



16th meeting 2019
4 – 6 June 2019
(09h30-18h00)

Palais de l'Europe, Room 10

28 May 2019

CDMSI(2019)OJ1

Draft Annotated Agenda

Tuesday 4 June

Morning session¹

1. Opening of the meeting

The CDMSI is invited to take note and discuss information provided by Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of Information Society Department, Information Society and Action against crime Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Draft agenda (CDMSI(2019) OJ1)

3. Recent developments

3.1 Conference “Governing the Game Changer - Impacts of artificial intelligence development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law” (Helsinki, 26-27 February 2019)

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information on the [Conference](#) High-level Conference on AI and its [conclusions](#).

¹ Tentative indication. The final order of business will depend on the progress of the discussions.

3.2 [Conference](#) “Media Pluralism - How can we deliver” (Strasbourg, 20 March 2019)

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information provided by the Secretariat on the Conference (part of the implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2018\)1](#) on media pluralism and transparency of media ownership).

3.3. **Council of Europe Ministerial Session in Helsinki (16-17 May 2019).**

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information provided by the Secretariat on

- The [Report](#) by the Secretary General “Ready for future challenges – Reinforcing the Council of Europe” prepared in view of the Ministerial Session in Helsinki (16-17 May 2019)
- The [Conclusions](#) of the Ministerial Session in Helsinki (16-17 May 2019)
- The [Decisions](#)
- The [Declaration](#) by the Committee of Ministers on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe

4. **Cooperation activities**

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss information provided by the Secretariat

Background information

Update on-going projects in the field of media and freedom of expression
[MEDIA-COOP\(2019\)01](#)

5. **Standard setting**

5.1 **Committee of experts on Quality Journalism in the Digital Age (MSI-JOQ)**

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss:

- the draft deliverables
- information related to the 3rd meeting of the MSI-JOQ
- possible awareness-raising and promotion of the Declaration

Background information

Report of the 3rd meeting of the MSI-JOQ (21-22 March 2019) ([MSI-JOQ\(2019\)11](#))

Draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age ([MSI-JOQ\(2018\)08 rev3](#))

Draft Study on developing skills to recognise and value quality journalism in the digital environment (MSI-JOQ(2018)10)

A first glimpse on results from the survey [Powerpoint presentation](#)

CM Declaration on the financial sustainability of quality journalism in the digital age [Decl\(13/02/2019\)2](#)

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5.1 Committee of experts on Quality Journalism in the Digital Age (MSI-JOQ) (continued)

<h4>6. Forthcoming events - Conference of ministers responsible for media and information society (Nicosia, Cyprus, 28-29 May 2020)</h4>

The CDMSI is invited:

- to agree on the format of the draft programme of the Ministerial conference
- to take note of and discuss the work underway for the 2020 Ministerial Conference, including:
 - The title identified by the Drafting Committee: “**Intelligent politics in artificial democracy - A Council of Europe Conference on Freedom of expression**”
 - The draft programme for the Ministerial Conference
 - The background papers on the topics that will be addressed at the Ministerial conference
 - The next preparatory steps :
 - The finalization of the drafting of the Ministerial Resolutions in view of their submission to the CDMSI at its December session
 - The drafting of the final declaration ahead of the December session.

Background information

Proposal for a Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society, Nicosia, Cyprus, May 2020 ([CDMSI\(2018\)012](#) - will be distributed during the meeting)

Background paper on the implementation of CM/Rec(2016)4 on the safety of journalists and other media actors - [Link](#)

Background paper on the changing paradigm of the media environment and its impact on democratic processes - [Link](#)

Background paper on Implications of AI technologies for freedom of expression - [Link](#)

5.2 Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss:

- the draft deliverables
- information related to the 3rd meeting of the MSI-AUT
- possible awareness-raising and promotion of the Declaration

Background information

Report of the 3rd meeting of the MSI-AUT (18-19 March 2019) ([MSI-AUT\(2019\)08](#))

Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on human rights impacts of algorithmic systems ([MSI-AUT\(2018\)06rev](#))

Draft Study of the implications of advanced digital technologies (including AI systems for the concept of responsibility within a human rights framework) ([MSI-AUT\(2018\)05rev](#))

Draft Study on forms of liability and jurisdictional issues in the application of civil and administrative defamation laws in Council of Europe member states ([MSI-AUT\(2018\)04rev](#))

Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the manipulative capabilities of algorithmic processes ([Decl\(13/02/2019\)1](#))

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7. Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards and best practices

7.1 Implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)1](#) on gender equality and media

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information provided by the Secretariat on the results of a Questionnaire for the evaluation of the implementation of the CM/Rec(2013)1, carried out together with Gender Equality Commission

Background information

Questionnaire

[Handbook](#) on implementation of CM/Rec(2013)1

7.2 Implementation of the CM Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)4](#) on the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists and other media actors

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss information on:

- Progress underway in respect of the implementation of [CM/Rec\(2016\)4](#) Implementation Strategy
- Preparation of a qualitative study on fear as a factor affecting choices between self-censorship and ethical journalism in Europe (working title)
- Possible information by members, participants and observers and exchange of best practices

Background information

Strategy for the Implementation of the CM Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)4](#) on protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors

Qualitative study on threats and pressures experienced by journalists in Europe (for information only) ([CDMSI\(2018\)005rev](#))

Italy – information on the set up of a “Coordination centre on the monitoring, analysis and permanent exchange of information on the intimidation of journalists”.

7.3 Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss the current state of play of the Platform in view of the 2019 Annual Report by the partner organisations

Background information

Annual report by the partner organisations to the Council of Europe Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists - [Link](#)

7.4 Internet governance

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss:

- The progress of the implementation of the existing Council of Europe Internet Governance Strategy and the work under way on the new strategy
- CDMSI and Council of Europe secretariat involvement in the IGF 2019 (25-29 November, Berlin)
- CDMSI and Council of Europe involvement in ICANN activities

Background information

Council of Europe Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019 [CM\(2016\)10-final](#)

European Dialogue on Internet Governance (19-20 June 2019, The Hague)
www.eurodig.org

Internet Governance Forum (25-29 November 2019, Berlin) [IGF](#)

High Level Panel of the UN Secretary General on Digital Cooperation
www.digitalcooperation.org

Secretariat and Members' participation in ICANN activities [ICANN \(web page\)](#)

7.5 Freedom of Expression in 2018

The CDMSI is invited to take note of the recent publication, by the Information Society Department, of a [report](#) on Freedom of Expression in 2018 in Council of Europe member States (and related media coverage) [press release](#)

8. [Internet Universality Indicators](#) (UNESCO project)

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss:

- The information provided by the Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development of UNESCO, Mr Guy Berger on the [Internet Universality Indicators](#) project, which proposes an indicator framework for voluntary assessment by states of their internet environment
- The proximity of the project to the indicators framework contained in the Committee of Ministers' [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)5 on Internet Freedom](#) and opportunities for possible synergies at the implementation stage

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9. Initiatives in member states

The CDMSI is invited to take note of and discuss information provided by delegates on initiatives taken in their respective countries

France – *legislation to combat “fake news” and disinformation*

UK – *conference on media freedom and safety of journalists (10-11 July 2019) : On line harm: [Report](#) of Select Committee on Digital, Culture, Media and government white paper*

UK *Centre for Data Ethics (algorithmic systems, AI)*

Iceland – *update on Iceland's modern Media Initiative (IMMI)*

<p>10. Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe</p>
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The CDMSI is invited to take note of information on the recent work of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe ([CDMSI\(2018\)011](#)).

<p>11. Election of one new Bureau member</p>

The CDMSI is invited to elect a new Bureau member, whose mandate will expire by the end of 2019.

6.00 – 8.00 pm

Reception offered by Ambassador Christian Meuwly, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe at the Ambassador's Residency (9 rue Massenet 67000 Strasbourg)

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<p>12. Work of other Council of Europe institutions and bodies</p>

12.1 Committee of Ministers

The CDMSI is invited to have an exchange of views with the Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Ms Corina Călugăru, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information provided by the on Secretariat on

- the recent exchange of views of the Secretary General with the Committee of Ministers on freedom of expression (28 March 2019)
- the draft Recommendation on Preventing and Combating Sexism

Background information

Committee of Ministers Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy ([TC-INF](#))

Meeting of 7 February 2019 in which an "Overview of DGII Action – "Democracy in the Digital Age" was provided. [Synopsis](#)

Forthcoming meeting of the TC-INF with the participation of the Secretary General and Internet companies (draft agenda - TC-INF(2019)OJ2 bilingual - restricted).

12.2 European Audio-visual Observatory and EPRA

The CDMSI is invited to take note of the [Observatory](#) and [EPRA](#)'s latest developments.

12.3 Parliamentary Assembly

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information by the Secretariat on the state of play of CDMSI comments and CM replies to relevant PACE recommendations.

Background information

PACE Recommendation [2130 \(2018\)](#) – “Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations”

CDMSI comments on PACE Recommendation 2130 (2018) – “Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations” [CDMSI\(2018\)010](#)

Committee of Ministers' reply

PACE Recommendation [2144 \(2019\)](#) “Internet governance and human rights”

CDMSI comments on PACE Recommendation 2144 (2019) “Internet governance and human rights” [CDMSI\(2019\)002](#)

Committee of Ministers' reply

Relevant PACE meetings

PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, 13-14 May 2019 (addressed the relation between Artificial intelligence and labour markets)

PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, 21 June 2019 (will address Media education in the new media environment) [Link](#)

PACE Committee on Legal Affairs (Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights), 29 May 2019 (hearing on the topic “Artificial intelligence, human rights and the rule of law – an introduction to the future”) [Link](#)

12.4 Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

The CDMSI is invited to take note of recent work of the Commissioner of Human Rights.

Background information

Information on on-going work of the Commissioner of Human Rights and of its 2018 Annual report - [Annual Report 2018](#)

[Recommendation](#) “Unboxing artificial intelligence: 10 steps to protect human rights” (published on 14/05/2019)

12.5 Data Protection

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information provided by the Secretariat.

Background information

Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence and data protection - [T-PD\(2019\)01](#)

Report “Artificial Intelligence and Data Protection: Challenges and Possible Remedies”
[T-PD\(2018\)9rev](#)

Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2019\)2](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of health-related data and [explanatory memorandum](#)

Information document on cooperation projects [T-PD\(2019\)02rev](#)

12.6 Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT)

The CDMSI is invited:

- to decide on the possible designation of a CDMSI member as a focal point to attend relevant CDCT meetings ; and
- to take note of information on on-going-work of the CDCT Counter-Terrorism [Strategy](#) (2018 -2022)

12.7 Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

The CDMSI to take note of information on on-going work on the *Guide to good national practices on how to reconcile freedom of expression with other rights and freedoms in culturally diverse societies*

Background information

Report of 4th meeting of CDDH-EXP [CDDH-EXP\(2019\)R4](#)
[Freedom of expression and links with other human rights \(CDDH-EXP\)](#)

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12.8 European Convention on Transfrontier Television

The CDMSI Plenary will not hold discussions on this topic, bearing in mind the implementation of the new EU Audio-visual Directive under way, and the absence of financial resources for a revision of the Convention, as well as the postponement of Brexit until October 2019.

Background information

Information note on the Revision of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ECTT) [CDMSI\(2017\)004](#)

Revised summary of answers received to a questionnaire on the revision of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ECTT) [CDMSI\(2017\)misc1rev8](#)

13. European Union - recent developments (tbc)

The CDMSI is invited to take note of the information provided by and exchange views with:

- the Romanian CDMSI delegate on the discussion of the EU Council held on 23 May on disinformation;
- Representative responsible for EU High Level Group on Artificial Intelligence
- EU representative responsible for the EU Action Plan on Disinformation

14. Participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events

The CDMSI is invited to take note of information provided by the CDMSI members.

Background information

“Governing the Game Changer – Impacts of artificial intelligence development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law” (Helsinki, 26-27 February 2019) - Report by Thomas Schneider

“Tackling gender stereotypes and sexism” (Helsinki, 28-29 March 2019) - Report by Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir

4th meeting of the Drafting Group on freedom of expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP) (Strasbourg, 20-21 March 2019) - Report by Emir Povlakić

15. CDMSI priorities 2020-2021

The CDMSI is invited to exchange views on the CDMSI priorities for the next biennium with Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against crime Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law.

Background information

Summary of CDMSI future terms of reference for the biennium 2020-2021 (to be provided)

16. Evaluation by the Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO)
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The CDMSI is invited to take note of information by the Secretariat of two evaluations currently underway:

- the “Council of Europe support to the protection and promotion of freedom of expression” and
- the “Evaluation of Intergovernmental Committees”

17. Date of the 17th CDMSI plenary meeting: 3-5 December 2019

18. Other business

GENERAL REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Terms of reference	<i>CDMSI terms of reference 2018-2019</i>
Terms of Reference	<i>CDMSI terms of reference 2016-2017</i>
Terms of reference	<i>MSI-JOQ terms of reference 2018-2019</i>
Terms of reference	<i>MSI-AUT terms of reference 2018-2019</i>
CM/Res(2011)24	<i>Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>
CDMSI(2018)001rev3	<i>List and timetable of meetings relevant to the CDMSI in 2018 – up-date as of 18/10/2018</i>
CM(2013)162	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Belgrade, 7-8 November 2013) – Report of the Secretary General</i>
CM Decisions	<i>Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Belgrade, 7-8 November 2013) – Decisions of the Committee of Ministers</i>

RECENT MEETING REPORTS

CDMSI(2018)012	<i>Report of the 15th meeting of CDMSI (27-30 November 2018)</i>
CDMSI-BU(2019)001	<i>Report of 15th meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (11-12 April 2019)</i>