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Report of the 18th meeting (24-25 November 2020)

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(Videoconference)

The Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) held its 18th Plenary meeting from 24 to 25 November 2020 via videoconference, chaired by Ms Inge Welbergen (the Netherlands). The list of participants and information on gender distribution appear in Appendix 2.

1. Opening of the meeting

Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate welcomed the members of the CDMSI and thanked them for their work and commitment. He underlined the importance and timeliness of the CDMSI's work on freedom of expression, media, internet governance and other information society issues, noting that the Covid-19 pandemic has made it even more topical. Mr Kleijssen reaffirmed that these areas of work, together with AI, are among top priorities for the Council of Europe. He further updated the CDMSI on the progress made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI); on the participation of the Council of Europe in the IGF 2020, held fully online; about the entry into force on 1 December 2020 of the Tromsø Convention on Access to official documents. Lastly, he emphasised the political importance of the Conference of Ministers responsible for media and information society (postponed twice because of the pandemic), re-confirmed the Council of Europe's related commitments and thanked the Cypriot authorities for their maintained co-operation, also noting that the circumstances might warrant the holding of the event in the online format. He called on the CDMSI members to do their best to ensure that their respective countries are represented at the ministerial level at the event and encouraged them to proceed with the preparation of the remaining Conference documents with all possible commitment and co-operation.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The CDMSI adopted the agenda (Appendix 1), taking note of some changes in the order of business and of an additional agenda item for an intervention by a representative of the European Commission.

3. Recent developments

Mr Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department informed the CDMSI on the situation in the Organisation vis-à-vis COVID-19. The Council of Europe bodies (Committee of Ministers, Parliamentary Assembly, other) have maintained their work in the online format. While due to the health crisis the majority of staff is teleworking, activities continue in all areas; workshops, conferences, seminars, exchanges of views are being organised/attended in the virtual space, reaching big and diverse audiences worldwide (e.g., progress with the negotiation of the 2nd additional protocol to the Budapest Convention was made in a series of online meetings). Mr Penninckx also informed

the CDMSI members of the staff changes in the Department: Ms Arditia Abdiu has recently joined as the Head of Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression; following the departure of Ms Charlotte Altenhoener-Dion, Ms Elena Dodonova will provide secretariat to MSI-DIG and Ms Giulia Lucchese will provide secretariat to ADI/MSI-DIS; Ms Joanna Szelezniak will provide assistance to the CDMSI Secretariat. He also introduced Mr Jens Lorentz, senior advisor to Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General Human Rights and Rule of Law, who will assist the Director General on freedom of expression and media matters.

4. Council of Europe work on the impact of COVID-19 on freedom of expression and the media

The CDMSI took note of information by the Secretariat on the current situation in the Organisation vis-à-vis the COVID-19 pandemic and on the Council of Europe work on its impact on freedom of expression and the media (i.e., [the SG/inf\(2020\)11 Toolkit by the Secretary General on respecting democracy, rule of law and human rights in the framework of the COVID-19 sanitary crisis](#) and [the SG/Inf\(2020\)19 Toolkit by the Secretary General on the impact of the sanitary crisis on freedom of expression and media freedom](#), as well as the [Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on protecting freedom of expression and information in times of crisis](#)). They were also informed about the creation of a [special webpage on media in times of health crises](#), providing direct access to all relevant information.

The CDMSI also took note of the study "[The impact of COVID-19 and ensuing measures on freedom of expression in Council of Europe member states](#)", noting its topicality and timeliness both for the Organisation and its member States. The members advised that more time be afforded to member States to answer the questionnaires informing such studies. Upon request by one delegation, the members were informed that the report had been prepared *inter alia* as part of the preparations for the forthcoming Ministerial Conference, with expert input, based on previous work on Council of Europe reports on issues related to freedom of expression and the media.

5. Standard setting

5.1 Developments regarding the CDMSI deliverables of the 2018-2019 biennium

The CDMSI welcomed the adoption by the Committee of Ministers, on 8 April 2020, of the [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2020\)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the human rights impacts of algorithmic systems](#).

The CDMSI further noted with regret that the [draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age](#) was still under discussion pending adoption, stressing the importance of the guidance provided by this document to member States and other actors, also in times of crisis.

5.2 Reports from expert committees subordinate to the CDMSI

5.2.1. Expert Committee on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG)

The CDMSI exchanged views with Mr Viktors Makarovs, Vice-Chair of [the Expert Committee on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies \(MSI-DIG\)](#), and took note of information by the Secretariat on the activities of the MSI-DIG, of [the report from its 1st meeting](#) held on 15-16 September 2020 and of the roadmap for future steps. It further took note of the preliminary texts of the *draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States on the impacts of digital technologies on freedom of expression and the draft Guidance Note on best practices towards effective legal and procedural frameworks for self-regulatory and co-regulatory mechanisms of content*

moderation. Following a brief exchange, CDMSI members were invited to send written comments on both drafts to the Secretariat by 10 December 2020.

In the course of exchanges, the importance of co-ordination across the expert committees was stressed, with a view to aligning approaches and avoiding any possible overlaps, as well as the need to create synergies with the European Commission, bringing the human rights perspective in the ongoing discussions on the Digital Services Act and other related texts. The importance of a shared, common approach among member states to the matters at issue in the future standards was further underlined.

5.2.2. Expert Committee on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF)

The CDMSI exchanged views with Ms Maria Donde, Chair of [the Expert Committee on Media Environment and Reform \(MSI-REF\)](#), and took note of information by the Secretariat on the activities of the MSI-REF, of [the report from its 1st meeting](#) held on 23-24 September 2020 and of the roadmap for future steps. It further took note of the preliminary texts of *the draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on principles for media and communication governance and the draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on electoral communication and media coverage of election campaigns, as well as the outline of the draft guidance note on the prioritisation and discoverability of public interest content*. Following a brief exchange, CDMSI members were invited to send written comments on the drafts to the Secretariat by 10 December 2020.

The CDMSI also welcomed the publication of the [Study on Prioritisation Uncovered: The Discoverability of Public Interest Content Online](#).

5.2.3. Expert Committee on Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS)

The CDMSI took note of information by the Secretariat [on the joint Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech \(ADI/MSI-DIS\)](#), subordinated to CDMSI and Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), notably on its terms of reference, composition and roadmap. It further exchanged views with Mr Alexander Hoefmans, the ADI/MSI-DIS Chair, who provided information on the discussion and outcomes of [the 1st meeting of the Experts Committee](#), held on 29-30 September 2020, and on the expected involvement of the CDMSI in providing inputs and support to the ADI/MSI-DIS. The CDMSI further took note of the upcoming 2nd ADI/MSI-DIS meeting (15-16 December 2020), and that in early 2021 the *draft recommendation on combating hate speech* will be sent for comments, through written consultations, to the CDADI and the CDMSI.

5.3 Information on the newly established Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)

The CDMSI took note of the newly established Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), its terms of reference and was informed about the CDMSI Chair's participation in the 1st Plenary meeting of the CDADI (8-10 September 2020), with an intervention presenting the CDMSI work related to hate speech issues.

The CDMSI further noted that at its next Plenary meeting (2-4 February 2021) CDADI will provide feedback on the outlines of the *draft recommendation on combating hate speech* (in preparation by ADI/MSI-DIS). The CDMSI will therefore need to provide its respective feedback on this draft within the same timeframe.

5.4 Data protection

The CDMSI took note of the information provided by the Secretary of the Consultative Committee of Convention 108 regarding the state of signatures and ratifications of the modernised Convention (Amending protocol CETS n°223) with a total, to date, of 33 signatures, and 9 ratifications (by Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Poland and Serbia) and the forthcoming events organised to mark the 40th anniversary of Convention 108 on 28 January 2021. The [40th Plenary meeting of the Consultative Committee of Convention 108](#) (18-20 November 2020) adopted *Guidelines on Children’s data protection in an education setting* and advanced on several important files on the agenda of the Committee (facial recognition, digital identity, political campaigns, the evaluation and follow up mechanism under the modernised Convention, etc.).

The CDMSI further took note of the follow-up given to the CDMSI comments on *the draft revised Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data in the context of profiling* and instructed the CDMSI Bureau to take care of the transmission of this draft to the Committee of Ministers, when received. The CDMSI also welcomed the report on [“Digital solutions to fight COVID-19”](#) and the joint statements by the Chair of the Committee 108 and the Data Protection Commissioner of the Council of Europe on the [Right to data protection in the context of the COVID-19 and on Digital contact tracing](#).

6. Elections

The CDMSI took note of the information by the Secretariat on the voting rules prescribed by the [Resolution CM/Res\(2011\)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods](#) and of the Council of Europe guidance and practice on the use of online voting tools.

7. Ad-hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)

The CDMSI welcomed the adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [the progress report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence \(CAHAI\)](#) and took note of information by the CAHAI Secretariat on the forthcoming steps, in particular that *the draft feasibility study for a legal framework for AI* will be discussed at the CAHAI Plenary meeting in December 2020. Mr Thomas Schneider, CDMSI Vice-Chair and member of the CAHAI Bureau, acting as liaison person between the two committees, provided additional information on the course of work in the CAHAI.

8. Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (Nicosia, 10-11 June 2021)

8.1 State of preparation and

8.3 Forthcoming steps/Timeframe

The CDMSI discussed the implications of the current public health crisis situation for the organisation of the Ministerial Conference and came to a preliminary agreement that, depending on the circumstances, the event may be held in the online or hybrid format. The CDMSI entrusted the Bureau with overseeing the Secretariat’s action with regard to the choice of format and dates of the Ministerial Conference, in close coordination with the host country.

It further instructed the Secretariat to preliminarily explore the experience of other Council of Europe structures that have organised Ministerial Conferences in the online format (e.g., Conference of Ministers of Education under the Greek Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, 29 October

2020; Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Council of Europe, 9 November 2020) and to different format options for the event in due time.

8.2 *Conference documents*

The CDMSI took note of the concept note and programme of the Conference (as revised with a view to integrate the subject of the impact of the pandemic on freedom of expression) and instructed the Secretariat to continue taking all necessary steps in the organisation of this event, with the understanding that the final programme will need to be revisited/adjusted according to the final format of the Conference.

The CDMSI discussed the additional *draft Nicosia Resolution on the impact of the health crisis on freedom of expression* and the *draft Final Declaration of the Ministerial Conference*, as revised after the postponement of the Conference and complemented by items addressing the impact of the public health crisis on freedom of expression. On both documents, the CDMSI agreed to send their comments in writing by 2 December and instructed the Secretariat to incorporate the comments received and to submit the revised documents to the CDMSI, within a timeline that would allow its submission for discussion in the GR-H in February 2021.

The CDMSI further took note of information by the Secretariat on the examination by the GR-H of the *draft Nicosia Resolutions on freedom of expression and digital technologies, on the changing media and information environment and on the safety of journalists* and that these documents have passed all related procedural steps. The CDMSI instructed the Secretariat to include them in the agenda of the next CDMSI meeting for approval, with a view to further adoption at the Ministerial Conference.

9. **Additional agenda item – Relevant work of the European Commission**

The CDMSI welcomed the presentation by Anna Herold, Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media Policy at European Commission, on the development of the EU Digital Services Act, the European Democracy Action Plan and the Audiovisual and Media Action Plan, as well as other work of the European Commission of relevance to the CDMSI, including on ways to address concerns regarding journalists' safety, and stressed the importance of co-operation and information exchange on the respective lines of work.

The CDMSI took note that the Audiovisual and Media Action Plan (intended to support recovery and transformation of the media and audiovisual sectors) and the European Democracy Action Plan (setting out measures, among others, in the field of elections and political advertising, media freedom and countering disinformation) will be made public on 2 December 2020. At a later date, the European Commission is expected to propose the Digital Service Act and the Digital Markets Act, containing a comprehensive set of new rules for all digital services, including social media, online market places, and other online platforms that operate in the European Union.

10. **Information from Council of Europe institutions and bodies**

10.1 *European Audiovisual Observatory*

The CDMSI welcomed the presentations by Susanne Nikoltchev, Executive Director of the European Audiovisual Observatory and Maja Capello, Head of Department for Legal Information. The members expressed their high appreciation for the work of the Observatory and underlined its importance and relevance for the work of the Committee.

10.2 *Latest information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies*

The CDMSI took note of the latest information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies, circulated by the Secretariat in writing ahead of the meeting.

11. **Internet/Digital Governance**

11.1 *Partnership with business*

The CDMSI took note of information by the Secretariat on the developments regarding partnership with business/companies active in the field of the Information Society, notably the interest expressed by a number of companies to join the cooperation platform established by the Council of Europe for this purpose and welcomed the anticipated preparation of an Action Plan for this partnership in 2021.

11.2 *Exchange of views with the new Council of Europe Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF)*

The CDMSI held an exchange of views with Ambassador Rasmus Lumi, new Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), identifying the areas for future co-operation and stressing the importance of co-ordination within the Organisation on internet/digital governance issues, including on the basis of a strategic approach. Ambassador Lumi expressed his intention to give full support to the efforts being made to ensure that the organisation finalises and takes ownership of the digital governance strategy so that it can effectively fulfil its important role. He also informed the CDMSI about the first TC-INF coordination meeting (17 November 2020) that addressed the subjects of Tromsø Convention, co-operation between the Council of Europe and Internet and telecommunications companies and artificial Intelligence.

The CDMSI Chair invited Ambassador Lumi to take part in the Ministerial Conference (10-11 June 2021, Nicosia).

11.3 *Recent and upcoming events*

The CDMSI welcomed and further encouraged the Council of Europe's active participation in the international internet governance fora that, among others, ensures due visibility of the Organisation's standard-setting and other related work and due coordination and consistency with other relevant initiatives - i.e., IGF 2020 (2-17 November 2020, online), EuroDIG-2020 (10-12 June 2020, online) and ongoing preparations for EuroDIG-2021 (28-30 June 2021, hybrid meeting: Trieste and online).

At the IGF 2020, the Council of Europe co-organised five sessions on a range of issues, such as the impacts of digital technologies, including AI, on freedom of expression and other human rights, protection of personal data and privacy, combating hate speech, and supported/took part in a number of other sessions and events. To fully benefit from the new online format of the event, the Council of Europe also set up a booth at the IGF virtual village. A full overview of the Council of Europe's involvement in the IGF 2020 is available on a [dedicated webpage](#).

12. **Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards and best practices**

12.1 *Informal exchange between the Council of Europe Secretary General and the Committee of Ministers on media freedom and safety of journalists Safety of Journalists*

The CDMSI took note of the informal exchange of views on media freedom and safety of journalists between the Council of Europe Secretary General and the Committee of Ministers, with the participation of representatives of partner organisations to the Platform to promote the protection of

journalism and safety of journalists (8 September 2020). The exchange focused, among others, on the role and functioning of the Platform, stressing the need for active engagement by member states and the value of sharing information and experience of the initiatives taken in member states to ensure prompt responses to Platform alerts.

12.2 *Inter-secretariat Task force on freedom of expression and media*

The CDMSI took note on the inter-secretariat Task force on freedom of expression and media (reactivated by the Secretary General after the 2019 Helsinki Ministerial meeting, with the appointment of Christos Giakomopoulos, Director General – Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, as its co-ordinator) and on the ongoing preparation by the Task force of a draft report of the Secretary General for the Committee of Ministers on the issue of safety of journalists.

12.3 *Safety of journalists*

The CDMSI welcomed the publication, online and as a hard copy, of [the Implementation Guide to the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)4 on the protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors](#) and expressed strong support to this important tool for furthering the implementation of the adopted standards and for advocacy work in the field. The CDMSI further discussed the forthcoming steps, as foreseen in *the Implementation Strategy to CM/Rec(2016)4* and agreed that circulating questionnaires has proved to be an efficient way of collecting good practices in the implementation of *the Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4*. They instructed the Secretariat to proceed with further collection of good practices, with a view to setting up a database of such practices. It further instructed the Secretariat to make arrangements for extending the Implementation Guide to the pillars of “prevention” and “promotion of information, education and awareness raising” of the Guidelines to Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4.

The CDMSI took note of the elaboration of two online courses within the framework of [the Council of Europe’s Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals \(HELP\) framework](#). In 2020, an updated course was developed on Freedom of Expression to help legal professionals effectively apply Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights at the national level. Further, a new course on the Protection and Safety of Journalists was elaborated to draw attention to the states’ negative and positive obligations to protect journalists facing threats and attacks related to journalistic activities. It was stressed that it was important to have the online courses translated and adapted to their national legal frameworks. The CDMSI expressed satisfaction that both courses were finalised in 2020 and were currently available online.

The CDMSI further welcomed the publication of the study [“A mission to inform”](#) and its successful launch event organised on 14 October 2020 (online). It highlighted the importance of the continuing work in the field of safety of journalists, in particular to strengthening efforts towards the implementation of the adopted standards and providing more effective safeguards for the protection of journalists, including by drawing on the findings and recommendations of the study. In this respect the CDMSI invited the Secretariat to formulate proposals as to the visibility and follow up to the recommendations of the study.

12.4 *Gender and Media – Analytical Report – 2019 Data*

The CDMSI welcomed [the Analytical Report on gender equality and media](#) published in July 2020 on the basis of the member states’ and media regulators’ responses to a questionnaire elaborated in 2019. The Report focuses on *the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)1 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on gender equality and media* and provides examples of good practices from across Europe. The Report notes that the legislative and regulatory developments

in the member states show some progress and a number of media regulatory authorities oversee or implement gender equality related regulations; further efforts will be required, though, to change the mindset and culture in the newsrooms regarding gender equality and inequalities in the workplace.

13. Elections of the CDMSI Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and one member of the Bureau

The CDMSI held elections of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and one member of the CDMSI Bureau:

- Ms Inge Welbergen (the Netherlands) was re-elected unanimously Chairperson of the CDMSI until the end of the current CDMSI mandate.
- Mr Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) was re-elected unanimously Vice Chairperson of the CDMSI until the end of the current CDMSI mandate.
- Ms Maja Zarić (Serbia) was unanimously elected member of the CDMSI Bureau until the end of the current CDMSI mandate.

14. Cooperation activities

Regarding co-operation programmes and activities in the field of media and freedom of expression, the CDMSI took note of information by the Secretariat on the on-going and future co-operation programmes and activities, among others, in Georgia, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Azerbaijan, in the Western Balkans and in Northern Africa. Co-operation programmes encompass, among others, the areas of safety of journalists, transparency of media ownership, public service media, media literacy and quality journalism. Specific cooperation activities include: legal and policy advising and technical support, training and curricula development for journalists, law enforcement, legal professionals and other relevant stakeholders, awareness-raising and enabling technical capacities of beneficiary institutions and organisations in the field of public service media through the enhancement of implementing international standards.

15. Planning of 2020 and 2021 activities

In view of the anticipated rich agenda for its 19th Plenary meeting, the CDMSI agreed to advance this meeting from June (eve of the Ministerial Conference, 1 day) to May 2021 (tentatively, the week of 17-20 May). The online format will be considered depending on the circumstances and to extend it to three days (to be preceded by a CDMSI Bureau meeting, tentatively in the week of 12-16 April).

The CDMSI took note of information by the Secretariat and discussed the required co-ordination with the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) regarding joint standard-setting work.

The CDMSI stressed the importance of early reflection on its Terms of Reference for the next biennium and agreed to submit proposals to the Secretariat in writing by the end of January 2021.

16. Initiatives in member States (tour de table)

CDMSI members shared information about initiatives in the Council of Europe member States of relevance to the CDMSI work, in particular: in Germany - State Media Treaty at Länder level and European Council Conclusions on safeguarding a free and pluralistic media system; in Monaco, measures towards smooth digital transition, including sensibilisation and education in the field of digital technologies and engagement in partnership with academia and private actors, including on AI; in the Netherlands – release in December 2020 of technical design principles preventing discrimination by AI-based systems and in early 2021 – human rights impact assessment at the early stages of development of AI technologies; in the UK – ongoing project addressing online harms and

protection of children in the online environment; in Ukraine – project “Media Change Ukraine” to assist broadcasters in times of crisis.

17. Participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events

The CDMSI took note of participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events, i.e. participation by Inge Welbergen, Chair in the CDADI Plenary meeting, as well as her written reply to the Council of Europe Secretary General’s questionnaire sent to the Chairs of steering and monitoring committees. The Committee was also informed of the participation of the Secretariat, throughout 2020, in numerous international/national events of relevance to its work.

18. Other business

No other issue was raised.

APPENDIX 1

18th meeting

24-25 November 2020 (9h30 – 18h00)

Videoconference

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APPENDIX 2**18TH PLENARY MEETING CDMSI****LIST OF PARTICIPANTS / LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS**

Total number of participants: 124 / Nombre total des participants : 124

Gender distribution: 60 men (48%) / 64 women (52%)

Parité entre hommes : 60 hommes (48%) / 64 femmes (52%)

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