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16th meeting of Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

4 – 6 June 2019

(Strasbourg, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Room 10)

Meeting report

The CDMSI held its 16th meeting from 4 – 6 June 2019 in Strasbourg, chaired by Ambassador Thomas Schneider (Switzerland). The CDMSI adopted the agenda as it is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II. Gender distribution: 71 participants, 34 women (48%) and 37 men (52%).

Items submitted to the Committee of Ministers for information

Expert Committee on Quality Journalism in the Digital Age (MSI-JOQ)

The CDMSI welcomed the adoption by the CM of the Declaration on the financial sustainability of quality journalism in the digital age on 13 February 2019. It took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the third meeting of the MSI-JOQ (21-22 March 2019).

The CDMSI welcomed the draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age and, given the maturity of the text and the wide support for its content, decided to fast-track its endorsement, in written procedure. The delegates were invited by the Secretariat to send any forthcoming comments until 20 June, to be incorporated by 4 July. Thereupon the CDMSI will be given a deadline of two months to provide further comments, which will be incorporated by mid-September. The final text will be approved by the CDMSI via written procedure by the end of September and submitted to the CM for possible adoption before the end of 2019.

In respect of the draft Study on developing the skills to recognise and value quality journalism in the digital environment, the CDMSI supported the work carried out thus far, taking note of the results of the survey on MIL programmes/projects developing skills aimed at empowering the public to engage with quality content. The text of the

study is currently in preparation, and a first draft should be shared with the CDMSI for comments in September.

Expert Committee on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)

The CDMSI welcomed the adoption by the CM of the Declaration on the manipulative capabilities of algorithmic processes on 13 February 2019. It took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the third meeting of the MSI-AUT (18-19 March 2019) and discussed the deliverables under its preparation.

The CDMSI welcomed the revised draft recommendation on the human rights impacts of algorithmic systems with its new structure and more succinct language. Due to the complexity of its topic, delegates suggested to enhance further the readability of the text by adding sub-titles in bold into the provisions of the guidelines, and by considering the insertion of a summary text with the key obligations for states and private sector actors into the preamble. Attention should be paid to clearly differentiate between the areas of application of algorithmic systems where states should regulate and those where private sector actors are encouraged to develop their own standards and good practices. Delegates further made some suggestions for improvements and clarifications in the text and agreed for the draft to be submitted for public and broad multi-stakeholder consultations over the summer.

The CDMSI welcomed the revised Study of the implications of advanced digital technologies (including AI systems) on the concept of responsibility within a human rights framework and the revised Study on forms of liability and jurisdictional issues in the application of civil and administrative defamation laws in Council of Europe member states and endorsed the submission of the texts to the Committee of Ministers to be taken note of and subsequently published.

Conference of ministers responsible for media and information society (Nicosia, Cyprus, 28-29 May 2020)

The CDMSI discussed the proposed draft programme for the Ministerial Conference and agreed that:

- the format of the conference should encompass relevant multi-stakeholder participation during the Ministerial plenary sessions, enabling all concerned stakeholders at the highest level possible to participate in discussions;
- the conference would last one day and a half;
- CDMSI Members should identify the Ministries which are responsible for the topics of the conference and alert their Ministers to the dates and content of the Ministerial Conference. CDMSI delegates should do their utmost to ensure that the Conference is attended at the highest levels by Ministers and that they participate for the whole duration of the conference.
- The deliberations on the title of the Conference are ongoing and the exact title is expected to be agreed soon.

The CDMSI was further informed of the progress made on the preparation of the Ministerial Conference, including the successful completion of Background papers for each of the topics to be addressed at the Ministerial conference; the preparation by the Drafting Group of first drafts of the three resolutions; the holding of a meeting of the Drafting Committee to discuss and provide input on the resolutions and the title of the Ministerial conference.

The CDMSI was also informed that the Resolutions are being amended in light of the discussions held during the meeting of the Drafting Group and the Bureau meeting and will be presented to the CDMSI Plenary, along with the draft final declaration, when they are more mature, ahead of the December Plenary. The Secretariat also informed the CDMSI that a save the date will be sent to Ministers in June/July and invited Members to alert already their respective Ministers to the dates and content of the Ministerial Conference.

Co-operation activities

The Plenary took note of the information provided by the secretariat on on-going and future co-operation programmes and activities, as reflected in document MEDIA-MEDIA-COOP(2018)01rev3. In particular, it noted that cooperation projects cover a broad range of activities including the training of journalists on combating hate speech and promoting ethical standards, the provision of support to regulatory authorities and the national legislator to secure a legal framework promoting freedom of expression in line with Council of Europe standards.

Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT)

The CDMSI was reminded about the Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018 - 2022) as approved by the CM on 4 July 2018, including the establishment of a compilation of best practices based on States' experience on responsible conduct for the media and internet service providers and other relevant actors to prevent the spread of terrorism and its ideology. It took note of information provided by Mr Kristian Bartholin from the CDCT Secretariat on on-going work in this area, including on: a pan European definition of terrorism, identifying the signs of radicalisation, regardless of ideology, and how to collect evidence to prosecute ISIS affiliated terrorists, without violating fair trial principles. The CDMSI was also informed on a Conference on the role of women and children in terrorism to be held next year. The wish to involve the CDMSI in the work of the CDCT, particularly in its work on prevention was addressed. Following the departure of the former CDMSI focal point to the CDCT, the CDMSI will designate a new focal point and attend the CDCT's meetings that address freedom of expression related issues.

Privacy and data protection

The CDMSI was informed about the accession of Argentina as the 54th Party to Convention 108 (taking effect as of 1 June 2019) and the deposit by Morocco of its accession instrument, Morocco becoming on 1 September the 55th Party to Convention 108. Regarding Convention 108+ (amending Protocol CETS n°223) which was open for signature on 10 October 2018, recent signatures include Tunisia on 24 May, Poland and Slovenia on 16 May, Croatia on 22 March 2019, Italy on 5 March 2019, Andorra on 28 January (also marking data protection day) and Cyprus and Hungary on 9 January, bringing the total of signatures to 30. It further noted that the EU Council adopted on 9 April the decision authorising EU member states to ratify the amending Protocol. It was also informed that under the current Work programme 2018-19 of the Committee of Convention 108, 5 countries (Argentina, Capo Verde, Mexico, Morocco and Tunisia) will have acceded to Convention 108 and that 7 new observer status have been granted. The Committee of Convention 108 will discuss at its next Plenary meeting (38th Plenary, 13-14 June 2019) the biennium work programme for 2020-2021 with the following possible topics:

- follow-up and monitoring mechanism for the committee established under Convention 108+,
- review of the current landscape and examination of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)13 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data in the context of profiling,
- facial recognition,
- data protection in the educational sector,
- data exchange models in the field of the fight against sport manipulation and
- the data protection regime relevant to provisions of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention.

An update was provided on the adoption by the Committee of Convention 108 of Guidelines on artificial intelligence and data protection (25 January 2019) and the adoption of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)2 on the protection of health-related data by the Committee of Ministers on 27 March 2019.

The forthcoming Plenary meeting of the Committee of Convention 108 will be preceded on 12 June by an international Conference on "Convention 108+: better protecting us in the digital era" organised in cooperation with the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as well as by a public consultation regarding health data, organised by the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy.

Safety of journalists

The CDMSI was informed of on-going work on the *Implementation Strategy of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4*, including:

- the completion of the Protection and Prosecution sections of the Implementation Guide to the Recommendation on safety of journalists;

- the sending of a questionnaire to MS on their implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 and the receipt of 16 replies, which will be integrated in the implementation guide in the form of best practices;
- the prospective circulation of the Implementation Guide to civil society for feedback, once it has been integrated with the best practices and finalised;
- and the preparation of a "HELP" training manual on the safety of journalists aimed at legal practitioners, judges and possibly law enforcement officials, through a team of experts that should be ready in the course of 2020.

The Italian CDMSI delegate provided information on the set-up by the Italian authorities of a "National coordination centre on the monitoring, analysis and permanent exchange of information on the intimidation of journalists" to formulate proposals/strategies on how to prevent and counter intimidation and violence against journalists, including by adopting specific protection measures.

Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists

The CDMSI took note of the 2019 Annual report "Democracy at Risk" published by the Partner Organizations to the Council of Europe Platform to promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists (the Platform), an event organised at the European Parliament. The report provides a clear picture of the worsening of the environment for the media in Council of Europe member States and analyses media freedom violations raised through the Platform in 2018.

Internet governance

The CDMSI was informed of the ongoing process of implementation of the Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019 and invited to provide their feedback on the update of activities submitted via implementation tables.

It was further informed about the preparation of the follow-up strategy 2020 – 2023, which will be entitled Digital Governance Strategy to reflect the increasing work with the organisation related to digital technologies more broadly. As part of this process, broad consultation across different entities of the Council of Europe has taken place and it was agreed for the strategy to focus on the three transversal and key messages of the organisation's work related to AI:

- a) empowerment of the individual user
- b) rights protection and promotion and
- c) democratic governance and the rule of law.

Regular updates on activities will be provided via a dedicated web-site.

The CDMSI was informed that the new strategy will be shared with Secretariats of relevant Steering and Conventional Committees for consultation and then submitted by the new Secretary General to the Committee of Ministers for information.

Exchange of views on freedom of expression organized by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Information on the Exchange of views on freedom of expression organized by the Secretary General with the CM and the Director General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law, held on 28 March 2019 and the Information Society Department's report on Freedom of Expression in 2018 discussed in the context of this exchange. The CDMSI was informed that this report maps out the major threats to freedom of expression in Europe in 2018, including, the increase in violence and intimidation against journalists, the growing verbal attacks and restrictive legislation that NGOs face, the spread of misinformation through the media and online channels and the adverse impact of the digital revolution on the financial viability of quality and investigative journalism, proposing lines of action for the Council of Europe and Member States. The Ministerial conference in 2020 could propose to make this report an annual publication.

Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy

The CDMSI held an exchange of views with the Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova, Ms Corina Călugăru on relevant activities, and in particular, on the forthcoming exchange of views with partner internet companies on issues of common interest and on the cooperation between the Council of Europe and Internet companies through the Platform since its inception, to be held on 18 June. Reference was made to on-going work on how Netflix is limiting the production of European movies and to future work on a possible legal framework on AI, including that multi-stakeholder consultation will be ensured in this context.

Parliamentary Assembly

The Plenary took note of the state of play of CDMSI comments on a series of PACE recommendations and on CM replies, where appropriate. Members were also informed of current initiatives by PACE's committees related to the new digital environment.

EuroDIG, UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and ICANN

The CDMSI took note of the on-going preparatory work for the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) in The Hague in June and the IGF forum in Berlin in November, including the submission by the Secretariat of proposals for plenary sessions, workshops and open forums, and the coordination within the respective organisation processes with the forums' Secretariats.

The Secretariat also updated the CDMSI about the human rights-related aspects of ICANN discussions undertaken at the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Working Group and at the Human Rights and International Law Working Group, and informed the Bureau that this year Council of Europe representatives will not be in a position to take part in ICANN plenary meetings.

European Convention on Transfrontier Television

The CDMSI took note of the fact that, while the European Convention on Transfrontier Television is in force, its Standing Committee (T-TT) is not resourced, and no

budgetary resources are available for the revision of the Convention. It discussed the possibility of looking into a complementary tool to the Audio-visual Directive, to address the transfrontier element of audio-visual content, also in light of BREXIT developments. It proposed to form, to this end, a voluntary group composed of CDMSI delegates that will draft a problem statement on this issue.

Election of a Bureau member

Ms Inge Welbergen was elected unanimously as a member of the Bureau until end of 2019.

In addition, the CDMSI took note of and discussed the following items:

- Staff changes effective as of 1st of April: Ms Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca has joined the Information Society Department as the new Head of the Media and Internet Division and the Secretary to the CDMSI. Ms. Silvia Grundmann, former Head of the division has joined the Venice Commission.
- The decisions and the declaration made in the context of the 129th Session of the Committee of Ministers in Helsinki aimed at overcoming the current political and budgetary difficulties faced by the Council of Europe. It took note, in particular that the Ministers declared *inter alia* that:
 - all member states should be entitled to participate on an equal basis in the Committee of Ministers and in the Parliamentary Assembly, the two statutory organs of the Council of Europe, as long as Articles 7, 8 or 9 of the Statute have not been applied;
 - they would welcome that delegations of all member states take part in the next session of the Parliamentary Assembly, considering the importance of the elections of the Secretary General and of judges to the European Court of Human Rights.
 - State obligations such as the payment of obligatory contributions to the ordinary budget must be respected;
 - The key role of civil society and the commitment to a meaningful and transparent dialogue with civil society at all levels of engagement.
 - The work in the area of freedom of expression should be reinforced and co-operation and dialogue with the relevant tools of the Council of Europe, including the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, should be enhanced.
 - The CM has been called to examine the feasibility and potential elements on the basis of multi-stakeholder consultations, of a legal framework for the development, design and application of artificial intelligence, based on the Council of Europe's standards on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
- The Rules' Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly has decided that delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly can obtain their credentials in the course of a year. As a result, the Russian Federation will be able to present its credentials at the Parliamentary session of June 2019. While this could possibly

lead to the Russian Federation resuming its payment to the Council of Europe, should this not be the case, a contingency plan may be executed which could lead to the reduction of staff and the cutting of inter-governmental activities of up to 50 %.

- The successful holding of the Helsinki Conference "AI – Governing the Game Changer" on artificial intelligence that took place on 26 – 27 February 2019, co-organised by the Information Society Department and the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. The CDMSI was informed that the Council of Europe will follow up on the Helsinki Conclusions through a number of measures, including: continuing research into the impacts of AI development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law; developing sector-specific recommendations and guidance; examining existing gaps in the current legislative and regulatory framework applicable to AI design, development and implementation, and considering feasibility and potential elements of a framework legal instrument in this area.
- The successful holding of the Conference "Media freedom – how can we deliver?" that took place on 20 March 2019, following an "Academic dialogue on media and information literacy" and a "High-level policy dialogue on media regulation and concentration of ownership" was evoked. From this conference emerged, inter alia, the importance of ensuring the independence of national regulatory authorities as well as introducing independent oversight mechanisms for online platforms; furthermore, media and education literacy needs to be placed in a normative context, and a variety of actors, including regulatory authorities, should be given adequate competences and funding to adopt media and education literacy policies and measures adapted to different age and social groups.
- A questionnaire was sent to four categories of addressees (member states, national media regulators, self-regulatory bodies and media organisations) with a view to ensure the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2013) on gender equality and media. The CDMSI took note that based on the answers, a report will be drafted in 2019 including conclusions and practical recommendations for a better implementation of the Recommendation.
- information provided by Lennig Pedron from the ICON IONG and Didier Schretter, Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, on activities within civil society to enhance digital trust, in particular as regards cyber security and AI development.
- Information provided by the Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development of UNESCO (Mr Guy Berger), on the UNESCO Internet Universality Indicators project. This project proposes an indicator framework for voluntary assessment by states of their internet environment. The CDMSI noted the proximity of the project to the indicators framework contained in the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)5 on Internet Freedom, and opportunities for possible synergies at the implementation stage.

- Presentations on a number of initiatives communicated to the Secretariat, including, but not limited to:
 - France's law on the fight against information manipulation;
 - the United Kingdom's conference on media freedom and safety of journalists to be held on 10-11 July 2019, the consultation on the "On line harms white paper", and the set-up of the UK Centre for Data Ethics and innovation (algorithmic systems, AI);
 - Iceland's review of eight laws in the area of freedom of expression, media and information, in the light of international standards;
 - Armenia's set up of a number of electronic tools to guarantee freedom of expression and access to information in Armenia;
 - Serbia's International Conference Implementation of Council of Europe Instruments and Standards in the Field of Media and Information.
- Information provided by the Executive Director of the European Audiovisual Observatory, Susanne Nikoltchev and by Maja Cappello on the European Audiovisual Observatory's recent work and activities, including: upcoming conferences and its MAVISE database on TV channels and on-demand services, providing information on the holders and owners of licences/companies. It also was informed of a number of publications, including the IRIS Family publications on European works and independent producers, on independence of regulators in the revised AVDMS Directive; and on the Regulation of disinformation in the Russian Federation. The CDMSI also took note of the Iris Merlin database on legal information relevant to the audio-visual sector in Europe and the AVMS database on the transposition of the Directive into national legislation.
- Information provided by Emmanuelle Machet, EPRA Secretariat on the outcome of the 49th EPRA meeting (Sarajevo, 29-31 May 2019) addressing in particular the issue of on on-line harm, including the protection of minors and of hate speech. The next meeting will take place in Greece with a plenary session on AI and a session on the protection of minors and on the interaction between broadcasting regulators with data protection regulators.
- Information provided by Ms. Anne Weber from the Secretariat of the Commissioner for Human Rights. The CDMSI was briefed in particular about the Commissioner for Human Rights' work since she has taken up office, including on the Commissioner's recent recommendation on AI impacts on human rights and its publication on ethnic profiling. The recommendation on AI "Unboxing Artificial intelligence" provides a toolkit for Member States on what they should and should not do when developing AI systems in 10 different areas and is based on the existing standards of the Council of Europe.
- Information on the CDDH's "Guide to good national practices on how to reconcile freedom of expression with other rights and freedoms, in culturally diverse societies" provided by Mr Alfonso De Salas from the CDDH Secretariat. Mr Salas stressed the importance of the coordination and input by the CDMSI

and noted that the CDDH does not plan to address the issue of freedom of expression in its forthcoming work.

- The attendance and reports of: Emir Povelčić (Bosnia-Herzegovina) – on the 4th meeting of the Drafting Group on freedom of expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP) (Strasbourg, 20-21 March 2019); Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir – on the conference “Tackling gender stereotypes and sexism” (Helsinki, 28-29 March 2019); and the Chair, Thomas Schneider – on the Conference “Governing the Game Changer – Impacts of artificial intelligence development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law” (Helsinki, 26-27 February 2019).
- An overview of proposed CDMSI priorities for the next biennium, including:
 - the impact of digital technologies including different forms of artificial intelligence in the form of a standard-setting instrument or other form of guidance;
 - the forthcoming “Council of Europe Digital Governance Strategy 2020 – 2023”;
 - A CM recommendation “on election communication and media coverage of electoral campaigns” revising and modernising Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)15 “on measures concerning media coverage of election campaigns”, in line with the instruction given by the Committee of Ministers, in its reply to the PACE Recommendation 2130 (2018) “Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations” of 12 December 2018);
 - Work on combating hate speech
 - The strengthening of the implementation pillar of the CDMSI terms of reference, notably in the field of safety of journalists to properly reflect the on-going work in the context of the new implementation strategy and of the ministerial conference.
 - The preparation of the 2020 Ministerial Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Information was provided on the proposal to set-up of the Committee of experts on freedom of expression and artificial intelligence (MSI-AIX) and the Committee of experts on digital media environment, disinformation and information manipulation (MSI-DIS) to draft the related deliverables. The CDMSI discussed possible improvements to the stated priorities.
- Information delivered by the secretariat on Council of Europe’s Directorate (DIO) of two evaluations by the Directorate of Internal Oversight currently under way and their importance for the future priorities and terms of reference of CDMSI: the “Council of Europe support to the protection and promotion of freedom of expression”; and the “Evaluation of Intergovernmental Committees” in respect of which CDMSI members received the relevant questionnaires.
- The CDMSI was invited to the Seminar ‘Human rights challenges in the digital age: Judicial perspectives’ organised by the European Court of Human Rights”, in cooperation with the Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of

Law and with the support of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, on 28 June in Strasbourg to discuss human rights challenges in the digital age from the judicial perspective with members of the judiciary, prominent legal practitioners and academics, representatives of European institutions and non-governmental organisations, as well as other professionals.

The CDMSI noted that the dates of the next meetings are set for 3-5 December in Strasbourg.

The CDMSI finalised the abridged report of the meeting and agreed that in the absence of reactions by 25 June end of working day, it will be considered adopted by the plenary.

Appendix I

Draft Annotated Agenda

Tuesday 4 June

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Recent developments
- 3.1 Conference "Governing the Game Changer - Impacts of artificial intelligence development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law" (Helsinki, 26-27 February 2019)
- 3.2 Conference "Media Pluralism - How can we deliver" (Strasbourg, 20 March 2019)
- 3.3. Council of Europe Ministerial Session in Helsinki (16-17 May 2019)
4. Cooperation activities
5. Standard setting
- 5.1 Committee of experts on Quality Journalism in the Digital Age (MSI-JOQ) (continued)
6. Forthcoming events – Conference of ministers responsible for media and information society (Nicosia, Cyprus, 28-29 May 2020)
- 5.2 Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)
7. Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards and best practices

Wednesday 5 June

- 7.1 Implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)1](#) on gender equality and media
- 7.2 Implementation of the CM Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)4](#) on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists and other media actors
- 7.3 Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists
- 7.4 Internet governance
- 7.5 Freedom of Expression in 2018
8. [Internet Universality Indicators](#) (UNESCO project)
9. Initiatives in member states
10. Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

11. Election of one new Bureau member

Thursday 6 June

12. Work of other Council of Europe institutions and bodies
 - 12.1 Committee of Ministers
 - 12.3 Parliamentary Assembly
 - 12.4 Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
 - 12.5 Data Protection
 - 12.6 Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT)
 - 12.7 Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)
 - 12.8 European Convention on Transfrontier Television
13. European Union – recent developments (tbc)
14. Participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events
15. CDMSI priorities 2020-2021
16. Evaluation by the Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO)
17. Date of the 17th CDMSI plenary meeting: 3-5 December 2019
18. Other business

Appendix II – List of participants

Total number of participants: 72

Gender distribution : 37 men (51%) / 35 women (49%)

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