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## **Committee of experts on the Prevention of Violence (ENF-VAE)**

**ENF-VAE: Work plan proposal and working methods**

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## WORK PLAN PROPOSAL AND WORKING METHODS

2023-2024

### Summary and issues for consideration

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

At its third meeting (Strasbourg, 11-12 March 2024) the ENF-VAE is invited to examine and approve the revised work plan.

1. The main tasks and deliverables of the Committee of experts on the prevention of violence (ENF-VAE), which is a subordinate body of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), are set out in its [terms of reference](#) (2024-2027), as adopted by the Committee of Ministers.
2. The ENF-VAE is expected to hold 2 meetings of two days each year.
3. As a follow-up to the strategic decisions taken by [Heads of State and Government at their 4th summit](#) (16-17 May 2023 in Reykjavik, Iceland), the Committee of Ministers negotiated new Terms of Reference for the Steering Committees and its subordinate bodies for the years 2024-2027 in November 2023. Following the adoption of these new Terms of Reference, this workplan includes a revised work programme and newly proposed timelines.
4. This workplan will be regularly updated by the Secretariat in line with new Terms of Reference and any other relevant decisions 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-VAE Workplan and priorities in the framework of the CDENF

For the years 2024-2027, the ENF-VAE is instructed to complete the following deliverables, within the following deadlines:

- **Deliverable 1:** Feasibility study on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for inter alia preventing and combatting violence against children, including sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour (31/12/2024)
- **Deliverable 2:** Implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 on Council of Europe policy guidelines on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence (31/12/2024)
- **Deliverable 3:** Draft non-binding instrument on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to strengthen responses for inter alia preventing and combatting violence against children (31/12/2026)
- **Deliverable 4:** Guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children (31/12/2027)

The following table sets out the work plan already covered since 1 January 2023 and further detailed proposed activities until December 2024<sup>1</sup>.

#### 2023

ACTIVITIES/TASKS	DATES / PLACES	RESPONSIBILITY
- Call for nominations for the expert members of ENF-VAE	January 2023	CDENF Secretariat
- Examination of the list of candidates received from member States and the submission of the proposal on the list of expert members to the CDENF Plenary	10 February 2023	CDENF Bureau
- Approval of the list of ENF-VAE expert members at the CDENF Plenary	28 – 29 March 2023	CDENF
- Call for expressions of interest for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair	13 April 2023	ENF-VAE Secretariat
<b>1<sup>st</sup> meeting of ENF-VAE</b>	16 – 17 May 2023	ENF-VAE
- Submission of outline and methodology for the feasibility study, including a draft questionnaire	June 2023	Consultants
- Approval (by written procedure) of the outline of the feasibility study	June 2023	ENF-VAE
- Drafting of the questionnaire to gather information from member States on the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	July – August 2023	ENF-VAE Secretariat

<sup>1</sup>

Past activities/tasks
Activities/tasks on comprehensive sexuality education
Tasks/activities on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence (Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10)

- First draft of the feasibility study on the basis of desktop research on existing international and European standards	July – August 2023	Consultants
- Elaboration of the first draft of the feasibility study	September 2023	Consultants and ENF-VAE Secretariat
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ENF-VAE</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hearing with stakeholders for the draft feasibility study</li> <li>- Examination of the draft feasibility study and provision of instructions and guidance to the consultants for furthering the work</li> <li>- Examine and agree on the draft questionnaire for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10</li> </ul>	11-12 October 2023	ENF-VAE
- Examine and approve the draft questionnaire for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 during CDENF 8 <sup>th</sup> Plenary	14 –16 November 2023	CDENF
- Circulation of questionnaire on the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 (deadline to reply end January 2024)	End November 2023	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Reach out to consultant(s) for child consultation process on the draft feasibility study (tbc)	November - December 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat

## 2024

ACTIVITIES/TASKS	DATES / PLACES	RESPONSIBILITY
- Elaboration of the revised draft of the feasibility study	November 2023- Mid-January 2024	Consultants and ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Translation of the revised draft of the feasibility study	Mid- January- mid February 2023	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Circulation of the revised draft feasibility study to ENF-VAE members and observers for examination during 3 <sup>rd</sup> ENF-VAE meeting and final comments	February 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Compilation of replies to the questionnaire on the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 and transmission to consultants	February 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the ENF-VAE</b>		
- Examination and approval of the revised draft of the feasibility study, including draft proposals on the non-binding instrument	11-12 March 2024	ENF-VAE
- Review of progress for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10		
- Drafting of the implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	March-May 2024	Consultants
- Child consultation process on the elements of a draft non-binding instrument	March-October 2024	Consultants and ENF-VAE Secretariat [in

		cooperation with national Delegations]
- Circulation of the draft feasibility study among CDENF delegations	April 2024	CDENF
<b>9th Plenary meeting of the CDENF</b>	28-30 May 2024	CDENF
- Adoption of the draft feasibility study - First exchange on the elements of a draft proposal for a non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education		
- Reach out to consultant (s) for the elaboration of an outline for a non-binding instrument	June 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Translation of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	End May- mid June 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Circulation of the draft implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 to ENF-VAE members and observers for comments	June-July 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Elaboration of a detailed outline of a non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education in light of the comments received from CDENF delegations	June -August 2024	Consultants
- Review of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 in the light of comments made by ENF-VAE	August 2024	Consultants
- Translation of the preliminary draft non-binding instrument	August-September 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
<b>4th meeting of ENF-VAE</b>		
- Examination and adoption of the draft implementation review on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 - First examination of the detailed outline of a non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education - Presentation of preliminary results of the child consultations	24-25 September 2024	ENF-VAE
- Written consultation of CDENF delegations on the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	October 2024	CDENF
- Elaboration of the draft non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education in light of the discussions during the 4th meeting of ENF-VAE and the results of the child consultations	October 2024	Consultants
- Revision of translation of the draft non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education	October-November 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- CDENF and Stakeholder consultation on the revised draft non-binding instrument on comprehensive sexuality education (tbc)	November 2024	CDENF / Stakeholders
- Review of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 in light of the comments received from CDENF delegations	November 2024	Consultants and ENF-VAE Secretariat

- Revision of the translation of the implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	November 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
<b>10th Plenary meeting of the CDENF</b>	3-5 December 2024	CDENF
- First examination of the draft recommendation on comprehensive sexuality education and of the results of the stakeholder consultation		
- Adoption of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10		
- Final review and publication of the implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	December 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat