

**Report of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting (3-5 December 2019)**

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The Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) held its 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Strasbourg on 3-5 December 2019 with Mr Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) as the Chair. The gender distribution among 64 attendants was 30 women (47%) and 34 men (53%).

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The Chair opened the meeting.

Jan Kleijssen, Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, welcomed the members of the CDMSI. He thanked the CDMSI for their work and commitment and recalled that freedom of expression and issues related to the internet and information society are high on the Council of Europe's agenda, as reflected in the priorities of the new Secretary General of the Council of Europe Marija Pejčinović Burić. He further updated the CDMSI on the developments related to the newly established *Ad Hoc* Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI); on the participation of the Council of Europe in the IGF 2019 in Berlin; and also about the adoption of the budget 2020-2021 by the Committee of Ministers and its impact on the activities of the CDMSI and its committees of experts under the terms of reference for the 2020-2021 biennium.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The CDMSI adopted the agenda, taking note of minor changes in the order of business. The agenda of the meeting appears in Appendix 1. The list of participants appears in Appendix 2.

**3. CDMSI and its expert committees – Terms of reference and elections**

The Secretariat informed the CDMSI about the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Terms of reference for the 2020-2021 biennium of the CDMSI and its new committees of experts:

- Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG),
- Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF), as well as
- the joint Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS), that will be subordinate to both CDMSI and the newly established Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI).

The CDMSI was further informed about the procedure for the election of the CDMSI Chair, Vice Chair and CDMSI Bureau members, to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, as well as for the election - by the CDMSI - of members, representing member states, to the three above mentioned committees of experts.

**4. Recent developments**

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretariat about the Conference “(Last) call for quality journalism” (Slovenia, 28-29 November 2019). The conference was co-organised by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia and the Council of Europe and brought together speakers and participants from around 40 member states of the Council of Europe. The CDMSI supported the conclusion of the conference that news and media organisations are facing major threats to their economic and political independence and that state support is needed to address these worrying threats, in the form of favourable structural conditions for enabling an environment where quality and responsible journalism, pluralistic and free from any undue interference or pressure, is possible.

## 5. Standard setting

### 5.1 *Committee of experts on Quality journalism in the digital age (MSI-JOQ)*

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the fourth meeting of the MSI-JOQ (26 September 2019).

The CDMSI welcomed the completion of the work by the MSI-JOQ on the draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age. The steering committee took note of the tacit approval of the draft recommendation by all delegations to the CDMSI except one and discussed written comments submitted by the latter (the Russian Federation). Following the discussion, it was agreed that the text would remain unchanged. The delegates approved the draft recommendation, taking note of the written statement submitted by the Russian Federation (Appendix 3), and agreed that the finalised text of the recommendation be submitted to Committee of Ministers for possible adoption, after legal and linguistic checks, in early 2020.

The CDMSI further took note of the Study on supporting quality journalism through media and information literacy. It decided to bring it to the attention of the Committee of Ministers and make it public.

### 5.2 *Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)*

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the fourth meeting of the MSI-AUT (23-24 September 2019) and the outcomes of the public consultation process on the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the human rights impacts of algorithmic systems. They welcomed the completion of the work by the MSI-AUT, took note of the main changes made to the text in order to incorporate the feedback received and approved the draft recommendation as submitted, with some minor adjustments. The CDMSI agreed that the finalised text be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption, after legal and linguistic checks, in early 2020.

## 6. Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards and best practices

### 6.1 *Safety of Journalists*

The CDMSI was informed about the completion of the work on the *Implementation Guide* to Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists and other media actors, and about forthcoming related projects to support member States in the development national action plans in this field (the “HELP” training manual on the safety of journalists aimed at legal practitioners, judges, law enforcement officials and journalists that should be ready in the course of 2020, and other tools).

They further took note of the information by the Secretariat about the participation of the Council of Europe in the Global Conference for Media Freedom: London 2019 (10-11 July 2019), and the initiatives launched in the context of this conference:

- the set-up of an independent, high-level panel of legal experts to advise countries, on how to strengthen the legal protection of journalists;
- the set-up of a new Global Media Defence Fund, to be administered by UNESCO;
- the set-up of an international task force to help governments to deliver their commitments on media freedom; of an independent, high-level panel of legal experts to advise countries, on how to strengthen the legal protection of journalists;
- the creation of a contact group of likeminded countries to lobby in unison when media freedom comes under attack;
- the signing of the *Global Pledge on media freedom*.

The CDMSI was also informed about subsequent Secretariat's exchanges with the independent High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom on the areas of possible cooperation, including with regard to the upcoming conference of ministers responsible for media and information society.

The CDMSI welcomed the presentation by Mr Matjaž Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe on the functioning of the Council of Europe's *Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists*. They were informed, notably, about two new members to the Platform and about the discussions at the Platform members' meeting in Geneva in June 2019. They expressed strong support to the Platform which is an unprecedented mechanism of cooperation between civil society and governments on ways to protect the journalists' safety and discussed the perspectives for its further development and promotion.

## 6.2 Gender equality

The CDMSI took note of the *draft analytical report on the implementation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)01 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on gender equality and media*. They highlighted the importance of the subject and agreed to send their written comments and proposals on the text to the Secretariat by 15 December 2019.

## 7. Future standard setting activities – *Ad-hoc* Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)

The CDMSI took note of the adoption by the Committee of Ministers on 11 September 2019 of the Terms of Reference of the CAHAI. The CDMSI further exchanged views with the CAHAI Secretariat representatives, taking note of the outcomes of the first meeting of CAHAI (18-20 November 2019, Strasbourg). They were informed that CAHAI had mainly been tasked to examine the feasibility and potential elements of a legal framework for the development and use of AI-based tools, in line with the Council of Europe human rights, rule of law and democracy standards. A progress report from CAHAI to the Committee of Ministers containing specific proposals for further action was due by 31 May 2020. It was agreed that the list of participants of the first CAHAI meeting be communicated to CDMSI members once available.

They further noted that Mr Thomas Schneider, Switzerland was/had been elected member of the CAHAI Bureau and agreed that he act as liaison person between the two Committees.

## 8. Data Protection

The Secretariat informed the CDMSI about the 39<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the Committee of Convention 108 and its next biennium work programme for 2020-2021. This programme will focus on: (a) the development of new terms of reference and rules of procedure; (b) the 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; (c) facial recognition, and; (d) data protection in the educational sector.

The CDMSI further took note of the new signatures and ratifications of the modernised Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (CETS. 223).

## **9. Internet/Digital Governance**

### *9.1 Implementation Report of the Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019. New digital strategy*

The CDMSI was informed of the overall very successful implementation of the Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019 and noted that the final report (SG/Inf(2019)39) had been transmitted by the Secretary General to the Committee of Ministers. It further took note of the ongoing work on the development of the Digital Governance Strategy 2020-2023.

### *9.2 Internet/Digital Governance activities*

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on:

- the Council of Europe participation in the IGF 2019 (25-29 November 2019, Berlin) where five sessions were organised by the Council of Europe on the subjects of anti-discrimination, data and privacy protection, law enforcement and cross-border data access, online content moderation and attribution of responsibility for adverse effects of AI-based tools' application;
- in the IGF France 2019 (Paris, 4 July 2019);
- as well as on the recent work of the Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), in particular: the exchange of views with partner business companies that took place on 18 June 2019 and the interest expressed by a number of companies to join the cooperation platform; and current plans for upcoming TC-INF meetings (notably, another exchange of views with business companies in early February 2020).

## **10. Co-operation activities**

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the on-going and future co-operation programmes and activities in the field of media and freedom of expression, notably in Armenia, Georgia ("Supporting Freedom of Media and Internet in Georgia"), Ukraine ("Strengthening Freedom of Media and Establishing a Public Broadcasting System in Ukraine"), countries of Northern Africa (e.g., the Project to Support Independent Bodies in Tunisia PAII-T; the project to promote freedom of expression and media pluralism in Morocco) and in South-East Europe (Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey which includes Actions in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and at regional level).

The specific focus was on, safety of journalists, transparency of media ownership, public service media, media literacy and quality journalism, as well as reinforcing the judiciary and other legal professionals' knowledge on freedom of expression. The delegates stressed the importance of this work and expressed appreciation for the work of the Secretariat.

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

### *11.1 Preparations for the Ministerial Conference*

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\* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

The CDMSI was informed about the state of preparations for the ministerial conference and took note of the call for information regarding the ministries responsible for media and information in the Council of Europe member States.

The CDMSI was further informed about the outcomes of the preparatory visit by the Secretariat to the host country, and about the progress report submitted to the Committee of Ministers (for consideration by the GR-H at its meeting of 10 December 2019).

### *11.2 Documents of the Ministerial Conference*

The CDMSI was informed about the outcomes of the final meeting of the drafting group in charge of preparation of the Ministerial resolutions and the Conference's final declaration that took place on 15 October 2019 in Strasbourg.

The members further discussed the draft Resolution on freedom of expression and artificial intelligence (MCM(2019)02), the draft Resolution on the changing environment in media and information (MCM(2019)04), the draft Resolution on safety of journalists MCM(2019)03 and the draft Final Declaration of the Ministerial Conference (MCM(2019)0) and proposed amendments to the texts.

The CDMSI advised that the four texts aim for greater concision, more explicit language and action orientation. The CDMSI agreed that written comments and proposals be submitted to the Secretariat before 8 January 2020. They further noted that, following their transmission to the GR-H in March 2020, for comments, the revised drafts would be re-submitted to the CDMSI. Their final approval was foreseen for the 18<sup>th</sup> CDMSI Plenary meeting, to take place on 27 May 2020 in Nicosia, Cyprus, on the eve of the ministerial conference, where the four documents would be submitted for adoption by the member states' specialized ministers.

The Committee also took note of the background papers to the three ministerial resolutions: Background paper on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists and other media actors; Background paper on the changing paradigm of the media environment and its impact on democratic processes; and Background paper on freedom of expression and AI.

## **12. Elections of the CDMSI Bureau and expert committees**

Taking account of the fact the only one candidature has been proposed for each of the posts open for election, the CDMSI unanimously agreed to hold elections of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and members of the Bureau by acclamation.

- **Ms Inge Welbergen (the Netherlands) was elected Chairperson** of the CDMSI until the end of 2020.
- **Mr Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) was elected Vice Chairperson** of the CDMSI until the end of 2020.
- **Mr Taavo Kumiste (Estonia), Mr Serge Robillard (Monaco), Mr Iordanis Giamouridis (Greece) and Mr Skender Adem (Slovenia) were elected members of the CDMSI Bureau** until the end of 2021. **Ms Kathleen Stewart (the United Kingdom) was elected member of the CDMSI Bureau** until the end of 2020.

The CDMSI further discussed the candidates proposed and held elections of state representatives to the Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG), the Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF), and the joint Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS), as follows:

- Ms Natali Helberger (Netherlands), Mr Michael R. Kogler (Austria), Mr Joe McNamee (Ireland), Viktors Makarovs (Latvia), Ms Katie Morris (UK), Ms Karmen Turk (Estonia) and Ms Livia Walpen (Switzerland) were elected **members of the Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG).**

- Mr Artur Cozma (Moldova), Ms Maria Donde (UK), Mr Raphaël Kies (Luxembourg), Ms Helena Mandić (BiH), Mr Marko Milosavljević (Slovenia), Mr Markus Oermann (Germany) and Ms Jadranka Vojvodic (Montenegro) were elected **members of the Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF)**.
- Ms María Rún Bjarnadóttir (Iceland), Ms Antonina Cherevko (Ukraine), Ms Barbara Leidl-Staudinger (Austria), Mr Tarlach McGonagle (Ireland) and Mr. Bastiaan Winkel (Netherlands) were elected **members of the joint Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS)**.

### 13. Relevant work of partner organisations

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the initiatives and developments in the European Union in the field of artificial intelligence, notably:

- Presentation of Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI in April 2019, putting forward seven key requirements for AI systems. A piloting process was launched in June 2019 and was expected to conclude with the presentation of a revised document in early 2020;
- Presentation of 33 Investment Recommendations in June 2019, to guide trustworthy AI towards sustainability, growth and competitiveness;
- Creation of new Unit on Robotics and AI in July 2019;
- New priorities of DG Connect as of September 2019: Creation of an AI regulatory framework.

### 14. Initiatives in member states

The CDMSI further had a *tour de table* and took note of legislative developments and other initiatives in member states in the field of freedom of expression, media and internet, including:

- the creation of the Journalistic Ethics and Mediation Council (CDJM) in France, and the debate related to the proposal for a law against hate content on the internet;
- the revision of the Swiss Telecommunications Act, and the government proposal for a review of legal acts to support the media in Switzerland;
- Monaco's new digital law ("digital Principality" to be adopted in December 2019), as well as legislative developments foreseen in the field of data protection, electronic communications and artificial intelligence. The new digital program is available on the Government web site "Extended Monaco";
- the implementation of new Audiovisual Code of the Republic of Moldova;
- the initiative 'San Marino Against Disinformation' intended for raising awareness about disinformation and media literacy in the Republic of San Marino, as well as fostering cooperation between organizations and initiatives promoting quality information and democracy in the Republic of San Marino and abroad;
- the development of the audiovisual media production industry in Greece and the Investment Law of Greece.

### 15. Relevant work of other Council of Europe institutions and bodies

The CDMSI had an exchange of views with the representatives of the European Audio-visual Observatory, including the Secretariat of EPRA, and was informed about:

- recent publications (e.g., report on 'The independence of media regulatory authorities in Europe', published in September 2019),
- pending projects and upcoming events (e.g., Artificial Intelligence in the Audiovisual Industry – Closed legal workshop – (Strasbourg, 17 December 2019); Independent audiovisual productions in Europe – Public conference (Brussels, 4 February 2020); Employment data in the audiovisual industry – Closed market workshop (Strasbourg, 13 March 2020); Film vs High end series – Public conference (Cannes, 16 May 2020); The revised AVMS Directive and new responsibilities for online platforms – Public conference (Rabat, 10 June 2020)).

The Committee was further informed of the key findings of the 50th EPRA meeting (23-25 October 2019, Athens, Greece): a call for more cooperation between national regulatory authorities and data protection authorities in protection of minors online, digital literacy, social media & elections; the use of AI being an emerging concern for NRAs; and Guidance on how to run a media literacy campaign.

The CDMSI members expressed their high appreciation for the work of the Observatory and underlined its importance and relevance for the work of the Committee.

The CDMSI members were provided with written information on the latest relevant developments in the work of other Council of Europe institutions and bodies in the field of freedom of expression, media and internet (notably, on the new terms of reference for the CDDH that include work on artificial intelligence issues as one of the priorities).

## **16. Participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events**

The CDMSI were provided with information on the participation of its representatives in meetings of partner bodies and committees of the Council of Europe as well as in other events of relevance to their work (e.g., written report by Emir Povelčić (Bosnia-Herzegovina) on participation in the 91<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting of the CDDH (18-21 June 2019, Strasbourg) and in the Octopus Conference; participation by Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) in the IGF 2019; participation by Beatrice Simoncini (San Marino) and by Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) in the World Forum for Democracy 2019; participation by Inge Welbergen (the Netherlands) in the conference “Redefining Power: Strengthening the rights of the child as the key to a future-proof Europe”).

## **17. Dates of the 2020 Plenary and Bureau meetings**

The CDMSI provisionally agreed to hold its next Plenary meeting on 24-26 November 2020. They further agreed that the CDMSI Bureau will hold its meeting in late March - early April 2020, concrete dates to be defined in written procedure.

## **18. Other business**

No other issue was raised.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**17<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
**3-5 December 2019 (09h30 – 18h00)**

**Palais de l'Europe, Room 11**

**Agenda**

- 1. Opening of the meeting by Mr Thomas Schneider, Chair of the CDMSI**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. CDMSI and its expert committees – Terms of reference and elections**
- 4. Recent developments**
- 5. Standard setting**
  - 5.1 Committee of experts on Quality Journalism in the Digital Age (MSI-JOQ)*
  - 5.2 Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)*
- 6. Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards and best practices**
  - 6.1 Safety of Journalists*
  - 6.2 Gender equality*
- 7. Future standard setting activities – Ad-hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)**
- 8. Data protection**
- 9. Internet/Digital Governance**
  - 9.1 Internet Governance Strategy implementation Report and new digital strategy*
  - 9.2 Internet/Digital Governance activities*
- 10. Cooperation activities**
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- 18. Other business**



## **APPENDIX 2**

### **17TH MEETING CDMSI**

#### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS / LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS**

Total number of participants: 64/ Nombre total des participants: 64

Gender distribution :34 men (53%) / 30 women (47%)

Parité entre hommes :34 hommes (53%) / 30 femmes (47%)

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**APPENDIX 3****Statement by the Russian Federation on draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age**

We strongly support the idea of equality among media. We are convinced that the draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age contains insufficient provisions for ensuring equal treatment of all the media by different actors and does not provide for necessary measures against discrimination of the media and fragmentation of international information space. Thus, we cannot support this draft Recommendation.