



CDMSI(2026)02
11 June 2026

**Steering Committee on Media and Information Society
CDMSI**

**29th Plenary Meeting
17-19 June 2026**

*Wednesday 17 June (9:30 – 12:30; 14:00 – 17:30) Room G02, Agora, Strasbourg, and online via zoom
Thursday 18 June (9:00 – 12:30) Room 1, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, and online via zoom
Thursday 18 June (14:00 – 17:00) Room G02, Agora, Strasbourg, and online via zoom
Friday 19 June (9:30 – 12:30) Room G02, Agora, Strasbourg, and online via zoom*

DRAFT AGENDA

17 JUNE – Morning session 09:30 - 12:30 <i>Room G02, Agora, Strasbourg, and online via zoom</i>			
1. Opening of the meeting			
Welcoming remarks by Roberto Olla , Head of Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe Secretary General Report 2026 - New Democratic Pact for Europe in times of rupture			
2. Adoption of the agenda			
3. Standard-setting – CDMSI Expert Committees' work progress			
- Committee of Experts on safeguarding media pluralism in the online environment (MSI-ePLU) Draft Recommendation on safeguarding media pluralism in the online environment 1st meeting report Outline of the future Recommendation Presentation by - Aneta Gonța (Republic of Moldova), Chair of the MSI-ePLU - Elda Brogi and Damian Tambini, members of the MSI-ePLU, drafting co-Rapporteurs, <i>online</i> - Committee of Experts on media regulators in a platform-based environment (MSI-eREG) Guidance Note on media regulators in a platform-based environment 1st meeting report Outline of the future Guidance Note Presentation by Stephanie Comey (Ireland), Chair of MSI-eREG, <i>online</i> Resolution CM/Res(2021)3-addfinal on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods <i>For information and discussion</i>			
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11:15 – 11:35 Coffee break

4. Exchange with European Commission, DG Connect

Presentation by **Raffaele Di Giovanni Bezzi**, Legal and Policy officer, Audiovisual and Media Policy Unit, Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT)

For information and discussion

5. Standard-setting – further expected deliverables

Practical guide on building independent, sustainable, and pluralistic public service media (PSM)

Presentation by **Marius Dragomir**, Director, Media and Journalism Research Center, *online*

For information and discussion

6. CDMSI involvement in the work of the Committee of Experts on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference ([PC-FIMI](#))

[CM/Inf\(2026\)18](#) - Feasibility study on the possible elaboration of a legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI), including disinformation

[Decisions](#) adopted at the 135th Session of the Committee of Ministers

For information and discussion

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00 - group photo

17 JUNE - Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:30
*Room G02, **Agora**, Strasbourg, and online via zoom*

7. Standard-setting – further expected deliverables under CDMSI Terms of reference

7.1. Review report on the implementation of relevant aspects of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 on combating hate speech (in co-operation with [CDADI](#))

Presentation by **Jennifer Jackson-Preece**, Associate Professor of Nationalism, European Institute and Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, *online*

For information and discussion

7.2. Review report on the implementation of Council of Europe standards on defamation

- o Compilation of promising practices at national level for the implementation of relevant aspects of the [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2024\)2](#) on countering Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (SLAPPS)

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

8. Update on follow-up to other CDMSI deliverables

- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2026\)4](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on online safety and empowerment of users and content creators
- [Guidance Note on the Implications of Generative AI for Freedom of Expression](#) – Committee of Ministers Informal exchange on “*Freedom of Expression and Democratic Resilience*”, organised under the Moldovan Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, 9 April, Strasbourg; Online webinar, 19 May 2026
- “[Resisting disinformation: 10 building blocks to strengthen information integrity](#)” and [National Media and Information Literacy \(MIL\) Strategies: Practical Steps and Indicators](#) – public launch at the [High-Level Conference on Media Literacy and Information Integrity](#), 20 March, Chişinău
- [Feasibility study on immersive reality applications and their implications for freedom of expression](#) – Conference on [Human Rights in Immersive Realities \(XR\): Freedom of Expression, Justice, Children’s Rights and Well-Being](#), 18-19 May, Strasbourg

For information and discussion

9. Country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression. Implementation of existing standards

Presentation by CDMSI members and other participants

For information and discussion

10. Standard-setting – further expected deliverables under CDMSI Terms of reference

Study on how social media and other platforms shape opinion and action

Presentation by **Iva Nenadic**, Assistant Professor at the European University Institute and University of Dubrovnik, Scientific Coordinator of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (EUI), *online*

- o Outline of the Study

For information and discussion

- o Study on Opportunities and Risks Associated with Newsfluencers in Europe

To be taken note of by the CDMSI

18 JUNE – Morning session 09:00 - 12:30

Room 1, Palais de l’Europe, Strasbourg, and online via zoom

11. “**Targeted voices: Hate speech against women journalists**” workshop organised in the framework of the [No Hate Speech Week 2026](#), under the *Journalists Matter* campaign – joint session with the participants to the “NHSW”

Theme for No Hate Speech Week 2026: ‘Hate Speech – Free Democracy’: Multistakeholder collaboration for preventing and combating hate speech and for inclusive democracy

Agenda and concept note

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

12. Council of Europe ‘Journalists Matter’ [Campaign for the Safety of Journalists](#)

Progress report on most recent developments, including outcome of:

- Fourth meeting of the National Focal Points (22 April, Chişinău)
- Annual Conference [Defending truth - Comprehensive approaches to journalistic safety and quality journalism](#) (23 April, Chişinău)

Future steps under the Campaign, including other initiatives under the ‘prevention pillar’

- [Youth Facing Disinformation - Why Journalists Matter](#), Council of Europe ‘Journalists Matter’ Campaign initiative under the Monaco Presidency (9-10 November 2026, European Youth Centre and Palais de l’ Europe, Strasbourg)

Tour de table - Steps taken by member states, Information by CDMSI members

For information and discussion

13. Study on “Journalists in Times of Conflict: a Shared Duty to Protect under the European Convention on Human Rights”

Presentation by the Secretariat and discussion

To be taken note by the CDMSI

14. Appointment of a CDMSI representative to the [Drafting Committee on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions \(BIO-ALN\)](#)

For decision

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00

*Journalism Excellence Awards “Ethical reporting on Roma and Travellers and combating antigypsyism through the media”
Presented by the Secretary General and the CM Presidency of Monaco
In front of the Hemicycle*

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:00

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15. Exchange of views with Gilles Marchand, Director, Media & Philanthropy Initiative ([IMP](#))

Study “[Towards a Charter of Philanthropic Engagement in the Media Sector](#)”

For information and discussion

16. Exchange of views with Gabriel Revel, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Monaco to the Council of Europe

[Presidency of Monaco of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe](#) (May – November 2026)

For information and discussion

17. Exchange of views with the Secretariat of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA) Information provided by Emmanuelle Machet, Head of the EPRA Secretariat <i>For information and discussion</i>
<i>15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break</i>
18. Future work of the CDMSI/future terms of reference <i>For discussion</i>
19. Council of Europe Cooperation activities on freedom of expression Presentation by Alina Tatarenko, Head of the Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression <i>For information and discussion</i>
20. Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists Annual Report Europe Press Freedom Report "On the tipping point: Press Freedom 2025" Presentation by Joanna Szymanska (Article 19), representative of the Platform's Partner Organisations <i>For information and discussion</i>

19 JUNE – Morning session 09:30 - 12:30 <i>Room G02, Agora, Strasbourg, and online via zoom</i>
21. Intervention by Matjaž Gruden, Director, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity
22. Request for observer status by the Global Media Registry Presentation by Olaf Steenfadt, Founder and Managing Director <i>For discussion and decision</i>
23. Exchange of views with PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Presentation by Tatiana Termacic, Head of Secretariat, and Francisco Cabrera, Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Resolution 2654 (2026) on Copyright enforcement in the artificial intelligence environment Motion for a resolution on A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media <i>For information and discussion</i>
24. Exchange of views with Camille Grenier, Executive Director of the Forum on Information and Democracy Concept note "The International Coordination Group on Information Integrity" <i>For information and discussion</i>

<i>Coffee break 10:40 - 11:00</i>	
25. Exchange of views with the Secretariat of the European Audiovisual Observatory Information provided by Maja Cappello, Head of Department for Legal Information and Acting Executive Director, European Audiovisual Observatory <i>For information and discussion</i>	
26. Participation in events of relevance for the CDMSI <i>Information by the Secretariat and CDMSI Plenary members</i>	
27. Any other business Date and place of next meeting	

GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Terms of reference	<i>CDMSI Terms of Reference 2026-2027</i>
Terms of reference	<i>MSI-ePLU Terms of Reference 2026-2027</i>
Terms of reference	<i>MSI-eREG Terms of Reference 2026-2027</i>
CM/Res(2021)3	<i>Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>

RECENT MEETING REPORTS

MSI-eREG(2026)4	<i>Report of the 1st MSI-eREG Meeting (26-27 March 2026)</i>
CDMSI-BU(2026)02	<i>Report of the 30th meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (24 April 2026)</i>