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CJ-AV(2022)OJ1

# Committee of Experts on the Protection of Lawyers (CJ-AV)

1<sup>st</sup> meeting 6-8 April 2022

Strasbourg, Agora building, Room G03 and by videoconference

6 and 7 April: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm / 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm 8 April: 9.30 am - 1.00 pm (Updated 08 April 2022)

# **Agenda**

1.	Opening of the meeting  Mr Daniele Cangemi, Head of the Department for Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standard Setting Activities, Directorate general of Human Rights and the Rule of Law		
2.	Adoption of the agenda and order of business	<ul><li>Working document</li><li>Draft agenda - CJ-AV(2022)OJ1 prov</li></ul>	
3.	Tour de table	<ul> <li>Reference documents</li> <li>Provisional list of participants- CJ-AV(2022)LP1 prov</li> <li>List of CJ-AV members</li> </ul>	
4.	Statement by the Chair and the Secretariat	<ul> <li>Introduction to the work on a draft legal instrument aiming at strengthening the protection of the profession of lawyer and the right to practice the profession without prejudice or restraint</li> <li>Presentation of the CDCJ and CJ-AV: set-up, roles and tasks according to the respective terms of references</li> <li>Working methods of the CJ-AV</li> </ul>	

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7.

 Information on the election of Vice-Chair and appointment of a Gender Equality Rapporteur

# Reference documents

- CDCJ Terms of Reference (2022-2025)
- CJ-AV Terms of Reference (2022-2023)
- Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

Overview of key issues as regards the independence and safe exercise of the profession of lawyer and existing Council of Europe and other international legal instruments

 Presentation by Mr Jeremy McBride, CDCJ/CJ-AV consultant

# Reference document

- Profession of Lawyer: Study on the feasibility of a new European legal instrument adopted by the CDCJ
- Draft legal instrument aiming at strengthening the protection of the profession of lawyer and the right to practice the profession without prejudice or restraint: scope and issues of a future legal instrument (CJ-AV deliverable)

 Exchange of views concerning the possible scope and issues to be covered by a future instrument

# Working document

 Proposal for elements and outline for the future legal instrument -CJ-AV(2022)01 (restricted)

#### Reference document

 Profession of Lawyer: Study on the feasibility of a new European legal instrument (adopted by the CDCJ)

# Background documents

 List of documents in relation to the work of the CJ-AV - CJ-AV(2022)03

Draft legal instrument aiming at strengthening the protection of the profession of lawyer and the right to practice the profession without prejudice or restraint: "pros and cons" of a binding and non-binding legal instrument

 Exchange of views concerning identified advantages and risks of the elaboration of a new, binding or non-binding, legal instrument and elaboration of orientations in this respect for consideration by the CDCJ

# Reference document

 Chapter 4 of Profession of Lawyer: Study on the feasibility of a new European legal instrument (adopted by the CDCJ)

8.	Elections (Vice Chair) and appointments (Rapporteur)	<ul> <li>Election of the Vice-Chair</li> <li>Appointment of the CJ-AV Gender Equality Rapporteur</li> <li>Reference document Election of Vice-Chair - CJ-AV(2022)2</li> </ul>
9.	Information on on-going and planned activities in other fora of relevance to the work of the CJ-AV	
10.	Any other business	
11.	Date and place of next meeting	
12.	Approval of the meeting report	<ul> <li>Working document</li> <li>Draft report of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the CJ-AV (6-8 April 2022) - CJ-AV (2022)04 prov</li> </ul>

# **DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS**

(provisional and subject to change in light of the work pace)

Date	All times indicated CET	Agenda items
6 April 2022	9.30 am - 12.00 pm	Items 1 - 4
	1.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Items 5 and 6
7 April 2022	9.30 am -12.00 pm	Item 8, Item 6 (continued)
	1.30 pm - 4.30 pm	Item 7
8 April 2022	9.30 am – 1.00 pm	Items 9 - 12