

CDMSI-BU(2026)01

30th Meeting

Friday 24 April 2026 (9:30 - 12:30; 14:00 -17:00)

At [Moldovan Audiovisual Council](#) and online

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<i>Morning session</i>	
1. Opening of the meeting	
Aikaterini Polyzou, Chair of the CDMSI	
2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business	
3. Standard-setting work	
3.1 Expert committees of the CDMSI - work progress	
○ Committee of Experts on safeguarding media pluralism in the online environment (MSI-ePLU)	
○ Committee of Experts on media regulators in a platform-based environment (MSI-eREG)	
3.2 Work progress related to the further expected deliverables under CDMSI Terms of reference	
○ Study on how social media and other platforms shape opinion and action	
○ Practical guide on building independent, sustainable, and pluralistic public service media (PSM)	
○ Review report on the implementation of relevant aspects of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)16 on combating hate speech (in co-operation with CDADI)	
○ Review report on the implementation of Council of Europe standards on defamation	
<i>Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion.</i>	

4. Update on follow-up to other CDMSI deliverables

- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2026\)4 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.
- [“Resisting disinformation: 10 building blocks to strengthen information integrity”](#)
- [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](#) – Upcoming Conference on [Human Rights in Immersive Realities \(XR\): Freedom of Expression, Justice, Children’s Rights and Well-Being](#), 18-19 May, Strasbourg
- 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)

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

Feasibility study on the possible elaboration of a Council of Europe legal instrument on foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI)

Information provided by the Bureau members and the Secretariat

Afternoon session

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

- Progress report on most recent developments and forthcoming work.
- Outcome of the fourth meeting of the National Focal Points (22 April, Chişinău); [Defending truth - Comprehensive approaches to journalistic safety and quality journalism](#) (23 April, Chişinău)
- Youth Facing Disinformation - Why Journalists Matter (9-10 November 2026, Youth Centre, Strasbourg)
- Steps taken by member states under the Campaign

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7. Preparation for the 29th CDMSI Plenary meeting (17-19 June 2026, Strasbourg)

- Expert documents under preparation:
 - Study on Newsfluencers
 - Study on Journalists in Times of Conflict: a Shared Duty to Protect under the European Convention on Human Rights
- Planned exchanges of views:
 - Thematic:
 - Media and information literacy: follow-up steps in the framework of the [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#)
 - Guests
 - Mr Gabriel Revel, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Monaco to the Council of Europe
 - Mr Gilles Marchand, Director, Media & Philanthropy Initiative ([IMP](#))
 - [PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media](#)
 - [Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists](#) – Annual Report [Europe Press Freedom Report "On the tipping point: Press Freedom 2025"](#)
 - [Cooperation on Freedom of Expression](#)
 - [European Audiovisual Observatory](#)
 - [European Platform of Regulatory Authorities](#)
- [No Hate Speech Week 2026](#):
 - Workshop “Targeted voices: hate speech against women journalists”
 - Journalism Excellence Awards
- Request for observer status:
 - [Global Media Registry](#)

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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 (2026)

○ Past:

- [Fortifying democracy: Strengthening Civic Space and Promoting Information Integrity](#), EFTA House, 27 January, Brussels
- [International Conference: Shaping democratic renewal: civic space and the path to a New Democratic Pact for Europe](#), 2-3 February, Strasbourg
- European Audiovisual Observatory Conference “[Jurisdiction of European audiovisual services](#)”, 5 February, Brussels
- Panel on “Addressing Misinformation and Disinformation and the work of the Council of Europe in the field”, study visit “[Reclaiming the Narratives: Empowering Marginalised Youth through Digital Advocacy](#)”, 18 February, Strasbourg
- [European Commission’s Media Literacy Expert Group](#) (MLEG) Meeting, 5 March, Brussels
- [UK Media Freedom Forum](#), 5-6 March, London
- UN Human Rights Council side event “[Disinformation as a Tool of Hybrid Warfare: Impacts on Human Rights and Democratic Processes](#)”, 10 March, Geneva
- [Voices – European Festival of Journalism and Media Freedom](#), 10-12 March, Florence
- [Meeting of EMIL](#), EPRA’s Media and Information Literacy Taskforce on “MIL Strategies: what role for the regulators?”, 13 March, online
- Annual Congress of [Forum for European Journalism Students International](#), 26 March, Tilburg
- [International Journalism Festival](#), 15-18 April, Perugia

○ Upcoming:

- High-Level Event on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs), 7 May, Brussels
- 63rd EPRA meeting, 20-22 May 2026 Tirana (Albania)
- [EuroDIG](#), 26-27 May, Brussels

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10. Any other business

Date and place of next meeting.