

31st Meeting

Thursday 8 October 2026 (9:30 – 11:00; 14:00 -17:30)

2 rue du Gabian, Monaco, and online

DRAFT AGENDA

Morning session

1. Opening of the meeting

Artemiza-Tatiana CHISCA, Secretary to the CDMSI, Head of CDMSI and Freedom of Expression Division

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](#)) - Report on the second meeting (8-9 September 2026) and progress of ongoing work
- Committee of Experts on media regulators in a platform-based environment ([MSI-eREG](#)) - Report on the second meeting (14-15 September) and progress of ongoing work

3.2 Work progress related to the further expected deliverables under CDMSI [Terms of reference](#) and follow-up to past CDMSI deliverables

- Study on how social media and other platforms shape opinion and action – Consultation workshop, 28 September 2026
- Practical guide on building independent, sustainable, and pluralistic public service media (PSM) – Consultation Workshop, 29 September 2026
- 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 and 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) – Experts' Workshop, 5 October 2026

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion

4. Observers

- Information on the follow-up to the request for observer status by [Global Media Registry](#) (GMR)
- Newly received request for observer status from [WAN-IFRA](#), the World Association of News Publishers

For information and discussion

Afternoon session

5. CDMSI involvement in the work of the other 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](#))

Information provided by the Bureau members and the Secretariat

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

- Progress report on most recent developments and forthcoming work
- [Youth Facing Disinformation - Why Journalists Matter](#) (9-10 November 2026, Youth Centre, Strasbourg)

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7. Preparation for the 30th CDMSI Plenary meeting (8-10 December 2026, Strasbourg)

Planned exchanges of views:

- Thematic:
 - o [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#) – Report of the “Exchange on democratic security: trends and piloting foresight”, 12 October 2026
 - o [World Forum for Democracy](#), 2-3 November 2026, Strasbourg
 - o Future work of the CDMSI/Terms of Reference
- Guests:
 - o [PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media](#)
 - o [Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists](#)
 - o [Cooperation on Freedom of Expression](#)
 - o [European Audiovisual Observatory](#)
 - o [European Platform of Regulatory Authorities](#)

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8. Recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression including steps taken by member states under the Campaign

Information provided by the Bureau members

9. Participation in events of relevance for the CDMSI (2026)

o Past:

- 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, 24 September

o Upcoming:

- 64th EPRA meeting (European Platform of Regulatory Authorities), Dublin, Ireland, 14 -16 October
- Regional Peer Exchange for Media Regulatory Authorities "Democracy, elections, and digital transformation: Strengthening media regulation against new challenges to democracy", Podgorica, Montenegro, 19 November

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10. Any other business

Date and place of next meeting.