

20 May 2020

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**18th (extra-ordinary) meeting
Wednesday 27 May 2020 (10h00 – 12h00)
via videoconferencing**

Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting by Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The COVID-19 pandemic and Council of Europe committees' work - procedures for online meetings and decision-making

- Information by Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department
- Discussion

4. Planning

4.1. Conference of Ministers responsible for media and information society (Nicosia, Cyprus – rescheduled to 22-23 October 2020)

- Possible scenarios for the Ministerial Conference:
 - Exchange of views with Ms Sunny Papadimitriou Tofa, Press and Information Officer, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Cyprus;
 - Discussion.
- Forthcoming steps:
 - notification of the CDMSI and the Committee of Ministers;
 - conference documents (in the light of the COVID-19 crisis and the challenges to freedom of expression that have surfaced);

- other necessary steps.

4.2. CDMSI meetings in 2020 and 2021

- CDMSI plenary meetings;
- CDMSI Bureau meetings.

5. Reports, studies and other documents/activities of relevance for CDMSI

- Information by the Secretariat on the documents being finalised:
 - Implementation guide to the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 on the Protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors;
 - Analytical report on the implementation of the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)1 on gender equality and media;
 - Qualitative study on fear as a factor affecting choices between self-censorship and ethical journalism in Europe;
- Information by the Secretariat on recent/pending assessment of member states' (draft) legislation on freedom of expression;
- Information by the Secretariat on the draft report on the impacts of the COVID-19 related crisis on freedom of expression.

6. Recent and forthcoming events

- Webinar on the impact of COVID-19 on media freedom;
- Participation of CDMSI members/Secretariat in 2020 in relevant international events (IGF, EuroDIG, other);
- Other events.

7. Other business

GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Terms of reference	<i>CDMSI terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
Terms of reference	<i>MSI-DIG terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
Terms of reference	<i>MSI-REF terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
Terms of reference	<i>ADI/MSI-DIS terms of reference 2020-2021</i>
CM/Res(2011)24	<i>Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>

Political declaration and resolutions	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society – Freedom of Expression and Democracy in the Digital Age – Opportunities, Rights, Responsibilities. Adopted Political Declaration and Resolutions</i>
CM(2013)162	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Belgrade, 7-8 November 2013) – Report of the Secretary General</i>
Conference website	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society</i>

RECENT MEETING REPORTS

CM(2020)7	<i>Abridged report of the 17th meeting of CDMSI (3-5 December 2019)</i>
CDMSI(2019)005	<i>Long report of the 17th meeting of CDMSI (3-5 December 2019)</i>
CDMSI-BU(2020)001	<i>Report of 17th meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (28 April 2020)</i>