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STEERING COMMITTEE ON MEDIA AND INFORMATION SOCIETY (CDMSI)

30th Plenary Meeting
8 -10 December 2026

Tuesday 8 December (9:30 – 13:00; 14:30 – 17:30 CET)
Wednesday 9 December (9:30 – 12:30; 14:00 – 17:30 CET)
Thursday 10 December (9:30 – 12:30 CET)

Room 10, Palais de l' Europe, Strasbourg, and online via Zoom and Kudo

DRAFT AGENDA

8 DECEMBER - Morning session 09:30 - 13:00
1. Opening of the meeting Welcoming remarks by **Claudia Luciani**, Director, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business Information point about elections
3. Standard-setting - Committee of Experts on safeguarding media pluralism in the online environment (MSI-ePLU) - Draft Recommendation on safeguarding media pluralism in the online environment - 2nd meeting report Presentation by **Aneta Gonţa** (Republic of Moldova), Chair of the MSI-ePLU, and **Elda Brogi** and **Damian Tambini**, members of the MSI-ePLU, drafting co-Rapporteurs *For information and discussion*
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
4. Exchange on ongoing standard setting work with the representative European Commission Presentation by **Audrius Perkauskas**, Deputy Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media Services Policy, DG Connect *For information and discussion*

5. Council of Europe '*Journalists Matter*' Campaign for the Safety of Journalists

Progress report on most recent developments, including outcome of:

- Side event *"Journalists Matter: Local Authorities and Media for Stronger Democracy"*, organised in the margins of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (27 October 2026, Strasbourg)
- *Youth Facing Disinformation - Why Journalists Matter*, Council of Europe '*Journalists Matter*' Campaign initiative under the Monegasque Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (9-10 November 2026, Palais de l' Europe and European Youth Centre, Strasbourg)
- Study visits to support the implementation of the Republic of Moldova's Action Plan for the Safety of Journalists (2-3 December, Podgorica, Montenegro)

Future steps under the Campaign:

- Fifth meeting of the National Focal Points for the Safety of Journalists (March 2027, Podgorica, Montenegro)
- Final review and closing conference of the Campaign (November 2027, the Netherlands)

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

For information and discussion

6. Exchange of views on the contribution of the CDMSI to the New Democratic Pact for Europe with Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

For information and discussion

Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:30
Cocktail Lunch, Lobby in front of the Hemicycle
Memorial for Journalists – World Press Photo Foundation,
organised by the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe

8 DECEMBER - Afternoon session 14:30 - 17:30

7. Future work / Terms of reference of the CDMSI (2028-2031)

Information provided by **Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca**, Secretary of the CDMSI

Discussion and decision on CDMSI proposals for its future terms of reference

Resolution CM/Res(2021)3-addfinal on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working method

For discussion and decision

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

8. Standard setting

8.1. **Review report on the implementation of Council of Europe standards on defamation**

Presentation by **Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska,** Associate Professor, University of Gdańsk, and **Tarlach McGonagle,** Professor of Media Law and Information Society, Leiden University and Associate professor, IViR, University of Amsterdam (*online*)

8.2. **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**)

Presentation by **Flutura Kusari,** Senior Legal Advisor, European Centre for Press & Media Freedom (ECPMF), and **Peter Noorlander**, Human Rights Lawyer (*online*)

For information and discussion

9 DECEMBER - Morning session 09:30 - 12:30

9. Standard setting - Study on how social media and other platforms shape opinion and action

Presentation by **Melisa Basol**, Social psychologist, Founder Pulse innovation lab, Lecturer Sciences Po, and by **Iva Nenadic**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Media and Public Relations, University of Dubrovnik, and Scientific Coordinator of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, European University Institute (*online*)

For information and discussion

10. 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 **Alexander Brown**, Associate Professor in Political and Legal Theory, University of East Anglia (*online*), and **Jennifer Jackson-Preece**, Associate Professor of Nationalism, European Institute and Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science

Tour de table – Measures adopted by the member States: information from CDMSI members and other participants

For information and discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11. CDMSI involvement in the work of other Council of Europe Committees

Ad hoc Committee on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (CAHFIMI) – Terms of reference

Drafting Committee on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions (BIO-ALN) – Terms of Reference

For information and discussion

12. Observer status

- **Request by the World Association of News Publishers WAN-IFRA**

  Presentation by **Elena Perotti**, Executive Director Public Affairs and Media Policy, WAN-IFRA

For decision

- Follow-up to the request for observer status by Global Media Registry (GMR)

For information

13. 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

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00 – group photo

9 DECEMBER - Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:30

14. Elections of the CDMSI leading organs

- Election of the CDMSI Chair
- Election of the CDMSI Vice-Chair
- Election of one member of the CDMSI Bureau (for a one-year term: 2027)

For decision

15. Standard setting - Committee of Experts on media regulators in a platform-based environment (MSI-eREG)

- Draft Guidance Note on media regulators in a platform-based environment
- 2nd meeting report

Presentation by **Stephanie Comey** (Ireland), Chair of MSI-eREG, **Maida Ćulahović** and **Tanja Kerševan**, members of the MSI-eREG, drafting co-Rapporteurs

For information and discussion

16. Standard setting - Practical guide on building independent, sustainable, and pluralistic public service media (PSM)

Presentation by **Tanja Kerševan**, Research Fellow and Assistant Professor, University of Ljubljana

For information and discussion

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break

17. Review of CDMSI's progress - concrete results and added value of the work of the Steering Committee and its substructures

For discussion

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

Presentation by **Florent Duploy**, Platform for the Protection of Journalists Division

For information and discussion

18:00 – 21:00 Celebration of the 30th meeting of the CDMSI
Dinner cocktail and social event

10 DECEMBER - Morning session 09:30 - 12:30

19. Exchange of views with PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Presentation by **Benjamin Dalle**, (Belgium, EPP/CD) rapporteur on "A new European Convention on. Freedom of the Media", and **Francisco Cabrera**, PACE Secretariat

- Motion for a resolution | Doc. 16188 | 04 June 2025 A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media
- Recommendation 2308 (2026) Media Freedom in Sport
- Recommendation 2313 (2026) Growing threats to media pluralism and to the independence of the media

For information and discussion

20. Council of Europe Cooperation activities on freedom of expression

Presentation by **Alina Tatarenko**, Head of the Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression

For information and discussion

Coffee break 10:30 - 11:00

21. Exchange of views with the Secretariat of the European Audiovisual Observatory

Information provided by **Pauline Durand-Vialle**, Executive Director, European Audiovisual Observatory

For information and discussion

22. Exchange of views with the Secretariat of the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA)

Information provided by **Emmanuelle Machet**, Head of the EPRA Secretariat

For information and discussion

23. Participation in events of relevance for the CDMSI

- Public Service Media in the Platform Era – Towards Public Digital Infrastructures, the British Academy, London, 4 September
- Webinar "Beyond the Deadline: Turning Europe's Anti-SLAPP Standards into Real Protection", European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) and the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, online, 16 September
- Event on SLAPPs, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom at the European University Institute, online, 23 September
- Conference 'Abusive lawsuits and Public Participation: from SLAPPs to Solutions', hosted by the SLAPPs Research Group, the Bonavero Institute and the Centre for Freedom of the Media, with sponsorship from UNESCO, online, 24 September
- Strengthening Media's Bargaining Power over Generative AI: Next Steps for EU Policy, online, 29 September
- News Media Coalition, Primary Source Journalism special event/seminar, Brussels, 13-14 October
- 64th EPRA meeting (European Platform of Regulatory Authorities), Dublin, Ireland, 14-16 October
- UNESCO policy dialogue event, Global Commemoration - International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, Paris, 2 November
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Legal and Policy Assembly, Geneva, 5-6 November
- Regional Peer Exchange for Media Regulatory Authorities "Democracy, elections, and digital transformation: Strengthening media regulation against new challenges to democracy", Podgorica, Montenegro, 19 November
- VOICES Festival, round table on European media policies, Thessaloniki, 26 - 28 November

Information by the Secretariat and CDMSI Plenary members

24. Any other business

Date and place of next meeting

GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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

RECENT MEETING REPORTS

MSI-ePLU(2026)08	*Report of 2nd MSI-ePLU Meeting (8-9 September 2026)*
MSI-eREG(2026)8	*Report of 2nd MSI-eREG Meeting (14-15 September 2026)*