Steering Committee on Media and Information Society - CDMSI

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20th meeting
1 -3 December 2021
(9h30 – 13h; 14h30 – 18h)

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Draft Agenda

1-3 December 2021
Strasbourg, ECHR seminar room - hybrid meeting

1 December

Morning Session 9:30 – 13:00

1.	**Opening of the meeting** Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law
2.	**Adoption of the agenda and order of business** *Draft agenda* For decision
3.	**Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (10-11 June 2021) - Follow-up action** - *Ministerial Conference report* - *Decisions of the Ministerial Conference* - *Decisions of the Committee of Ministers* Information provided by the Secretariat Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department For information and discussion

4. Internet/Digital Governance

a. Exchange of views with the Council of Europe Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Amb. Rasmus Lumi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe

b. Recent and upcoming events

Council of Europe participation in EuroDIG 2021, IGF 2021 and other events

Information provided by the Secretariat

For information and discussion

Information provided by the Secretariat

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

5. Standard setting

5.1 Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF)

- *Report of the 4th meeting of the MSI-REF* (23-24 September 2021)
- *Draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States on principles for media and communication governance*
- *Draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States on electoral communication and media coverage of election campaigns*
- *Draft Guidance note on the prioritisation of public interest content on relevant online platforms*

Information provided by representatives of the MSI-REF and the Secretariat

For discussion and decision
- take note of the meeting report;
- approve the draft recommendations (to be subsequently submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption);
- adopt the Guidance note.

Afternoon session 14:30 – 18:00

5.2 Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG)

- *Report of the 3rd meeting of the MSI-DIG* (20-21 September 2021)
- *Draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States on the impacts of digital technologies on freedom of expression*

	- *Guidance Note on Content moderation* – update on the follow-up steps Information provided by the representatives of the MSI-DIG and the Secretariat For discussion and decision - take note of the report; - approve the draft recommendation (to be subsequently submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption).
	16:30-16:45 Coffee break
6.	**Applications for observer status** **6.1 Application by the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)** **6.2 Application by the News Media Coalition (NMC)** Information provided by the Secretariat Presentations by the representatives of the applicant organisations For information
7.	**Information on the election of the CDMSI Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members and on the elections of members of the committees of experts subordinate to the CDMSI representing the member States** Information provided by the Secretariat on related rules and procedure For information

2 December

Morning Session 9:30-13:00

8.	**Recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression** Tour de table Information provided by CDMSI members For information and discussion
	10:30-10:45 Coffee break

5.3 Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS)

- *Report of the 4th meeting of the ADI/MSI-DIS* (6-7 October 2021)

- *Draft recommendation on a Comprehensive approach to Combating Hate Speech*

Information provided by the representatives of the ADI/MSI-DIS and the Secretariat

For discussion and preliminary endorsement:
- take note of the meeting report;
- discuss the draft recommendation (final approval planned at the joint session of the CDMSI and CDADI[1] on 9 December 2021).

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9. Applications for observer status

- European Centre for Press and Media freedom
- News Media Coalition

For decision by the CDMSI on the admission of the applicant organisations as observers

10. Prospects for future work. Future Terms of reference of the CDMSI and its expert committees CM(2021)131-addfinal

Information provided by the Secretariat
- Ms Artemiza Chisca, Head of the Media and Internet Division, Secretary to the CDMSI
- Ms Urska Umek, Secretary to the MSI-RES
- Ms Elena Dodonova, Secretary to the MSI- INF
- Ms Giulia Lucchese, Secretary to the MSI-SLP

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

11. Elections

11.1 Elections of the CDMSI Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members

11.2 Elections of experts proposed by member states as members of the three Committees of experts subordinate to the CDMSI:
- Committee of Experts on the Integrity of Online Information (MSI-INF)
- Committee of Experts on Increasing Resilience of Media (MSI-RES)

[1] Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)

- Committee of Experts on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (MSI-SLP)

Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

For decision
- elect the Chair of the CDMSI
- and Vice-Chair of the CDMSI
- elect five members of the CDMSI Bureau
- elect seven members (member States' representatives) for each of MSI-INF, MSI-RES and MSI-SLP

11.3 Appointment of a CDMSI gender equality rapporteur and a youth and children's rights rapporteur and of a liaison person of the CDMSI for the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI).

3 December

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12. Co-operation with EU institutions on issues of common interest

Exchange of views with Mr Giuseppe Abbamonte, Director of the Media Policy Directorate, DG CONNECT, European Commission

13. Review of progress

13.1 Council of Europe work on data protection

Information provided by the Secretariat
Isabelle Servoz-Gallucci, Head of Unit, Data Protection

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

14. Information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies

14.1 European Audiovisual Observatory

Ms Susanne Nikoltchev, Executive Director of the Observatory

Ms Emmanuelle Machet, Head of EPRA Secretariat

14.2 Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Information by the Secretariat of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Stefano Montanari, Adviser

14.3 Latest information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies - to be provided in written form

For information and discussion

15. Latest developments in the work of CAHAI

Information provided by the CDMSI liaison person with CAHAI and the Secretariat

Mr Thomas Schneider, Vice-Chair of the CDMSI, liaison person

Mr Kristian Bartholin, Secretary of CAHAI - Head of Digital Development Unit

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16. Review of progress – continuation of point 13

16.1 Developments related to the *draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age*

16.2 Council of Europe work on combating cybercrime

Information provided by the Secretariat

Mr Alexander Seger, Head of Cybercrime Division – Secretary to T-CY

16.3 Council of Europe Assistance and Cooperation activities on freedom of expression

Information provided by the Secretariat

Ms Ardita Abdiu, Head of Co-operation on Freedom of Expression Division

16.4 Implementation of freedom of expression related HELP online courses in member states

Information provided by the Secretariat

Ms Ana Medarska Lazova, Deputy Head of HELP Unit (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals), Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI)

17. Participation in past and future events of relevance for the CDMSI

Information provided by the Secretariat and by CDMSI members

For information and discussion

18. Information on the Task force on Freedom of Expression

Information provided by the Secretariat

19. Date and place of next meeting

For information and discussion

20.	**Other business**
21.	**Approval of the abridged meeting report** Presentation of the abridged meeting report by the Secretariat For decision – adopt the abridged report

9 December 2021
14:30-15:30

Joint session of the CDMSI with the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)

Draft recommendation on a Comprehensive approach to Combating Hate Speech

Information provided by the Chairs of the CDMSI and the CDADI and of the ADI/MSI-DIS and the Secretariat

- Ms Inge Welbergen, Chair of the CDMSI
- Mr Triantafillos Loukarelis, Chair of the CDADI
- Ms María Rún Bjarnadóttir, Chair of the ADI/MSI-DIS (tbc)

For discussion and decision: joint approval the draft recommendation (to be subsequently transmitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption).

GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Terms of reference	*CDMSI terms of reference 2020-2021*
Terms of reference	*MSI-DIG terms of reference 2020-2021*
Terms of reference	*MSI-REF terms of reference 2020-2021*
Terms of reference	*ADI/MSI-DIS terms of reference 2020-2021*
Terms of reference	*CDMSI, MSI-INF, MSI-RES, MSI-SLP 2022-2023*
CM/Res(2011)24	*Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*
CM/Res(2021)3	*Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*

Final declaration and resolutions	*Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society: Artificial intelligence – Intelligent politics; Challenges and opportunities for media and democracy. Adopted Final Declaration and Resolutions, (Nicosia, 10-11 June 2021)*
Conference report	*Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Nicosia, 10-11 June 2021) – Conference report*

RECENT MEETING REPORTS

CDMSI(2021)001	*Abridged report of the 19th meeting of CDMSI (19-21 May 2021)*
CDMSI(2021)001	*Long report of the 19th meeting of CDMSI (19-21 May 2021)*
CDMSI(2020)003	*Abridged report of the 18th meeting of CDMSI) (24-25 November 2020)*
CDMSI-BU(2021)002	*Report of the 21st meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (26-27 October 2021)*
CDMSI-BU(2021)001	*Report of the 20th meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (15-16 April 2021)*
CDMSI-BU(2020)003	*Report of the 19th meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (29 September 2020)*