Bureau of Steering Committee on Media and Information Society - CDMSI-BU

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20th meeting
15-16 April 2021
(10h00 – 12h30; 14h00 – 16h30)

Meeting held via videoconferencing

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Draft Annotated Agenda

15 April 2021

Morning Session 10-12:30

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

3. Prospects for the future work of CDMSI

- Council of Europe Strategic framework for 2022-2025
  Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department

- Future terms of reference of the CDMSI. In-house consultations on the work of steering and ad-hoc committees: pending revision of the *Resolution CM/Res(2021) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*
  Ms Artemiza Chisca, Head of media and Internet Division – Secretary to the CDMSI

4. Review of progress

For information and discussion

4.1. Follow-up to CDMSI previous work

- *Draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age*

4.2. Information on latest developments in the Council of Europe work on data Protection – information provided by the Secretariat

4.3. Information on latest developments in the work of CAHAI Information provided by Mr Thomas Schneider, vice-Chair of CDMSI and liaison person with CAHAI and Secretariat

Feasibility study on a legal framework on AI design, development and application based on Council of Europe's standards adopted by the CAHAI on 17 December 2020

4.4. Co-operation with other relevant Council of Europe bodies and committees (and other institutions)

- consultations on issues/documents of relevance to the CDMSI work (GREVIO, PACE)
- exchanges held with other international organizations on issues of common interest (in particular with the EU and UNESCO)

5. Further ongoing activities on freedom of expression issues

- Information on the work of the Council of Europe task-force on freedom of expression and media - by the Secretariat

6. Participation in events

- Participation of the members of the Bureau in events of relevance for CDMSI
- Involvement in EuroDIG, IGF and other relevant events.

7. Tour de table Information on recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression

Afternoon session 14:00 – 17:00

8. Standard setting

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

- *Report of the 2nd meeting of the MSI-REF (19-20 January 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*
- *Guidance note on the prioritisation of public interest content on relevant online platforms*

For discussion - take note of the draft documents and discuss forthcoming steps

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

- *Report of the 2nd meeting of the MSI-DIG (17-18 March 2021)*
- *Draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States on the impacts of digital technologies on freedom of expression*
- *Draft guidance note on best practices towards effective legal and procedural frameworks for self-regulatory and co-regulatory mechanisms of content moderation*

For discussion - take note of the draft documents and discuss forthcoming steps

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

- *Report of the 2nd and 3rd meetings of the ADI/MSI-DIS (15-16 December 2020; 13-14 April 2021)*
- *Draft recommendation on a Comprehensive approach to Combating Hate Speech*

For discussion - take note of the draft document and discuss forthcoming steps

16 April 2021

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9. Ministerial Conference

9.1. Preparations of the Ministerial Conference (10-11 June 2021)

Programme of the Conference; dedicated webpage Conference website

9.2. Documents of the Ministerial Conference

- *Draft Nicosia Resolution on freedom of expression and digital technologies*
- *Draft Nicosia Resolution on the changing media and information environment*
- *Draft Nicosia Resolution on safety of journalists*
- *Draft Nicosia Resolution on the impact of the health crisis on freedom of expression*

- *Draft Final Declaration*

For discussion

Take note of information by the Secretariat on the state of play regarding the documents which will be submitted to ministers for adoption at the Ministerial Conference (draft resolutions and draft final declaration), including feedback received from national delegations in the framework of the GR-H of 18 February 2021.

Provide guidance, as appropriate, on steps likely to contribute to the expected consensus, in the framework of the CDMSI, on the conference documents.

10. Other business

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*
CM/Res(2011)24	*Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*
Political declaration and resolutions	*Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society – Freedom of Expression and Democracy in the Digital Age – Opportunities, Rights, Responsibilities. Adopted Political Declaration and Resolutions*
CM(2013)162	*Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Belgrade, 7-8 November 2013) - Report of the Secretary General*

RECENT MEETING REPORTS

CDMSI(2020)003	*Abridged report of the 18th meeting of CDMSI (24-25 November 2020)*
CDMSI(2020)003rev	*Long report of the 18th meeting of CDMSI (24-25 November 2020)*
CDMSI-BU(2020)003	*Report of 19th meeting of the CDMSI Bureau (29 September 2020)*