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## Committee of Experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS)

*ENF-JUS: Work plan and working methods*

*Prepared by the Secretariat*

WORK PLAN PROPOSAL AND WORKING METHODS  
2025-2026

Summary and issues for consideration

This document was prepared and updated by the ENF-JUS secretariat.

The ENF-JUS is invited to examine and approve the revised work plan at its next meeting.

1. The main tasks and deliverables of the Committee of experts on access to child-friendly justice through multidisciplinary and interagency services (ENF-JUS), which is a subordinate body of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), are set out in its [terms of reference](#) (2025-2026), as adopted by the Committee of Ministers.
2. Under its terms of Reference, the ENF-JUS is expected to hold 2 meetings of two days each year. In accordance with Article 14 (d) of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods, time- and cost-efficiency shall be a guiding principle for committee work, and the committee shall prioritise the best possible use of digital technologies, including for meetings and written consultations.
3. In line with Article 14 (c) of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res(2021)3, the ENF-JUS will be supported by consultants, who will provide necessary background research and support in the drafting process, as appropriate.
4. This workplan will be regularly updated by the Secretariat in line with the terms of reference and any relevant decision taken by the Committee of Ministers, as well as the progress of the work and any other relevant decisions and developments.

Appendix I

Overview of the proposed ENF-JUS Workplan and  
priorities within the framework of the CDENF

For the years 2025-2026, the ENF-JUS is instructed to complete the following deliverable, within the indicated deadlines:

- **Deliverable:** Draft Recommendation on multidisciplinary and interagency services for child-friendly justice, including operational guidelines (31/12/2026).

The following table sets out the work plan from October 2024 until December 2026 (activities/tasks in grey are completed).

| ACTIVITIES/TASKS                                                                                                                                                                    | DATES / PLACES    | RESPONSIBILITY    |
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| - Call for nominations for the expert members of ENF-JUS                                                                                                                            | 22 October 2023   | CDENF Secretariat |
| - Approval of the list of ENF-JUS expert members at the 10th CDENF plenary meeting                                                                                                  | 3-5 December 2024 | CDENF             |
| - Presentation of the concept note and workplan to the CDENF Bureau                                                                                                                 | 4 February 2025   | CDENF-Bureau      |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> meeting of ENF-JUS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tour de table</li><li>- Election of Chair</li><li>- Appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur</li></ul> | 14-15 May 2025    | ENF-JUS           |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examination and approval of the concept note and provisional work plan</li> <li>- Presentation and exchange on first elements as a basis for the preparation of a draft recommendation</li> <li>- Exchange of views on the organisation of consultations or hearings with relevant stakeholders</li> <li>- Child participation dimension of ENF-JUS</li> </ul> |                                                            |                                                                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elaboration of the preliminary draft Recommendation and first elements of a draft Explanatory Memorandum</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | June-September 2025                                        | ENF-JUS Secretariat Consultant                                             |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ENF-JUS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review the preliminary draft Recommendation</li> <li>- Review of the first elements of an Explanatory Memorandum</li> <li>- Examination of proposals for child consultations</li> <li>- Selection of stakeholders for the written consultation on the draft instrument</li> </ul>                                 | 15-16 October 2025                                         | ENF-JUS                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision of the draft Recommendation in the light of the outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 24 October 2025                                            | Secretariat Consultant                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the draft Recommendation and first exchange of views</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 12 <sup>th</sup> CDENF plenary meeting 19-21 November 2025 | Consultant CDENF                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further revision of the draft Recommendation + request ENF-JUS and Observers comments</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | December 2025-20 January 2026 (deadline for comments)      | Consultant, Secretariat, ENF-JUS, Observers                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deadline for compilation of comments received from ENF-JUS and Observers on draft Recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 27 January 2026                                            | Secretariat assistant                                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child consultation</b> based on the draft Recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | February – mid-June 2026                                   | Barnahus Network: <b>Child Impact Review Report considered sufficient.</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparation of updated draft Recommendation on basis of compilation + other suggestions/additions for ENF-JUS meeting</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15 March 2026                                              | Consultant                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send ENF-JUS + Observers the draft Recommendation for preparation of 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the ENF-JUS</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10 -13 April 2026                                          | Secretariat                                                                |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the ENF-JUS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Examination and finalisation of the revised draft Recommendation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 23-24 April 2026                                           | ENF-JUS                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deadline to rework draft Recommendation after ENF-JUS meeting</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4 May 2026                                                 | Consultant                                                                 |

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| - Deadline for a brief <b>internal review</b> of draft Recommendation                                                                                                       | 6 May 2026           | Secretariat                         |
| - <b>Written consultation of CDENF and of selected stakeholders</b> on the draft Recommendation + in preparation for 13 <sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting (2-3 June 2026) | 7 May – 15 June 2026 | Secretariat                         |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting</b><br>- Presentation of the draft Recommendation + CDENF comments received                                                        | 2-3 June 2026        | Consultant – Chair of ENF-JUS (tbc) |
| - Deadline for compilation of comments received from stakeholder consultation                                                                                               | 22 June 2026         | Secretariat assistant               |
| - Prepare <b>final version</b> of the draft Recommendation taking into account all consultations (CDENF, stakeholders, children)                                            | End of July 2026     | Consultant                          |
| - Deadline for <b>internal review</b> of draft Recommendation                                                                                                               | 11 September 2026    | Secretariat                         |
| - Send ENF-JUS + Observers the final draft Recommendation for preparation of 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the ENF-JUS                                                         | 14-15 September 2026 | Secretariat                         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ENF-JUS</b><br>- Finalise and approve the draft Recommendation                                                                             | 29-30 October 2026   | ENF-JUS                             |
| - Send final draft Recommendation to CDENF in preparation of its adoption at 14 <sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting                                                               | 4 November 2026      | Secretariat                         |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> CDENF Plenary meeting</b><br>- Adoption of draft Recommendation                                                                                          | 25-27 November 2026  | CDENF                               |