

DEPARTMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND FREEDOMS

**Bureau of Steering Committee
on Media and Information
Society - CDMSI-BU**

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28th Meeting
Friday 4 April 2025 (9:30 - 12:30; 14:00 -17:00)
Online

DRAFT AGENDA

Morning session	
1. Opening of the meeting	Irena GUIDIKOVA, Head of Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity
2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business	
3. Ongoing standard setting work	
3.1 Expert committees of the CDMSI - work progress	
○	Committee of Experts online safety and empowerment of content creators and users (MSI-eSEC)
○	Committee of Experts on the Implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Freedom of Expression (MSI-AI)
3.2 Work progress related to the further expected deliverables under CDMSI Terms of Reference	
○	Feasibility study on immersive reality applications and their implications for freedom of expression
○	Indicators for media and information literacy (MIL) strategies at national level
○	Ten steps to counter disinformation - Strategy and practical tools based on existing Council of Europe standards and other instruments
3.3 Other pending instruments of relevance for the CDMSI	
○	Pompidou Group – Information on follow-up to the Policy paper on strategies and regulatory options aimed at reducing risks and harms related to online gaming and online gambling

- [Criminal Law and Freedom of Expression: Council of Europe Approach – Draft expert study](#) elaborated under Council of Europe Cooperation activities on freedom of expression

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion.

4. Mid-term review of the CDMSI Terms of reference for 2024-2027

- CDMSI work during the second biennium (2026-2027)

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion.

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

- Progress report on most recent developments and forthcoming work
- Information on main thematic annual event under the Campaign: Effective Prosecution of Crimes against Journalists: building the paradigm against impunity – Journalists Matter Campaign, 29-30 April 2025, Luxembourg

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion.

Afternoon session

6. Meeting of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe with the chairs of intergovernmental bodies (24 April 2025)

Information provided by the Chair and Secretariat and discussion.

7. Preparation for the 27th CDMSI Plenary meeting (18-20 June, Strasbourg)

- **Planned activities and exchanges of views**
 - Hate Speech workshop in the framework of the “[No Hate Speech Week](#)”
 - Venice Commission representative
 - Annual Report [Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists](#)

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion.

8. Recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression

Information provided by the Bureau members.

9. Participation in events of relevance for the CDMSI (2025)

- Past:
 - [RightsCon](#), Taipei, 24-27 February
 - [UK Media Freedom Forum](#), London, 4-5 March
 - Group of Friends of the Council of Europe on the Safety of Journalists and Media Freedom in Strasbourg - Conference on the topic: “*Strengthening reliable information and journalism: Council of Europe actions against disinformation*”, Strasbourg, 31 March
 - EC Expert Group on Media Literacy Education, Brussels, 20 February
- Upcoming:
 - World press Freedom Day ([WPFD](#)), Brussels, 5-7 May
 - European Dialogue on Internet Governance ([EuroDIG](#)), Strasbourg, 12-14 May
 - [61st EPRA Meeting](#), 14-16 May 2025, Chisinau, Moldova
 - Internet Governance Forum ([IGF](#)), Norway, 23-27 June

Information provided by the Bureau members and by the Secretariat.

10. Any other business

Date and place of next meeting.