine. Malcom Cox underscored the continued relevance of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child, describing it as a transversal and integrated framework that has strengthened the visibility and mainstreaming of children's rights within the Council of Europe and guided member states' action. While the Strategy has served as a common reference point at national level and fostered ownership around its six thematic pillars, its progressive expansion and the absence of dedicated resources or operational focus has led to variable levels of implementation across pillars. The sub-programme's efforts to cover an increasingly broad scope have been constrained by these factors, resulting in uneven progress.

24. Hallvard Gorseth, Director of Equal Rights and Dignity in the Council of Europe, intervened in the framework of the exchange of views on the future Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2028-2033). He highlighted the importance of anchoring the next Strategy within the broader political vision of the New Democratic Pact for Europe launched by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Alain Berset, stressing its aim to rebuild trust in democracy, reinforce democratic resilience and ensure that democratic institutions remain meaningful and inclusive for all, including children and young people. He recalled the challenges currently affecting democratic life, such as polarisation, disinformation, and the politicisation of equality and human rights, and underlined the relevance of the Pact's three pillars for the CDENF's work. In this context, he pointed to ongoing initiatives on child participation, children's rights in the digital environment, guidance on emerging technologies, and child-friendly justice as concrete contributions to strengthening democratic engagement and protection. He encouraged the CDENF to integrate this democracy focus into the development of the next Strategy, ensuring that children's voices are systematically considered in decisions shaping their future, and wished delegations a fruitful exchange of views.
25. The CDENF held an exchange of views on the next Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2028–2033), during which the Secretariat facilitated an interactive discussion through real-time polls and open questions. This format enabled delegations to share priorities and expectations for the future Strategy, and generated a series of notable results, including key trends and areas of convergence among member states.
26. The poll results indicated a strong preference for continuing several objectives of the current Strategy, with “Freedom from violence for all children” (84.62%) receiving the highest support, followed by “Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children” (56.41%), “Access to and safe use of technologies for all children” (56.41%), and “Child-friendly justice for all children” (46.15%), (Giving a voice to every child” (41.03%); “Children's rights in crisis and emergency situations” (28.21%)).
27. The responses to the open question indicated a clear trend towards prioritising “mental health and well-being” as a potential new objective for the next Strategy, with this theme appearing most frequently across submissions. Other recurrent suggestions included environment and climate related rights, democracy and children's democratic participation, non-discrimination and equal dignity, and child poverty and social inclusion, alongside more specific proposals such as the rights of LGBTQIA+ children, children in care, the impact of AI on children's rights, and support for child and young human rights defenders.

6. Mainstream perspectives and other transversal issues

28. The Chair underlined the **importance of mainstreaming children's rights** across the Council of Europe's work, noting that **child protection and participation** are relevant to most areas, and thanked all CDENF representatives and reference persons for their active contributions.

7. Update on ongoing activities from CDENF members, participants and observers and relevant Council of Europe bodies and observers:

29. The CDENF took note of the updates on ongoing activities from CDENF members and from relevant Council of Europe bodies and observers, contributing to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027), as reflected in Appendix 3.

8. Elections to the Bureau

30. The CDENF elected Marjo Malja (Finland) as Chair and Célia Chamiça (Portugal) as Vice-Chair of the CDENF for a term of office of one year starting on 1 July 2026 until 30 June 2027.
31. The CDENF elected Antoine Antonini (Monaco) and Magdalena Bochińska (Poland) as Bureau members, to complete the terms of office in the Bureau of the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair until 31 December 2027.

9. Appointments

32. The CDENF reviewed the list of its representatives on various issues and considered new appointments. Ombeline Lesselier was appointed Gender Rapporteur together with Ružica Boškić; Barbara Reintjes-Wagner was appointed representative of the CDENF to CDENV; Joanna Gwizdak was appointed representative of CDENF to ADISOGIESC.

10. Any other business

33. Participants did not raise any additional issues.

11. Date and place of next meetings

34. The CDENF took note of the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

- 25-27 November 2026, Strasbourg and online – 14th CDENF plenary meeting
- 25-27 May 2027, Strasbourg and online – 15th CDENF plenary meeting
- 24-26 November 2027, Strasbourg and online – 16th CDENF plenary meeting

12. Approval of the abridged meeting report

35. The abridged meeting report was approved during the meeting by all members present and online.

Appendix I – Agenda

Timing (CET)	Agenda Item	Working documents Reference documents
Tuesday, 2 June 2026		
Morning 09:30 am – 12:30 am		
9:30 am	1. Opening of the meeting	Reference documents • CDENF(2025)LOP2 – List of participants • CDENF-Bu(2026)PV02 – Report of the 19th Bureau 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.	Working documents • CDENF(2026)OJ01 prov – draft agenda of the 13th CDENF Plenary meeting • CDENF(2026)OJ01ANN prov – draft annotated agenda of the 13th CDENF Plenary meeting
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.	
10:00 am	4. Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022 –2027) CDENF workplan: Overview of main activities, priorities and meetings <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to consider, comment on and approve its revised workplan.	Working document • CDENF(2026)01 – CDENF Workplan and working methods for 2025 – 2027 Reference document • Terms of Reference of the CDENF for 2024-2027
10:30 am	9. Elections of a Chair and Vice-Chair <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to elect its Chair and Vice-Chair for a first term of office starting on 1 st July 2026.	Reference document • CDENF(2026)INF1 – Election Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members.
Coffee Break 11:00 am – 11:30 11:00 am Family picture in front of the meeting room (tbc)		
11:30 am	6. Transversal issues: - Mainstreaming of gender, youth, rights of persons with disabilities and of Roma and Traveller issues main task (xvii) - Contribution to the UNSDGs main task(xx)	Reference documents • Mainstreamed perspectives and the role of Rapporteurs in the intergovernmental structure.
	9. Appointments <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to review the list of its representatives on various issues and consider new appointments for the following areas:	Working documents • CDENF(2026)01 – CDENF Workplan and working methods for 2025 – 2027 (page 8: CDENF representatives)

	- Committee of Experts on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (ADI-SOGIESC) - Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV)	
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch Break		
Afternoon		
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm		
2:00 pm	4.1. Strategic Objective 1: Freedom from violence for all children 4.1.1. Committee of Experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE) Draft Recommendation and Explanatory memorandum on the protection of children against violence through age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education <i>Main deliverable 9</i> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to discuss, revise and approve the draft Recommendation and its explanatory memorandum, in view of its subsequent consideration by the Committee of Ministers.	<u>Working documents</u> • CDENF(2026)08 (restricted) – Revised draft Recommendation on the protection of children against violence through age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education • CDENF(2026)09 (restricted) – Revised draft Explanatory Memorandum to the Recommendation <u>Reference documents</u> • ENF-VAE (2025)05 rev - E – Report of children's consultations on comprehensive sexuality education • ENF-VAE(2025)03 rev – Compilation of Stakeholder's comments on the draft Recommendation (April 2025) • ENF-VAE(2026)01 (restricted) – Compilation of CDENF comments on the draft Recommendation (January 2026) • ENF-VAE(2026)PV01 – Report of the 7th ENF-VAE meeting
Coffee break		
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm		
4:30 pm	4.5. Strategic Objective 5: Giving a voice to every child 4.5.1. Implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18 <i>Main deliverable 10</i> 4.5.2. Draft Guidelines for developing a national children's participation strategy <i>Main deliverable 11</i> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to: • take note of the presentations by the consultant; • hold an exchange of views and approve the draft questionnaire to member states.	<u>Working document</u> • CDENF(2026)05 – Questionnaire to member states on child participation <u>Reference documents</u> • CDENF(2026)03 – Guidance for consultations with children • CDENF(2025)05rev1 – Concept note on CDENF's work on Child Participation • Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)2 on the participation of children and young people under the age of 18
5:30 pm End of day 1		

Wednesday, 3 June 2026		
Morning 09:30 am – 12:30 am		
09:30 am	4.2. Strategic Objective 2: Equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to: - take note of the information provided by Aiofe Nolan, President of the Council of Europe's European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR); - exchange views on relevant topics concerning the Strategic objective 2, equal opportunities and social inclusion for all children.	
10:15 am	4. Implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022–2027) <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the presentation of the main outcomes of the evaluation report by Malcolm Cox, Evaluator at the Directorate of Internal Oversight of the Council of Europe.	<u>Reference documents</u> Evaluation report of the Council of Europe sub-programme on children's rights and Evaluation brief
Coffee Break 10:30 am – 10:45 am		
10:45 am	5. Exchange of views on the next CDENF Terms of Reference and Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2028-2033) <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to - take note of the information provided by Hallvard Gorseth, Director of Equal Rights and Dignity in the Council of Europe, on the New Democratic Pact for Europe and the future strategy; - hold an exchange of views on the next Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2028-2033). 7. Update on ongoing activities from CDENF members <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the information provided by CDENF members.	<u>Working document</u> - CDENF(2026)04 – Questions to guide the exchange on the next Strategy <u>Reference documents</u> Building a Resilient Europe - The New Democratic Pact for Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) Second implementation report of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2024-2025)

	8. Co-operation with participants and observers to the CDENF • International organisations • INGOs <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the relevant information provided by participants and observers to the CDENF.	
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch Break		
Afternoon 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm		
2:00 pm	4.4 Strategic Objective 4: Child-friendly justice for all children 4.4.1 Strategic Objective 4: Child-friendly justice for all children <i>Main deliverable 13</i> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the Thematic Review Report.	<u>Working document</u> • CDENF(2026)06 – Thematic Review of the Guidelines on child-friendly justice: Gap Analysis Report – <i>Draft</i> <u>Reference documents</u> • Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Child friendly Justice
2:45 pm	4.4.2 Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS) <i>Main deliverable 12</i> <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to take note of the draft recommendation on integrated services for children affected by violence (will be sent for comments to CDENF and stakeholders on 18 May with deadline on 30 June 2026).	<u>Working document</u> • ENF-JUS(2026)03e (restricted) – <u>Draft Recommendation on integrated services for children affected by violence</u> <u>Reference documents</u> • ENF-JUS(2026)04 (restricted) – Compilation of comments and drafting proposals received on the draft review • ENF-JUS(2026)PV01 – Report of the third meeting
Coffee Break		
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm		
4:00 pm	10. Any other business	
	11. Date and place of next meetings <u>Required action:</u> The CDENF is invited to agree that the next meetings will take place in Strasbourg, on: • 14th Plenary meeting: 25 - 27 November 2026 • 15th Plenary meeting 25 - 27 May 2027 • 16th Plenary meeting: 24 - 26 November 2027	<u>Working document</u> • CDENF(2026)01 – CDENF Workplan and working methods for 2025 - 2027
	12. Approval of the abridged meeting report	
5:30 pm End of Day 2		

Thursday, 4 th June 2026		
9:30 am – 5:30 pm		
9:30 am – 5:45 pm	4.3.Strategic objective 3: Access to and safe use of technologies for all children <i>Thematic Dialogue on Social Media and Children's Mental Health: taking stock and examining responses, in co-operation with the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), under the auspices of the Presidency of Monaco of the Committee of Ministers</i>	<u>Reference documents</u> • Concept note for a thematic exchange on Social Media and Children's Mental Health • CDENF(2026)07 – Draft Background note on Social media and children's mental health • Website (including a draft programme)
Refreshments		
Offered by the presidency of Monaco		
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm		
6:30 pm– 8:00 pm	Film screening – Molly vs the Machines , followed by exchange with Ian Russel and Andy Burrows (Molly Rose Foundation)	
8:30 pm End of the meeting		

Appendix 2 – Report on the Thematic Dialogue on Social Media and Children’s Mental Health

Thematic Dialogue on Social Media and Children’s Mental Health: taking stock and examining responses, in co-operation with the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), under the auspices of the Presidency of Monaco,
Thursday, 4 June 2026, Strasbourg

1. Opening and introduction of the meeting

1. The Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) held a thematic dialogue on Social Media and Children’s Mental Health in Strasbourg and online, on 4 June 2026. This event was organised in co-operation with the [Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health](#) (CDBIO), under the auspices of the [Presidency of Monaco](#) of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, the event contributed to the [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#).
The dialogue brought together 150 policy makers, international experts, civil-society representatives and youth ambassadors from Ireland and Malta, with over 350 participants following online.
2. Opening the event, Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, underlined the need to ground the debate on children’s mental health and social media in facts, science and children’s voices. He warned that the issue goes beyond public health, touching on the democratic well-being of a generation shaped by crises. Highlighting the Council of Europe’s New Democratic Pact (learning, protecting and innovating), he stressed equipping young people with critical thinking skills while ensuring stronger safeguards against online harm. He called for a coordinated European response, rejecting the ‘false choice’ between protecting children by cutting their access to social media or respecting rights while accepting the risks. He reaffirmed the need for a shared legal and value-based framework to address cross-borders challenges.
3. Christophe Robino, Minister of Health and Social Affairs of Monaco, highlighted the commitment of the Presidency of Monaco of the Committee of Ministers to placing children at the centre of its priorities, and urged for a coordinated, rights-based approach. Drawing on data from Monaco’s children, he underlined the importance of grounding policy responses in young people’s experiences and concerns. Monaco’s comprehensive approach builds on prevention, education, support, proportionate safeguards and youth participation and stresses the shared responsibility of public authorities, experts, families and digital platforms in shaping safer online environments.
4. Elisabeth Staksrud, Professor, Media and Communication Department, University of Oslo, referred to the background note prepared for this event and highlighted that children’s online experiences cannot be reduced to benefits or harm. They depend on individual vulnerabilities, social context and platform design. She emphasised that children use social media for connection, learning and belonging, and that regulation must therefore balance protection with their rights to information, expression and participation. She cautioned against one-size-fits-all measures, such as blanket age bans, noting that poorly designed restrictions may create new risks or limit access for those who rely most on digital spaces.
5. Julia (Ireland) and Rhythm (Malta), both Youth Ambassadors of the 5Rights Foundation, illustrated both the risks and opportunities of social media for children and young people.

Rhythm highlighted how platform designs, from addictive features to algorithm-driven echo chambers, can reinforce harmful content and isolation, yet also foster identity, connection and activism, particularly for minority youth. Julia, through her own experience, illustrated how harmful content, social pressure and algorithmic amplification can contribute to self-harm, isolation and declining mental health, while also acknowledging the supportive potential of online communities. Both rejected blanket bans as ineffective and potentially harmful, urging instead platform accountability, improved digital literacy, meaningful youth participation, and the creation of online environments that are safe by design and respectful of children's rights, including their rights to information, support and active involvement in shaping the digital spaces they inhabit.

2. Taking stock

6. Scientists present at the event underlined that research does not support that social media is the main cause of children's mental health problems. Those are primarily shaped by the social context, existing vulnerabilities, relationships with parents, peers, and the school environment. Nevertheless, the impact of screens on sleep and sedentary behaviour is established. At the same time, the data shows serious cause for concern: OECD figures indicate that 66% of 15-year-old girls and 61% of 15-year-old boys spend three or more hours on social media on weekdays, and according to the Background note on Social Media and Children's Mental Health: Taking Stock and Examining Responses (document CDENF(2026)07), 11% of adolescents display addiction-like symptoms from social media use. Addiction was one of the central concerns of the session, while it was underlined that "there is no addiction to internet, there is addiction via internet".
7. Experts identified platform design as a key driver of this problem. Social media platforms deliberately embed addiction-driving mechanics into their architecture: algorithmic recommendation systems, infinite scroll, push notifications, and gamified rewards, designed to maximise engagement, and they exploit children's limited cognitive defences and developmental immaturity. Speakers emphasised the importance of research to gather evidence and required that platforms share the data collected for scientific research.
8. The discussion also recognised the benefits of social media. Young people increasingly turn to online spaces for advice, including on sensitive health-related matters, where AI-based companions and chatbots offer immediate, non-judgmental responses. For children who feel marginalised, social media may provide the only environment where they can access supportive communities, obtain information unavailable in their immediate surroundings, and connect with peers who share similar experiences. More broadly, social media offers children a space to express themselves, be heard and share their stories, an essential component of their rights to participation and access to information. Participants noted that reducing children's reliance on social media requires the creation of equally trustworthy, accessible and non-judgmental spaces in the physical world.
9. Children participating in the dialogue reminded authorities that they are the citizens of tomorrow and must be equipped to participate meaningfully in the digital public sphere rather than excluded from it. Their involvement in policy-making processes is therefore essential.
10. Beyond concerns related to compulsive use, participants highlighted exposure to harmful content, cyberbullying and disinformation as additional structural risks. Similar patterns were observed across other digital environments, including gaming platforms and AI-driven tools such as chatbot companions.

3. A call for comprehensive response

11. Participants underlined the need for a balanced approach that both protects children from harmful online experiences and safeguards their rights to participation and expression in the digital public sphere. They called for a child-rights-based, multi-stakeholder response, stressing that isolated measures are insufficient to address the complexity of today's digital environment. Two complementary directions for action were identified.

a. Strengthening platform regulation

12. The first direction concerns better regulation of digital platforms, including imposing safety-by design; greater accountability for harmful design features; increased transparency of recommendation systems; and the application of the precautionary principle, potentially through safety certification mechanisms. It also includes more effective age assurance systems aligned with children's evolving capacities.
13. Such measures should remain evidence-based, grounded in children's rights, and aimed at ensuring safe and healthy digital environments. A recurring message emphasised the need for proportionate regulation that mitigates risks without undermining children's rights to information, participation and expression. There was consensus among speakers that blanket bans on social media for minors may be ineffective and could raise concerns regarding children's participation rights.

b. Investing in skills, education and prevention

14. Evidence indicates that restrictive measures alone cannot address underlying vulnerabilities, reduce exposure to harmful content, or preserve the positive opportunities offered by social media.
15. An enhanced focus is needed on strengthening media and digital literacy, digital well-being and hygiene, and parental support. It includes improving access to reliable health information and developing awareness-raising initiatives, reinforcing the capacity of health and education professionals and integrating digital health into public health strategies.

c. Involving children

16. Participants highlighted the importance of co-creation with children and young people, including diverse youth voices, particularly those who are under-represented.

4. From Thematic Dialogue to action

17. Delegations, including member state representatives and other international partners, presented ongoing positions and initiatives mainly centred on regulation, education and public awareness.
18. Discussions highlighted the need to move beyond the binary framing of "ban or no ban" towards a more nuanced regulatory approach reflecting children's evolving capacities and the diversity of their online experiences. Age assurance was identified as an emerging requirement where legal age limits exist, although participants noted the absence of harmonised standards and the risk of fragmented national approaches.
19. Christophe Robino, Minister of Health and Social Affairs of Monaco, concluded the dialogue by emphasising the need to translate the day's reflections into coordinated and durable action. He highlighted the importance of a balanced approach that recognises both the benefits and the risks of digital technologies, and that upholds children's rights across all environments, including the digital sphere.
20. The Minister underlined that the dialogue reaffirmed the importance of sustained cooperation among member states and international partners. This thematic dialogue will contribute to the Council of Europe's ongoing work on social media and children's mental health, including the preparation of a future guidance note.

Appendix 3 – Item 7 of the agenda – Update on ongoing activities from CDENF members, participants and observers and relevant Council of Europe bodies and observers

7. Update on ongoing activities from CDENF members, participants and observers and relevant Council of Europe bodies and observers:

28. The CDENF took note of updates on ongoing activities from CDENF members and from relevant Council of Europe bodies and observers, contributing to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027), as reflected in Appendix 2.

- 1- Azerbaijan presented recent legislative and institutional developments following the adoption of the new Law “On the Rights of the Child”, highlighting its comprehensive scope and the introduction of key concepts such as the best interests of the child, violence against children, and corporal punishment. The Law strengthens accountability mechanisms, expands preventive obligations for institutions, and formalises child-friendly justice procedures, including mandatory involvement of psychologists during hearings and interviews. Azerbaijan also outlined enhanced coordination and oversight functions, with the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, the Commission on Child Rights Protection, and the Ombudsman assuming clearly defined roles in child-rights governance.

Azerbaijan further reported on progress in child participation, institutional monitoring, inclusive education, health and rehabilitation services, and protection measures in the digital environment, including a 2026 Presidential Order on safeguarding children online. Updates were also provided on administrative and criminal liability measures related to violence, bullying, harmful digital content, and AI-generated materials. The Secretariat supporting the national child-rights commissions presented its recent analytical work, identification of systemic gaps, and development of unified methodologies and tools to strengthen local-level protection mechanisms, contributing to broader efforts to reinforce child-protection systems across the country.

- 2- Croatia reported continued progress on the Barnahus model, noting that a pilot unit is being set up in Zagreb, supported by a Memorandum of Understanding and the preparation of a dedicated *lex specialis* to regulate the multidisciplinary approach in cases involving children. The authorities added that county social plans have been developed to map children's service needs and that a national early-intervention plan for children with disabilities is nearing completion, reinforcing efforts to strengthen child-protection systems.
- 3- Finland informed the CDENF that, following a government decision, the revised legislation on the Barnahus model is expected to enter into force in 2027.
- 4- Greece informed the Committee about the Joint European Union – Council of Europe Child-friendly Justice Project, held on 27 May 2026 in Athens in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of the Hellenic Republic. The event gathered representatives from Belgium, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Slovenia, alongside international organisations and NGOs, to review progress, present key project results and discuss the next steps for ensuring that justice systems across Europe become genuinely child-friendly and inclusive. A central moment of the conference was a panel discussion led by children from Greece entitled “A deep dive into children's further needs within justice systems.” Drawing on their experience in a mock-trial initiative implemented by the Ministry of Justice, the children highlighted persistent challenges,

including proceedings centred mainly on offenders, the burden placed on child victims to prove harm, and the recurring feeling of not being adequately heard. They called for concrete action to address these systemic shortcomings and to strengthen child-friendly justice in practice.

- 5- Italy informed the Committee that its recent work on children's rights, both online and offline, has centred on preventing and addressing violence against children, with a strong focus on digital safety and the emerging challenges posed by artificial intelligence. Italy also announced that the Italian Ombudsperson for Children and Adolescents (*Autorità garante per l'infanzia e l'adolescenza*) will launch a new online platform for child participation by the end of the year, designed to expand opportunities for children to express their views and engage directly with institutions.
- 6- Ireland will assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 July to 31 December 2026. In this context, Ireland informed the Committee that it will host the next European Child Guarantee Coordinators Meeting, which will place a strong emphasis on prevention and early intervention in family support, as well as on ensuring that children and young people's voices are meaningfully heard. The delegation highlighted that the meeting would include a high-level conference dedicated to listening directly to children and young people, in line with Ireland's broader commitment to strengthening child participation across public policy. Ireland also reported progress in the education sector, noting the expansion of its DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) programme through the introduction of DEIS+, which aims to further reduce educational disadvantage and improve outcomes for children in low-income communities. In addition, on 6 May 2026, the Ministry of Justice launched a series of multimedia videos for children up to 12 years old, designed to support those navigating family difficulties and justice processes by providing clear, age-appropriate explanations of procedures and available supports. These initiatives contribute to Ireland's wider efforts to strengthen early-intervention systems and ensure that justice and social services remain accessible and child-centred.
- 7- Portugal informed the Committee that it has established a new National Commission for the Rights of Children and Young People, representing a renewed governance model designed to ensure stronger coordination across all strategic areas related to children's rights.
- 8- Spain has approved draft legislation addressing "vicarious violence" (violence on others) aimed at protecting children who are collateral victims of domestic violence. This draft legislation seeks to recognise such violence inflicted upon children as a distinct criminal offense within the Penal Code. Spain also recalled its efforts in implementing the Barnahus model. Prior to its introduction, specialised crisis centres for women and girls, who were victims of sexual violence, were already in place.
- 9- The Conference of INGOs informed the Committee that its Expert Council on NGO Law has recently published a study on "Recent adverse developments for non-governmental organisations in Europe." The study assesses the situation of NGOs across Council of Europe member states and concludes that the overall environment for civil society is deteriorating, marked by the spread of "foreign agents" type legislation, the criminalisation of legitimate NGO activities, shrinking funding opportunities, and increasing restrictions on organisations working in sensitive fields. It further notes that legal remedies remain largely ineffective in safeguarding civic space in most countries. The Expert Council explained that the study draws on first-hand contributions from NGOs in 30 countries, collected through a dedicated questionnaire, and expressed gratitude for the extensive input received from civil society. These findings underscore the importance of reinforcing civic-space protections and ensuring that NGOs can continue to operate freely as essential actors in the promotion and defence of human rights across Europe. The Conference of INGOs also reported that its Spring 2026 Session, held on 15–17 April, included a thematic debate on hate speech, hate crime and discrimination, with a particular focus on antisemitism and hatred targeting LGBTQI communities.
- 10- The European Commission reported on its ongoing work to strengthen child participation at EU level, notably through the EU Children's Participation Platform, which now connects 100 organisations across 25 member states. Recent large-scale consultations have gathered

children's views on key policy files, including cyberbullying (6 000 children consulted) feeding into the EU Action Plan on Cyberbullying, the strengthening of the European Child Guarantee (41 000 children), and the preparation of the upcoming Digital Fairness Act (5 000 children). The Commission also underlined the Democracy Shield, aimed at reinforcing children's engagement in democratic life, and welcomed the strong cooperation with the upcoming Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU. The Commission further underlined progress on the social and economic inclusion dimension of the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child, particularly in relation to strengthening the European Child Guarantee. In the field of education, it announced that an Education Package will be presented by the end of the year, with a focus on guidance and wellbeing in schools. The Commission also emphasised synergies between children's rights and broader EU policy frameworks, including the Gender Equality Strategy, the EU Anti Racism Action Plan, and the forthcoming Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Work under the third pillar on child protection continues to advance, supporting member states in building stronger, more integrated child protection systems across the European Union. The European Commission also recalled its cooperation with the Council of Europe on the joint project on child-friendly justice. The European Commission also highlighted its ongoing work in the digital field, noting that efforts to strengthen children's safety online remain a core priority. In this context, the Commission is advancing measures on age-verification and age-assurance systems.

- 11- The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) provided an overview of its recent work on children, with a particular focus on those in vulnerable situations. FRA highlighted persistent inequalities affecting Roma children, including high levels of poverty in households and ongoing school segregation, with many Roma pupils still placed in schools or classes attended predominantly by other Roma children. The Agency also drew attention to the situation of LGBTQI+ children and young adults, announcing that it will publish by the end of the year a new report compiling EU-wide data on their experiences. While some progress is visible, particularly in school environments, FRA noted with concern that bullying rates in educational settings have increased, underscoring the need for stronger preventive and protective measures. FRA further presented findings from its violence against women survey, which also captures data concerning children, revealing that the number of children witnessing or experiencing violence remains unacceptably high across Europe. The Agency additionally reported on its work related to migration, stressing the vulnerabilities faced by migrant and asylum-seeking children and the importance of ensuring their access to rights, protection and essential services. These insights contribute to FRA's broader efforts to support evidence-based policymaking and reinforce fundamental-rights safeguards for all children in the European Union.
- 12- The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC) informed the Committee that its 2026 annual theme is dedicated to "Safeguarding and Advancing the Rights of LGBTQIA+ Children." Throughout the year, ENOC members will work collectively to strengthen visibility, protection and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ children and young people, with a focus on addressing discrimination, promoting equality, and reinforcing national child rights systems. ENOC also marked an important milestone in 2026, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Network under the theme "Children's Rights: celebrating three decades of ENOC."
- 13- Missing Children Europe (MCE) informed the Committee that its 2026 Annual Conference, entitled "Safeguarding Missing Children: Sexual Violence and Mental Health Resilience", took place on 1 June 2026 in Brussels, following the organisation's General Assembly held the previous day. The event brought together policymakers, researchers, practitioners and child-protection experts to discuss current challenges and emerging trends in the protection of missing children. The conference was organised under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union. A further update was provided regarding International Missing Children's Day, marked on 26 May 2026, during which more than 200 landmarks across Europe turned blue as part of MCE's #BlueForHope campaign. MCE also presented its new report, "From Grooming to Abuse, Exploitation and Disappearance: Protecting Children Across Digital Spaces," which exposes the strong and often overlooked link between online grooming, sexual exploitation and child disappearances. MCE is also starting a new project on the disclosure of cases of peer-to-peer harmful sexual behaviour in digital context. MCE also

noted that it will publish its annual figures and trends report, which compiles data from the 116 000 hotline for missing children across Europe.

Appendix 4 – Written statement

Written Statement of the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Family and Social Services for the Meeting Report of 13th Plenary Meeting of Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)

The Republic of Türkiye attaches great importance to its longstanding cooperation with the Council of Europe in the field of the rights of the child and remains committed to contributing constructively to the work carried out under the Steering Committee on the Rights of the Child (CDENF). The Ministry of Family and Social Services actively participates in the activities falling within its mandate and highly values the open and constructive dialogue among member States throughout the drafting process. Türkiye would also like to express its appreciation for the valuable contributions made by all delegations during the 13th Plenary Meeting of the CDENF.

With regard to the Draft Recommendation on the protection of children against violence through age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its Explanatory Memorandum, Türkiye wishes to reiterate a number of observations and sensitivities that are of particular importance in light of its constitutional, legal and policy framework. While noting that the drafting process has been concluded, Türkiye respectfully requests that the following comments be duly recorded as reflecting its position.

Given the age-specific scope of this Recommendation, Türkiye considers that the reference to "sexual and reproductive health" is not compatible with its constitutional, legal and policy framework. The inclusion of this concept in a Recommendation specifically concerning children raises important legal and policy considerations that have not been sufficiently addressed. Türkiye therefore reiterates its position with regard to this reference and respectfully requests that this position be duly reflected in the meeting records.

Türkiye reiterates that it is not a Party to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention). Accordingly, references to the Convention in the Recommendation and the Explanatory Memorandum should not be understood as creating any obligations or interpretative effects for Türkiye.

As previously stated during the 13th plenary meeting of the CDENF, Türkiye considers that the expression "children in all their diversity" is not compatible with its constitutional, legal and policy framework. In Türkiye's view, the expression lacks sufficient legal certainty and may be interpreted as encompassing concepts that are neither defined in the Recommendation nor universally recognised among member States. Türkiye considers that the principle of equal enjoyment of children's rights is adequately reflected through the concept of "all children on an equal basis".

And lastly, as the concept of 'gender' is not universally agreed upon in the international context, the Republic of Türkiye interprets the term "gender", throughout the document, as identical with "sex" pursuant to the binary concept of biological female and male sex.

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