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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 fourth meeting (Strasbourg, 24-25 September 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. This workplan will be regularly updated by the Secretariat in line with the 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 2024¹.

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Past activities/tasks
Activities on comprehensive sexuality education (deliverables 1 and 3)
Activities on integrated national strategies for the protection of children from violence (Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10) (deliverable 2)
Activities on Harmful sexual behaviour (deliverable 4)

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
1st meeting of ENF-VAE	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
- 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
2nd meeting of the ENF-VAE		
- Hearing with stakeholders for the draft feasibility study - Examination of the draft feasibility study and provision of instructions and guidance to the consultants for furthering the work - Examine and agree on the draft questionnaire for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	11 –12 October 2023	ENF-VAE
- Examine and approve the draft questionnaire for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 during the CDENF 8 th 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 rd 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
3rd meeting of the ENF-VAE		
- Examination and approval of the revised draft of the feasibility study, including draft proposals on the non-binding instrument - Review of progress for the implementation review of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	11 –12 March 2024	ENF-VAE
- 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
9th Plenary meeting of the 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	28 – 30 May 2024	CDENF
- Reach out to consultant (s) and launch the drafting of a non-binding instrument	July 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Edition and translation of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	July – August 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
- Circulation of the draft implementation review report of Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 to ENF-VAE members, participants and observers	September 2024	ENF-VAE Secretariat
4th meeting of ENF-VAE		
- First reading of the draft implementation review on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 - Exchange on the legality of corporal punishment in Council of Europe member states - ENF-VAE(2024)06	24 – 25 September 2024	ENF-VAE
- Oral presentation and exchange on the content of a future Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education - Exchange on the ongoing child consultations on sexuality education Presentation of a draft Guidance note on Safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content (tbc)		
- Examination of an updated study on Sexual violence and harmful sexual behaviour displayed by children: Nature, causes, consequences and responses		
- Revision of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 in the light of the comments of ENF-VAE	October 2024	Consultants
- Written consultations of CDENF delegations on the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	October – November 2024	CDENF
- Elaboration of a preliminary draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education in light of	October 2024	Consultants

the discussions during the 4th meeting of ENF-VAE, to be shared with the ENF-VAE		
- Revision of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 in light of the comments received from CDENF delegations, editing and translation	November 2024	Consultants and ENF-VAE Secretariat
10th Plenary meeting of the CDENF	3 – 5 December 2024	CDENF
- First presentation of a preliminary draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education (tbc)		
- Adoption of the draft implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10		

2025

ACTIVITIES/TASKS	DATES / PLACES	RESPONSIBILITY
- Launch CDENF and Stakeholder consultations on the preliminary draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education (tbc)	January 2025	CDENF / Stakeholders
- Final review, editing and publication of the implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10	January – February 2025	ENF-VAE Secretariat
11th Plenary meeting of the CDENF Mid-term review of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child	Strasbourg 1 – 4 April 2025	CDENF
- Roundtable on prevention of violence against children - stakeholder and child consultations on the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education		
- Revision of the preliminary draft of the Recommendation in light of the consultation and the discussions during the mid-term review	April – May 2025	consultants
5th meeting of the ENF-VAE		
- Presentation of the results of the stakeholder consultation		
- Examination of the draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education	27 – 28 May tbc	ENF-VAE
- First exchange on guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children		
6th meeting of the ENF-VAE		
- Approval of a draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education	7 – 8 October tbc tbc	ENF-VAE
- Examination of a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children		