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# Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR)

## 1st meeting

## 3-5 June 2025

## Strasbourg, Agora Building – room G02 (3-4 June) and Palais Building – room 12/13 (5 June)

## Draft agenda

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| **1.** | **Opening of the meeting and welcome** | Reference document<br>• Provisional list of participants CJ-OR(2025)LP1 prov |
| **2.** | **Adoption of the agenda and order of business** | Working document<br>• Draft agenda CJ-OR(2025)OJ1 prov |
| **3.** | **Introduction by the Secretariat** | • Background to the CJ-OR and start of the work on a draft recommendation on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins<br>• Presentation of the CDCJ and CJ-OR: set-up, roles and tasks according to their terms of references<br>• Working methods of the CJ-OR, preparation of legal instruments under expert committees' authority<br>• Information on election of CJ-OR's Vice-Chair, and appointment of its Gender Equality Rapporteur<br><br>Working document<br>• Proposals for a draft workplan and calendar of CJ-OR activities for 2025-2026 CJ-OR(2025)02 prov *(restricted)*<br><br>Background documents<br>• Terms of Reference of the CDCJ |

- Terms of Reference of CJ-OR – CJ-OR(2025)01
- Reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly on Recommendation 2156 (2019) on Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children – CM/AS(2019)Rec2156-final (adopted on 9 October 2019)
- Recommendation 2156 (2019) of the Parliamentary Assembly on Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children
- Report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on "Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children", Doc. 14835, 20 February 2019

Reference documents

- Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods (applicable as of 1 January 2022)
- Resolution CM/Res(2011)7 on Council of Europe conferences of specialised ministers
- Recommendation CM/AS(2014)Rec2029 final on "The participation of non-member States in Council of Europe conventions"
- Working methods of CDCJ
- Criteria to assess requests for observer status with the CDCJ and its subordinate bodies and decision-making processes
- Checklist for assessment of gender equality aspects and impact

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| **4.** | **Overview of key issues as regards the right of persons conceived by gamete donation or born through embryo reception to know their origins** | Presentation by the Secretariat and the Registry of the ECtHR<br><br>Background document<br>• Comparative study on access of persons conceived by gamete donation to information on their origins |

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| 5 | **Exchange of views on social and ethical implications of assisted reproduction for individuals, families and society** | • Mia Dambach, Executive Director of Child Identity Protection<br>• Professor Vasanti Jadva, Professor of Family Psychology, Department of Psychology, City St George's, University of London<br>• Audrey and Arthur Kermalvezen, Co-founders of Association Origines<br>• Hélène Loos, oocyte donor<br>• Marie-Joëlle Gros, member of the Board of Directors of the Collectif Bamp! and member of the Commission for access to data from third-party donors for persons born through medically assisted procreation (Commission d'accès des personnes nées d'une assistance médicale à la procréation aux données des tiers donneurs (CAPADD))<br>• Laura Rabinad Lizano, Biologist and Psychologist, PhD Candidate in Reproductive Social Psychology, Specialist in Donor Conception Counselling |
| 6 | **Discussion concerning the scope, principles, and issues to be covered by the future recommendation** | Examination of the possible scope and issues to be covered by the future draft recommendation<br><br>Working document<br>• Elements and outline of the future draft recommendation CJ-OR(2025)04 *(restricted)*<br><br>Background documents<br>• Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins CJ-OR(2025)03<br>• Overview of European and international standards concerning the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins CJ-OR(2025)05<br>• Questions concerning the elements of the future draft recommendation CJ-OR(2025)06<br>• Compilation of replies received concerning the elements of the future draft recommendation CJ-OR(2025)07 *(restricted)* |
| 7 | **Elections and appointments** | Election of a Vice-Chair<br>Appointment of a Gender Equality Rapporteur<br><br>Reference document<br>• Election of a Vice-Chair and appointment of a Gender Equality Rapporteur CJ-OR(2025)08 |

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| **8** | **Any other business** | |
| **9** | **Adoption of the meeting report** | Working document<br>• Draft meeting report CJ-OR(2025)09 prov |

**DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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| **Date** | **Timetable** CET | **Agenda items** |
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| **3/06/2025** | 9:30 – 17:00 | 1-5 |
| **4/06/2025** | 9:30 – 17:00 | 6, 7 |
| **5/06/2025** | 9:30 – 17:00 | 6, 8-9 |