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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:
   a. Green Rights Coalition
   b. Association Noé21
   c. LE:NOTRE Institute
[CDENV(2026)3add2, CM/Res(2021)3-consolidated]

4. Developments concerning the Council of Europe:
   a. Partnerships
   b. 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]

Tentative order of business:

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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)5Rev	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)AR2prov	Draft 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