

26<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

*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

**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

**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*

**19. [Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists](#) - systemic alerts**

Presentation by Adrian Evtuhovici, Head of Division/ Co-ordinator of the Platform for the Protection of Journalists, Council of Europe

**20. Feasibility study on immersive reality applications and their implications for freedom of expression**

Presentation by Brittan Heller, International Law, Technology, and Human Rights expert

**21. Council of Europe future legal mechanism to support European drama series production, under [CDCPP](#) authority**

*For information and discussion*

**22. The State of Newsgathering in Today’s Disinformed Society”**

Focussed session by representatives of the News Media Coalition

*For information and discussion*

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

Presentation by CDMSI members and other participants

*For information and discussion*

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

**24. Request for observer status by the Center for Countering Digital Hate ([CCDH](#))**

*For decision*

**25. 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*

**26. Any other business**

Date and place of next meeting