

26th Meeting
4 - 6 December 2024
Palais de l'Europe, Room 6, Hybrid

DRAFT AGENDA

4 DECEMBER – *Morning session 09:30 - 12:30*

1. Opening of the meeting

Irena Guidikova, Head of the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Council of Europe 'Journalists matter' [Campaign for the Safety of Journalists](#)

Progress report on most recent developments and forthcoming work, including outcome of

- [Seminar: The Role of the Police in the Protection of the Safety of Journalists \(26-27 September, Strasbourg, France\)](#)
- [Annual Thematic Conference: Protection of Journalists - a multistakeholder dialogue \(29-30 October, Strasbourg, France\)](#)

Steps taken by member states - Information by CDMSI members (*Tour de table*)
Future steps under the Campaign

For Information and discussion

10:40 - 11:10 Coffee break

4. Exchange of views with Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe [Commissioner for Human Rights](#)

5. [Freedom of Expression in 2023, Report on trends in freedom of expression in Council of Europe member states](#) prepared for the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department by Peter Noorlander, Independent Consultant and Startup Director, Reporters Shield

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00

6. Exchange of views with Judge Arnfinn Bårdsen, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights

7. Standard-setting. Expert committees of the CDMSI – work progress

- [Committee of Experts online safety and empowerment of content creators and users \(MSI-eSEC\)](#)

Presentation by Nicole Stellou, Chair of MSI-eSEC
Presentation by Martin Husovec, Drafting Co-rapporteur

- [Committee of Experts on the Implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Freedom of Expression \(MSI-AI\)](#)

Presentation by Andrin Eichin, Chair of MSI-AI
Presentation by Iva Nenadic, Drafting Co-rapporteur

For information and discussion

15:50 - 16:20 Coffee Break

8. Follow-up to the CDMSI's previous work

- Update on follow-up to [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2024\)2 on countering the use of strategic lawsuits against public participation \(SLAPPs\)](#), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 5 April 2024
- Outcome of the [second European Anti-SLAPP Conference](#), Strasbourg, 14 November 2024
- Follow-up to the [Declaration of Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on the World Summit on the Information Society \(WSIS\) +20 review and the extension of the mandate of the Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#)

For information by Secretariat and CDMSI members and discussion

9. Council of Europe [World Forum for Democracy](#) (Democracy and Diversity – Can We Transcend the Divides?), 6-8 November 2024

Presentation by Irena Guidikova, Head of the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Directorate for Democracy, Council of Europe

10. Standard setting. Further deliverables under CDMSI Terms of Reference - work progress

- Indicators for media and information literacy (MIL) strategies at national level

Presentation by Nicoleta Fotiade, Media Literacy Educator & Trainer, Associated to Mediawise Society and International Association for Media Education

- Ten steps to counter disinformation - Strategy and practical tools based on existing Council of Europe standards and other instruments.

Presentation by the Secretariat and CDMSI members

For information and discussion

11. Parliamentary Assembly to the Council of Europe

- 11.1 Exchange of views with Roberto Fasino, Secretary to the PACE [Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media](#)

Resolution on the [Risks and opportunities of the metaverse](#) and related [report](#)
[Resolution on Propaganda and freedom of information in Europe and related report](#)
Upcoming report on public regulation of content moderation on social media

- 11.2 Exchange of views with Guillem Cano-Palomares, Secretariat of the PACE [Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights](#)

Resolution on [The detention and conviction of Julian Assange and their chilling effects on human rights](#) and related [report](#)

Presentation by Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, PACE General Rapporteur for political prisoners, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

For information and discussion

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break

12. Exchange of views with the Secretariat of the [European Audiovisual Observatory](#) and of the [European Platform of Regulatory Authorities \(EPRA\)](#)

Information provided by Susanne Nikoltchev, Executive Director, and Maja Cappello, Head of Legal Information Department, European Audiovisual Observatory

Information provided by Emmanuelle Machet, Head of the EPRA Secretariat

For information and discussion

13. Pompidou Group – [Policy paper on strategies and regulatory options aimed at reducing risks and harms related to online gaming and online gambling](#)

Presentation by Elena Hedoux, Secretariat of the Council of Europe International Cooperation Group on Drugs and Addictions (Pompidou Group)

For information and discussion

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:30

14. Council of Europe [Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law](#)

Presentation Thomas Schneider, vice-Chair of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Ambassador, Director of International Affairs, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication, Federal Office of Communications OFCOM,

15. Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence ([CDDH](#))

Presentation by David Milner, Head of the Human Rights Intergovernmental Co-operation Division, Secretary to the CDDH

16. [Gender Equality and AI](#)

Presentation by Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality division

Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination ([GEC/ADI-AI](#))
Committee of Experts on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls ([GEC/PC-eVIO](#))

For information and discussion

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

17. Elections

For decision

- *Election of CDMSI Chair*
- *Election of CDMSI Vice-chair*
- *Election of a CDMSI Bureau member*

18. Council of Europe [Cooperation activities on freedom of expression](#)

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

For information and discussion

<p>19. Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists - systemic alerts</p> <p>Presentation by Adrian Evtuhovici, Head of Division/ Co-ordinator of the Platform for the Protection of Journalists, Council of Europe</p>
<p>20. Feasibility study on immersive reality applications and their implications for freedom of expression</p> <p>Presentation by Brittan Heller, International Law, Technology, and Human Rights expert</p>

<p>6 DECEMBER – Morning session 09:30 - 12:30</p>
<p>21. Council of Europe future legal mechanism to support European drama series production, under CDCPP authority</p> <p>Presentation by Terje Birkrem HOVLAND, CDCPP Chair</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i></p>
<p>22. The State of Newsgathering in Today’s Disinformed Society</p> <p>Focussed session by representatives of the News Media Coalition</p> <p>Introduction by Andrew Moger, Chief Executive of News Media Coalition</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i></p>
<p>23. Intervention by Matjaž Gruden, Director, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity</p>

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

<p>24. Recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression</p> <p>Presentation by CDMSI members and other participants</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i></p>
<p>25. Request for observer status by the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH)</p> <p><i>For decision</i></p>

26. Participation in past and future events of relevance for the CDMSI

- [28th Legal and Policy Assembly of the European Broadcasting Union](#) (EBU), 10-11 October 2024, Strasbourg
- [UNESCO 2024 Global Commemoration and Day of Action](#): Safety of Journalists in Crises and Emergencies, 6 - 7 November 2024, African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- [RightsCon](#) Summit, Taipei, 24-27 February 2025
- Update from appointed CDMSI rapporteurs on transversal issues and liaison contacts with partner Committees

Information provided by the CDMSI members and by the Secretariat

27. Any other business

Date and place of next meeting