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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ACCESS TO ORIGINS
(CJ-OR)

WORKPLAN AND CALENDAR OF CJ-OR ACTIVITIES

FOR 2025-2027

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I. Background

1. The Committee of Ministers established as of January 2025 a Committee of Experts on access to origins (CJ-OR) composed of 10 representatives, seven representing member states and three independent experts. Participants and observers also contribute to the work of the CJ-OR, as set out in the terms of reference for 2025-2027 adopted by the Committee of Ministers (see document CJ-OR(2025)01 rev2).

2. The CJ-OR is tasked to elaborate by 31 December 2027, under the authority of the Committee of Ministers and of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), a draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins. The committee is expected to meet twice a year.

II. Indicative workplan for 2025-2027

3. The workplan provides a detailed framework for the activities of the CJ-OR over the period covered by its terms of reference. The workplan incorporates key milestones, timelines, and responsibilities, ensuring a structured approach to the elaboration of a draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins. The workplan is designed to allow for some flexibility to accommodate adjustments as needed and emphasises collaboration between the CJ-OR, CDCJ, and other stakeholders.

4. The CJ-OR, where necessary, may adapt its working methods, in particular make use of new technologies, videoconferences and written procedures if the existing timeframes do not allow to complete the different stages of the elaboration of the new recommendation and its explanatory memorandum within the allocated time and resources.

Appendix

Calendar of CJ-OR activities for 2025-2027

Activities/task	Dates / Places	Responsibility
1st meeting of CJ-OR - Review of key issues regarding the right to know one's origins - Exchange of views on scope and issues to be covered by the future recommendation - Agreement on elements and outline for the future recommendation	3-5 June 2025 Strasbourg	CJ-OR
104th plenary meeting of the CDCJ - Update on the first meeting of the CJ-OR and its results	16-18 June 2025	CDCJ
2nd meeting of CJ-OR - Examination of a preliminary draft of the recommendation	28-30 October 2025 Strasbourg	CJ-OR
105th plenary meeting of the CDCJ - Progress review of the work of the CJ-OR - Examination of the preliminary draft recommendation	18-20 November 2025	CDCJ
3rd meeting of CJ-OR - Examination of the draft recommendation - Examination of proposal of elements for the explanatory memorandum of the draft recommendation - Agreement on a stakeholder consultation and engagement process, and on the stakeholders to be involved - Possible discussion on additional information and data collection from the member states and on a questionnaire to be used for this purpose	24-26 March 2026 Strasbourg	CJ-OR
106th plenary meeting of the CDCJ - Progress review - Examination of the draft recommendation and elements of the explanatory memorandum	2-4 June 2026	CDCJ and CJ-OR
4th meeting of the CJ-OR - Progress review/extension of the mandate Review of the draft recommendation and first examination its explanatory memorandum, taking into account the comments received from the CDCJ during its 106th plenary meeting	27-29 October 2026	CJ-OR
107th plenary meeting of the CDCJ - Progress review - Examination of the draft recommendation and elements of its explanatory memorandum	17-19 November 2026	CDCJ and CJ-OR
5th meeting of the CJ-OR Review of the draft recommendation and the first examination of the explanatory memorandum, taking into account the CDCJ comments and guidance provided at the 107th plenary meeting	February 2027	CJ-OR

Stakeholder consultation process Written consultation process on the draft recommendation with member states, other bodies and committees of the Council of Europe, other selected international and civil society organisations	February-March 2027	CJ-OR and CDCJ
108th plenary meeting of the CDCJ - Progress review - Examination of the draft recommendation and its explanatory memorandum	8-10 June 2027 (TBC)	CDCJ
6th meeting of the CJ-OR Finalising of the draft recommendation and its explanatory memorandum, taking into account the comments and feedback received from the CDCJ and the stakeholder consultation process	June/July 2027	CJ-OR
109th plenary meeting of the CDCJ Examination and approval/adoption of the draft recommendation and adoption of its explanatory memorandum and communication of the texts to the Committee of Ministers for adoption	16- 18 November 2027(TBC)	CDCJ
CM Rapporteur group (GR-J) and CM meetings - Examination of the draft recommendation and its explanatory memorandum - Adoption of the draft recommendation and taking note of its explanatory memorandum	2028	CM