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STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (CDENV)

2nd meeting
13–14 October 2026

LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN

ABRIDGED REPORT

1. The Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV) held its 2nd meeting in Strasbourg on 13-14 October 2026. The meeting was opened by the Chair of the CDENV, Sarah BARNIER-LEROY.

2. The CDENV adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

3. In pursuance with Resolution CM/Res(2021)3, the CDENV granted observer status to:[1]
   a. Green Rights Coalition;
   b. Association Noé21;
   c. LE:NOTRE Institute.

4. The CDENV took note of developments in the Council of Europe of relevance to the CDENV, in particular as regards partnerships, including ongoing co-operation with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), as well as the Council of Europe's participation in a number of key International Conferences, including through various side events organised by or involving the Council of Europe namely at the 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 26 September-1 October 2026); the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP 17): "Landscapes for resilience: a multifaceted response to land degradation, climate stress and social vulnerability" (Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 17 August 2026); the 13th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Vienna, Austria, 19-23 October 2026); the UN Biodiversity Conference – COP17 (Yerevan, Armenia, 19-30 October 2026); and the UN Climate Change Conference – COP31 (Antalya, Türkiye, 9-20 November 2026).

5. Considering **Strategic Objective 1**, the CDENV took note of updates on the ongoing discussions in the Committee of Ministers on a possible instrument on the environment and human rights, as well as of the European Social Charter's factsheet on the Environment. The CDENV held an exchange of views on the integration of human rights considerations in environmental matters and instruments further to interventions from the following speakers: Aurora FLORIDIA (member of PACE, MP Italy); Astrid PUENTES RIAÑO, UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to a

[1] On 19 October, following the request from one member State for a written consultation.

clean, healthy and sustainable environment; Michel FORST, Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention and Simon MOUTQUIN, Greenpeace Switzerland.

6. Considering **Strategic Objective 2**, the CDENV took note of the presentations from the speakers, including an expert on climate litigation, and examined and agreed to **adopt[2] a Review of practices of courts, tribunals and legal professionals specialising in environmental law (**deliverable 4 - **as set out in CDENV(2026)13) and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers in line with its terms of reference.**

7. Further to that, the CDENV examined and **adopted a review of disinformation, misinformation and access to information on environment-related matters including good practices and recommendations for action, also reflecting the perspective of young people and children** (deliverable 2 - as set out in CDENV(2026)4Rev2) **and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers in line with its terms of reference**.

8. Considering **Strategic Objective 3**, the CDENV held an exchange of views about and welcomed the First European Forum on Environmental Human Rights Defenders (Strasbourg, 3-4 June 2026), following interventions from speakers: Michel FORST, Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention and co-rapporteur of the Forum, and a representative from the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe.

   Further to that the CDENV examined and agreed to **adopt**[3] **a Study on the conditions enabling child and young environmental defenders to access information, to safely and freely express themselves, to issue recommendations and to access justice**, (deliverable 3 - as set out in CDENV(2026)12) and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers in line with its terms of reference.

9. Considering **Strategic Objective 4**, the CDENV held an exchange of views on the state of and prospects for signature and ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Environment though Criminal Law (CETS No. 228). It welcomed the signature of the Convention by Cyprus, France, Montenegro and Sweden; and ratification by Latvia and recalled the Secretary General's call to member States to sign and ratify the Convention as soon as possible to ensure its early entry into force. The Committee took note of the events aimed at promoting the Convention at the UN Crime Congress (Abu Dhabi, 26 September – 1 October), the UNTOC COP13 (Vienna, 19 October), the UN Biodiversity Conference – COP17 (Yerevan, Armenia, 19-30 October 2026); and the UN Climate Change Conference – COP31 (Antalya, Türkiye, 9-20 November 2026).

10. Concerning **Strategic Objective 5**, the CDENV examined and agreed to **adopt[4] a document on policy guidance and advice on capacity building measures for the adoption of Nature-based Solutions and ecosystem-based approaches embedded in the broader governance structures**, (deliverable 5 as set out in document CDENV(2026)5Rev2) **and decided to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers in line with its terms of reference**.

11. Further to that, the CDENV took note of the contribution of the Bern and Landscape Conventions to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment. In addition, the CDENV took note of the report of the international jury for the 9th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award, as set out in T-FC (2026) AWARD 6 E, and decided to submit the award proposals to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

12. The CDENV held preliminary discussions on future priorities and proposed deliverables for the next terms of reference of the CDENV (2028-2029). The Gender Equality Rapporteur stressed the importance of ongoing gender mainstreaming work within all future work of CDENV.

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[2] By written procedure.
[3] By written procedure.
[4] By written procedure.

13. Following an intervention from the Montenegrin delegates on behalf of the upcoming Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, the CDENV agreed to hold its 3rd meeting on 16-17 March 2027 in Podgorica, Montenegro, during the Montenegrin Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, and adopted the preliminary draft agenda as set out in Appendix III.

14. The CDENV adopted the present abridged report and agreed to adopt the report of the 2nd CDENV meeting through written procedure subject to the Bureau's validation.

Appendix I – Agenda
Appendix II – List of Participants
Appendix III – Preliminary draft agenda for the 3rd meeting of the CDENV (16-17 March 2027)
Appendix IV – Timing of written procedure

APPENDIX I

STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (CDENV)

2nd meeting
13-14 October 2026
Council of Europe - Agora G03
(opening at 9.30am CEST on Tuesday 13 October and
closing at 17.30pm CEST on Wednesday 14 October 2026)

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda
   [CDENV(2026)OJ2prov]

3. Requests for observer status to the CDENV:
   Green Rights Coalition
   Association Noé21
   LE:NOTRE Institute
   [CDENV(2026)3add2, CM/Res(2021)3-consolidated]

4. Developments concerning the Council of Europe:
   Partnerships
   Participation of the Council of Europe in International Conferences:
   i. Joint Side event on the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP 17): "Landscapes for resilience: a multifaceted response to land degradation, climate stress and social vulnerability" (Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, 17 August 2026)
   ii. 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 26 September – 1 October 2026)
   iii. 13th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Vienna, Austria, 19-23 October 2026)
   iv. UN Biodiversity Conference – COP17 (Yerevan, Armenia, 19-30 October 2026)
   v. UN Climate Change Conference – COP31 (Antalya, Türkiye, 9-20 November 2026)

5. Integration of Human Rights considerations in environmental matters and instruments (Strategic Objective 1):

   a. Exchanges on the strategic objective
   b. European Social Charter and the Environment [Factsheet]

6. Review of practices of courts, tribunals and legal professionals specialising in environmental law, including the identification of good procedural and substantive practices (Strategic Objective 2) (Deliverable 4)
   [CDENV(2026)13]

7. Review of disinformation, misinformation and access to information on environment-related matters (Strategic Objective 2) (Deliverable 2)
   [CDENV(2026)4Rev2]

8. First European Forum on Environmental Human Rights Defenders (Strasbourg, 3-4 June 2026) (Strategic Objective 3)

9. Study on the conditions enabling child and young environmental defenders to access information, to safely and freely express themselves, to issue recommendations and to access justice.
   (Strategic Objective 3) (Deliverable 3)
   [CDENV(2026)12]

10. Convention on the Protection of Environment though Criminal Law: Round table on signature and ratification prospects (CETS No. 228) (Strategic Objective 4)
    [CDENV(2026)9Rev]

11. Policy guidance and advice on capacity building measures for the adoption of Nature-based Solutions and ecosystem-based approaches embedded in the broader governance structures (Strategic Objective 5) (Deliverable 5)
    [CDENV(2026)5Rev]

12. Contribution of the Bern Convention to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment (Strategic Objective 5)

13. Contribution of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment (Strategic Objective 5)

    a. 27th International Workshop on Implementation of the Convention - Landscape management in the face of the climate crisis from a resilience approach: challenges and opportunities (12-14 May 2026)
    [T-FC (2026) WSP 3 Bil]

    b. Proposals of the CDENV to the Committee of Ministers - 9th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2025-2026)
    [T-FC(2026) AWARD 6 E]

14. CDENV terms of reference: Initial discussion on results and on future priorities and proposed deliverables
    [CDENV(2026)1] [CDENV(2026)11]

15. Any other business

16. Preliminary draft agenda, date and place of the next meeting
    [CDENV(2026)OJ3prov]

17. Adoption of the abridged report
    [CDENV(2026)AR2prov]

APPENDIX II

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APPENDIX III

STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (CDENV)

3rd meeting
16-17 March 2027
Podgorica, Montenegro
(opening at 9.30am CET on Tuesday 16 March and
closing at 17.30pm CET on Wednesday 17 March 2027)

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda
   [CDENV(2026)OJ3prov]

3. Elections
   3.1. [Res. 21(3)]

4. Developments concerning the Council of Europe:
   a. Partnerships
   b. Participation of the Council of Europe in International Conferences

5. Integration of Human Rights considerations in environmental matters and instruments (Strategic Objective 1)

6. Non legally binding collection of case studies and set of practical guidelines on the integration of existing human rights perspectives into national environmental strategies, law and policies (Strategic Objective 1) (Deliverable 6)

7. Child friendly version of the study on the conditions enabling child and young environmental defenders to access information, to safely and freely express themselves, to issue recommendations and to access justice.
   (Strategic Objective 3) (Deliverable 3)

8. Hearing and exchange of views with Environmental Human Rights Defenders
   (Strategic Objective 3)

9. Convention on the Protection of Environment though Criminal Law (CETS No. 228): Updates on signature and ratification prospects
   (Strategic Objective 4)

10. Consolidated review of the Council of Europe work on the protection and conservation of wildlife, ecosystems and protection, management and planning of landscapes, in co-operation with the relevant structures of relevant Conventions and other Intergovernmental Organisations (Strategic Objective 5) (Deliverable 9)

11. CDENV terms of reference (2028-2029): Discussion of results, future priorities and proposed deliverables

12. Preparation for the Informal Ministerial Conference “Council of Europe Strategy on Environment – Moving forward” (Podgorica, Montenegro, 18 March 2027)

13. Contribution of the Bern Convention to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment (Strategic Objective 5)

14. Contribution of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment (Strategic Objective 5)

15. Contribution of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement to the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment (Strategic Objective 5)
    a. 15th Ministerial Session of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement (San Marino, 19 March 2027)

16. Exchange on Effective Communication and Promotion of the CDENV's Work

17. Gender Equality Rapporteur feedback

18. Any other business

19. Preliminary draft agenda, date and place of the next meeting
    [CDENV(2026)OJ4prov]

20. Adoption of the abridged report
    [CDENV(2026)AR3prov]

List of documents

CDENV(2026)1	Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV)
CDENV(2026)OJ1	Agenda of the 1st meeting of the CDENV (24-25 March 2026)
CDENV(2026)2	Gender equality rapporteurs: a vital asset to the Council of Europe transversal programme on gender equality
CDENV(2026)3	Requests for observer status to the CDENV
CDENV(2026)3add	Requests for observer status to the CDENV - Addendum
CDENV(2026)3add2	Requests for observer status to the CDENV - Addendum
CDENV(2026)4Rev2	Review of disinformation, misinformation and access to information on environment-related matters
CDENV(2026)5Rev2	Policy guidance and advice on capacity building measures for the adoption of Nature-based Solutions and ecosystem-based approaches embedded in the broader governance structures
CDENV(2026)6prov	Draft CDENV comments on Congress Recommendation 536 (2025) "An additional protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the environment" further to the request by the Committee of Ministers (CM/Del/Dec(2025)1544/12.1)
CDENV(2026)7	Concept Note on the 1st European Forum on Environmental Human Rights Defenders (3-4 June 2026)
CDENV(2026)8	Council of Europe Landscape Award
CDENV(2026)9Rev	Note on the Convention on the Protection of Environment though Criminal Law
CDENV(2026)10	Statement of interpretation on Article 3 of the European Social Charter (Conclusions 2025)
CDENV(2026)AR1	Abridged report of the 1st meeting of the CDENV (24-25 March 2026)
CDENV(2026)R1	Report of the 1st meeting of the CDENV (24-25 March 2026)
CDENV(2026)OJ2	Agenda of the 2nd meeting of the CDENV
CDENV(2026)11	CDENV terms of reference: Initial discussion on results and on future priorities and proposed deliverables
CDENV(2026)12	Study on the conditions enabling child and young environmental defenders to access information, to safely and freely express themselves, to issue recommendations and to access justice.
CDENV(2026)13	Review of practices of courts, tribunals and legal professionals specialising in environmental law, including the identification of good procedural and substantive practices
CDENV(2026)AR2	Abridged report of the 2nd meeting of the CDENV (13-14 October 2026)
T-FC(2026) AWARD 6 E	Report of the Meeting of the International Jury of the 9th Session of the Landscape Award
GME(2024)2rev	Compendium of the Council of Europe activities on the environment
Strategy	Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment
GME(2025)07	Progress report on the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment as adopted by the GME at its 5th meeting, 2-4 December 2025
GME(2025)08	Updated Action Plan related to the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment, as taken note of by the GME at its 5th meeting, 2-4 December 2025

Secretary General's 2025 Report	Towards A New Democratic Pact for Europe
CM/Res(2021)3-consolidated	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods
Manual	Manual on human rights and the environment (3rd edition)
Climate change - ECtHR and CJEU Case-Law	Thematic factsheet on climate change within the context of EU law and the European Convention on Human Rights issued jointly in November 2025 by the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)
Thematic factsheet on environment and climate change	Updated factsheet on environment and climate change published in December 2025 by the Council of Europe's Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
Treaty No. 228	Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Environment though Criminal Law
Study on national climate litigation	Study on national climate litigation, prepared by Dr Joana Setzer and Ms Catherine Higham, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (London School of Economics and Political Science - LSE), under the supervision of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), published in February 2026
Press release of the Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights Council,	Call by UN Special procedures Rapporteurs to support General Assembly resolution operationalising ICJ Advisory Opinion on climate obligations (12 March 2026)
CINGO study on recent adverse developments for non-governmental organisations in Europe	Study on recent adverse developments for non-governmental organisations in Europe, prepared by the Expert Council on NGO Law of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, published on 10 February 2026
Secretary General's 2026 Report	The New Democratic Pact for Europe in Times of Rupture
Factsheet	European Social Charter and the Environment

APPENDIX IV

Timing of written procedure for deliverables as indicated in footnotes in the body of the abridged meeting report.

- Send out for feedback on Thursday 15/10 COB – deadline Friday 30/10 COB
- CDENV Secretariat add feedback from Monday 2/11 - deadline COB Friday 6/11
- Send out to CDENV Bureau Monday 9/11 – deadline COB Friday 20/11
- Secretariat add Bureau feedback from Monday 23/11
- Send out for final feedback by written procedure on Wednesday 2/12 COB
- Deadline for final adoption by written procedure for member states to adopt the text is 16/12 COB