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WORK PLAN PROPOSAL AND WORKING METHODS

2025-2027

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Summary and issues for consideration

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

The ENF-VAE 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 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. Under its terms of Reference, the ENF-VAE 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 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-VAE 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-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 indicated 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) - **completed**
- **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) - **completed**
- **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 from January 2025 until December 2027¹.

2025

ACTIVITIES/TASKS	DATES / PLACES	RESPONSIBILITY
- Presentation of the implementation review report on Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)10 to the Committee of Ministers for information, followed by its publication	February 2025	Secretariat
Ad-hoc ENF-VAE meeting		ENF-VAE
- Examination of a preliminary draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education	10 February 2025 Online	
- Launch of CDENF and stakeholder consultations on the preliminary draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education	March 2025	CDENF / Stakeholders
Mid-term review of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child		CDENF
- Session on the prevention of violence against children - stakeholder and child consultations on the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education	Strasbourg 3 – 4 April 2025, Strasbourg	
- 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		ENF-VAE
- Presentation of the results of the child consultation and the stakeholder consultation	4 – 5 June 2025, Strasbourg	
- Examination of the revised draft Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education		
6th meeting of the ENF-VAE		ENF-VAE
- Review of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education, in view of its transmission to the CDENF	7 – 8 October 2025, Strasbourg	
- First examination of elements for a draft Explanatory memorandum to the Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education		
12th Plenary meeting of the CDENF		CDENF
- Examination of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education	19 – 21 November 2025, Strasbourg	

¹ Past activities/tasks

Activities on comprehensive sexuality education (deliverables 1 and 3)

Activities on Harmful sexual behaviour (deliverable 4)

2026

<p style="text-align: center;">7th meeting of the ENF-VAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education, in light of the discussions in the CDENF and finalisation in view of its approval by the CDENF - Examination and possible finalisation of a draft Explanatory memorandum to the Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education 	19 – 20 March 2026, Strasbourg	ENF-VAE
<p style="text-align: center;">13th Plenary meeting of the CDENF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination/ approval of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its Explanatory memorandum, in view of their adoption by the Committee of the Ministers (tbc) 	2 – 4 June 2026, Strasbourg	CDENF
<p style="text-align: center;">8th meeting of the ENF-VAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (If relevant) Finalisation of the draft Explanatory memorandum to the Recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education in view of its approval by the CDENF - First exchange on a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children 	23 – 24 September 2026, Strasbourg	ENF-VAE
<p style="text-align: center;">14th Plenary meeting of the CDENF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the draft recommendation on age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education and its Explanatory memorandum, in view of their adoption by the Committee of the Ministers - Examination of the guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children (tbc) 	25 – 27 November 2026, Strasbourg	CDENF

2027

<p style="text-align: center;">9th meeting of the ENF-VAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange on a draft guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children 	9 – 10 March 2027, Strasbourg (tbc)	ENF-VAE
<p style="text-align: center;">15th Plenary meeting of the CDENF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination of the guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children (tbc) 	25 – 27 May 2027, Strasbourg (tbc)	CDENF
<p style="text-align: center;">10th meeting of the ENF-VAE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of a guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children 	22 – 23 September 2027,, Strasbourg (tbc)	ENF-VAE
<p style="text-align: center;">16th Plenary meeting of the CDENF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of a guidance on the prevention of sexual violence and harmful or risky behaviour by children 	24 – 26 November 2027, Strasbourg	CDENF