

27th Meeting
18-20 June 2025

18 June 2024, (9:30–12:30; 14:00–17:30)
19 June 2024 (9:30-12:30), Room G2, Agora
19 June 2024 (14:00-17:30), Room 1, Palais de l'Europe
20 June 2024, (9:30-12:30), Hackathon, Hemicycle, the Palais de l'Europe
Hybrid

DRAFT AGENDA

18 June – Morning session 09:30 - 12:30	
1. Opening of the meeting	Matjaz Gruden, Director, Directorate for Democracy, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business	
3. Council of Europe ‘Journalists matter’ <u>Campaign for the Safety of Journalists</u>	<p>Progress report on most recent developments and forthcoming work, including outcome of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Annual thematic conference: Effective Prosecution of crimes against journalists - Building the paradigm against impunity - (29 April 2025, Luxembourg)○ Third meeting of the National Focal Points (30 April 2025, Luxembourg) <p>Steps taken by member states - Information by CDMSI members (<i>Tour de table</i>) Future steps under the Campaign – further initiatives under the ‘prosecution pillar’; preparations of the Campaign’s mid-term review</p> <p><i>For Information and discussion</i></p>
4. <u>Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists</u>	<p>Presentation of the Platform’s Annual Report “Europe Press Freedom Report: Confronting Political Pressure, Disinformation, and the Erosion of Media Independence”</p> <p>Exchange of views with Flutura Kusari, a representative of the Contributing Partner organisations</p>

10:40 - 11:10 Coffee break

5. Standard-setting (work progress). Expert committees of the CDMSI – [Committee of Experts online safety and empowerment of content creators and users \(MSI-eSEC\)](#)

- Draft recommendation on online safety and empowerment of users and content creators

Presentation by Nicole Stellou, Chair of MSI-eSEC, and Martin Husovec and Peter Noorlander, drafting rapporteurs of the recommendation

For information, discussion and decision on public consultation

6. Third Meeting of the Secretary General with Presidents of the Intergovernmental Committees of the Council of Europe

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

For information and discussion

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:30

7. Standard setting (work progress). Further deliverables under CDMSI.

Disinformation

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

Presentation by Konrad Bleyer-Simon and Urbano Reviglio, Research Associates at the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, [European University Institute](#), and by the secretariat.

Media and Information Literacy (MIL)

Presentation by the secretariat.

For information and discussion

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

- CDMSI Terms of Reference for the second biennium (2026-2027)

Information provided by the Secretariat and discussion.

15:50 - 16:20 Coffee Break

9. Exchange of views with the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - [Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media](#)

Information provided by Francisco Cabrera, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media [Report on public regulation of content moderation on social media](#)

For information and discussion

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

Presentation by CDMSI members and other participants

For information and discussion

19 JUNE – Morning session 09:30 - 12:30

11. Standard-setting (work progress). Expert committees of the CDMSI: [Committee of Experts on the Impacts of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Freedom of Expression \(MSI-AI\)](#)

- Draft Guidance Note on the implications of Generative AI for Freedom of Expression

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

For information, discussion and decision on public consultation

12. Exchange of views with the European Commission for Democracy Through Law ([Venice Commission](#))

Presentation by Iain Cameron, Rapporteur “[Report on a rule of law and human rights compliant regulation of spyware](#)”

10:50 – 11:20 Coffee break

13. 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

14. [Criminal Law and Freedom of Expression: Council of Europe Guide on Limiting the Use of Criminal Law to Restrict Freedom of Expression – Draft expert study](#)

Presentation by the secretariat

To be taken note by the CDMSI

Lunch Break 12:30-14:00

Afternoon session 14:00 - 17:30	
<p>15. Hate Speech and Media Seminar “Old habit, new fronts: tackling hate speech against journalists and other media actors” - thematic session with the participants to the “No Hate Speech Week”</p> <p>Theme for 2025: “Enhancing legal and non-legal measures against hate speech through a multi-stakeholder approach”</p>	
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break	
<p>16. Council of Europe Cooperation activities on freedom of expression</p> <p>Presentation by Alina Tatarenko, Head of Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i></p>	
<p>17. Cooperation with the European Commission</p> <p>Latest developments related to the Audiovisual Media Services Directive and the European Media Freedom Act;</p> <p>Presentation by Audrius Perkauskas, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Connect, Audiovisual and Media Services Policy</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i></p>	
<p>18. 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>19. Standard setting (work progress)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feasibility study on immersive reality applications and their implications for freedom of expression <p>Presentation by Brittan Heller, International Law, Technology, and Human Rights expert</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i></p>	
<p>20. Participation in events of relevance for the CDMSI</p> <p><i>Information by the Secretariat and CDMSI Plenary members</i></p>	
<p>21. Date and place of next meeting</p>	

20 JUNE – Morning session 09:30 - 12:30

22. Council of Europe Hackathon – [Democracy's Firewall, Outsmart Disinformation, Protect Free Speech](#),

CDMSI members are invited to participate in the [morning session of the Hackathon](#) on 20 June.

GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

<u>Terms of reference</u>	<i>CDMSI terms of reference 2024-2027</i>
<u>CM/Res(2021)3</u>	<i>Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>