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Committee of Experts on Media Regulators in a Platform-Based Environment (MSI-eREG)

1st meeting, 26-27 March 2026, Strasbourg (hybrid)

MEETING REPORT

Opening and agenda

1. Artemiza Chisca, Head of the Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division and Secretary to the CDMSI, opened the meeting and welcomed members and participants. She recalled that the MSI-eREG operates under the authority of the CDMSI, the Council of Europe's main intergovernmental body responsible for media and information society issues, which brings together representatives of all 46 member States and guides the development of standards and policy responses in this field. In this context, she underlined that expert committees such as the MSI-eREG provide technical expertise and support the CDMSI in the preparation of deliverables, including guidance notes, through an inclusive and multi-stakeholder process. She further stressed the importance of the Committee's work in addressing the evolving role of media regulators in a platform-based environment, noting that the transformation of the media ecosystem driven by platforms, algorithmic systems and cross-border information flows requires regulatory frameworks to adapt, while ensuring the continued protection of freedom of expression and media pluralism.
2. Elena Brodeala, Secretary to the MSI-eREG, informed participants of the practical arrangements of the meeting, including recording for internal purposes and interpretation. She also presented the agenda.
3. The MSI-eREG adopted the agenda (Appendix 1) without amendments.
4. The members and participants to the meeting held a tour de table, introducing themselves and outlining their expertise and their motivation to contribute to the work of the Committee. The list of participants to the meeting appears in Appendix 2.
5. The Secretariat further presented the mandate, working methods and procedures of Council of Europe expert committees, in accordance with *Resolution CM/Res(2021)3-consolidated on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*.

Discussion of the timeline for the MSI-eREG (2026-2027) and elections

6. The Secretariat introduced the proposed timeline and working plan for the Committee (Appendix 3), outlining the different stages of the drafting process and the expected interaction with the CDMSI.
7. The Committee agreed on the overall roadmap and, in principle, on the following in person meeting dates: **14-15 September 2026**, **11-12 February 2027**, and **9-10 September 2027**, with the understanding that these could be reconfirmed if necessary.
8. The Committee proceeded to elections. With one candidate proposed for each function, the MSI-eREG elected:
    - Stephanie COMEY (Ireland) as Chair, with a mandate of one year;
    - Rowena BURKE (United Kingdom) as Vice-Chair, with a mandate of one year;
    - Maida ĆULAHOVIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Tanja KERŠEVAN (Slovenia) as Co-drafting Rapporteurs;
    - Michèle LEDGER (Belgium) as Children and Youth Rapporteur;
    - Krisztina ROZGONYI (Austria) as Gender Equality Rapporteur.

Background study and external presentations

9. A number of presentations followed, providing an overview of relevant international and regional work, including within the Council of Europe, and highlighting initiatives relevant to the work of the MSI-eREG.
10. First, the Committee heard a presentation by Kristina Irion and Ronan Fahy (Institute for Information Law (IViR), University of Amsterdam) of the background study prepared to inform the development of the Guidance Note. The study examines the role and independence of media regulators in a platform-based environment, identifies key challenges such as cross-border issues and the impact of platforms, and outlines possible approaches to support the Committee's work.
11. The Committee welcomed the study as a comprehensive analytical basis for its work and underlined the importance of building on existing Council of Europe standards.
12. The Committee then heard a series of presentations on relevant instruments and activities of the OSCE, the European Union and UNESCO, which are of direct relevance to its work.
13. Julia Haas, Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, presented the *OSCE Policy Manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and Artificial Intelligence*, highlighting the impact of the growing influence of platforms and AI systems on journalism, media sustainability and the broader information ecosystem, and outlining related policy recommendations and ongoing work to support their implementation.
14. Mathilde Desanges, Policy Officer at the Secretariat of the *European Board for Media Services*, presented the Board's work programme for 2026, which focuses on strengthening cooperation among national regulators, supporting the implementation of the European Media Freedom Act, and enhancing coordination in relation to platform regulation and cross-border issues.

15. Ana Cristina Ruelas, Senior Programme Specialist at UNESCO, presented *UNESCO's Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms*, as well as updates on the *International Conference on Digital Platform Governance 2026* and its call for action. The presentation emphasised the need for a human rights-based approach to platform governance and highlighted ongoing efforts to promote global cooperation among regulators.
16. Finally, Ethan Shattock of Queen's University Belfast, co-author of UNESCO's report on *Good Practices in Digital Platform Governance by European Media Regulators*, presented the report, providing practical insights for the Committee's discussions on how regulators can address platform-related challenges and strengthen cooperation.
17. The Committee underlined the importance of ensuring coherence and complementarity between the future Guidance Note and these initiatives, with a view to promoting consistent approaches to media regulation and platform governance, and avoiding fragmentation in international standards.

Discussion on the New Democratic Pact for Europe

18. The Committee heard a presentation by Roberto Olla, Head of the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, who introduced the Council of Europe's New Democratic Pact for Europe. The Pact aims, among others, to strengthen democratic security by enhancing the resilience of democratic institutions and processes in the face of challenges such as disinformation, the concentration of influence over online information and the impact of digital technologies on public debate.
19. It was underlined that the work of the Committee on the role of media regulators in a platform-based environment is directly relevant to the objectives of the New Democratic Pact for Europe, in particular by supporting the development of a trustworthy and pluralistic information ecosystem and addressing the impact of platforms and algorithmic systems on public discourse. The Committee took note of the relevance of this framework for its work.

Discussion on the future Guidance Note on media regulators in a platform-based environment

20. The Committee held an in-depth discussion on the scope, aim and structure of the future Guidance Note.
21. Members agreed that the Guidance Note should be grounded in existing Council of Europe standards and reflect the structural changes brought about by platformisation, including the increasing convergence between traditional media and online platforms.
22. The Committee underlined the need to clearly identify the target audience of the Guidance Note, primarily member States and relevant regulatory authorities, while also addressing other relevant stakeholders, including platforms, civil society and research institutions.
23. Members discussed key regulatory challenges arising in a platform-based environment, including jurisdiction and cross-border issues, the application of country-

of-origin and country-of-destination principles, and the implications of platform governance and algorithmic curation for media pluralism and democratic discourse.

24. The Committee agreed on the main elements to guide the drafting of the Guidance Note. It was agreed that the text should begin with a preamble setting out the context and rationale of the instrument, including a reference to the New Democratic Pact for Europe, a clear problem statement and a reflection on the evolving notion of media regulation and media regulators. The preamble - or an introduction - could also identify key actors and gatekeepers in the information ecosystem and set out the overarching principles and objectives guiding the role and functioning of media regulators in a platform-based environment, including considerations related to cross-border cooperation.
25. It was agreed that the operative part should contain concrete and actionable recommendations addressed to member States, relevant regulatory authorities and other actors, including regulated entities, platforms, civil society, and research institutions.
26. The Committee also agreed that the Guidance Note should clarify key concepts, including through the definition of new notions where appropriate.
27. In drafting the text, the Committee stressed the importance of taking into account the diversity of regulatory models, focusing on issues directly arising from the platform-based environment, and remaining within the scope of the Committee's mandate. It also emphasised the need to mainstream children's rights, gender equality and the rights of persons in vulnerable situations.

Discussion on stakeholder consultation

28. The Committee took note of CDMSI's recent decision to organise public consultations in the drafting process of guidance notes.
29. Members also agreed on the importance of conducting hearings with relevant stakeholders, such as platforms, regulators, international organisations, civil society, journalists' organisations, academia, as well as competition and data protection authorities.

Conclusions and next steps

36. The Committee agreed on the overall approach to the development of the Guidance Note and on its preliminary structure.
37. The co-drafting rapporteurs were tasked with preparing an extended outline of the Guidance Note, taking into account the discussions held during the meeting.
38. The Committee agreed to continue its work in line with the agreed roadmap (Appendix 3), in particular through written consultations on the draft outline and an intermediate online meeting to review and address comments prior to its submission to the CDMSI.
39. The outline will be submitted to the CDMSI Plenary Meeting of 17-19 June 2026 for discussion and initial endorsement.

Date and place of next meeting

40. The Committee agreed, in principle, to hold its next meeting on **14-15 September 2026**.

Any other business

41. No other business was raised.

The meeting report was adopted by MSI-eREG members by written procedure.

Appendix 1

Agenda – 1st Meeting

26-27 March 2026

Strasbourg, Agora Building of the Council of Europe, Room G02

Ordre du jour – 1re réunion

26-27 *mars* 2026

Strasbourg, Bâtiment Agora du Conseil de l'Europe, Salle G02

Day 1, 26 March / *Jour 1, 26 mars*
09:00-12:45 / 14:15-17:30 CET

09:00-09:30 CET – Welcome coffee / Café de bienvenue

09:30-10:45 CET

1. **Welcoming and opening of the meeting** / *Accueil et ouverture de la réunion*

***Artemiza CHISCA**, Head of the Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division and Secretary to CDMSI / Cheffe de la Division Liberté d'expression et CDMSI et Secrétaire du CDMSI*

2. **Adoption of the agenda** / *Adoption de l'ordre du jour*

3. **Tour de table** / *Tour de table*

- Brief introduction by the Committee Members and participants / *Brève présentation des membres du Comité et des participants*

4. **Information by the Secretariat** / *Informations fournies par le Secrétariat*

- Information and discussion on the terms of reference and working methods of Council of Europe Committee of Experts / *Information et discussion sur le mandat et les méthodes de travail des comités d'experts du Conseil de l'Europe*

***Artemiza CHISCA**, Head of the Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division and Secretary to CDMSI / Cheffe de la Division Liberté d'expression et CDMSI et Secrétaire du CDMSI*

***Elena BRODEALA**, Legal Adviser and Secretary to the MSI-eREG / Conseillère juridique et secrétaire du MSI-eREG*

10:45-11:15 CET – Coffee Break / Pause-café

11:15-12:45 CET

5. **Discussion of the timeline for the MSI-eREG (2026-2027)** / *Échange sur le calendrier du MSI-eREG (2026-2027)*

6. **Elections** / *Elections*

- Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chair / *Élection du/de la Président(e) et du/de la Vice-Président(e)*

- Election of drafting rapporteurs / *Élection des rapporteurs chargés de la rédaction*
- Election of Gender Equality as well as Children & Youth Rapporteurs / *Élection des rapporteurs pour l'égalité de genre ainsi que des rapporteurs pour les enfants et les jeunes*

7. **Background Study Presentation** / *Présentation de l'étude de référence*

- Presentation and discussion of the Background Study to Inform the Development of a Guidance Note on Media Regulators in a Platform-Based Environment / *Présentation et discussion de l'étude de référence pour l'élaboration d'une note d'orientation sur les régulateurs des médias dans un environnement basé sur les plateformes*

***Dr Kristina IRION**, Associate Professor, Institute for Information Law (IViR), University of Amsterdam / Professeure associée, Institut du droit de l'information (IViR), Université d'Amsterdam*

***Dr Ronan Ó FATHAIGH**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Information Law (IViR), University of Amsterdam / Professeur adjoint, Institut du droit de l'information (IViR), Université d'Amsterdam*

12:45-14:15 CET – Lunch Break / Pause déjeuner

14:15-15:45 CET

8. **Presentation of OSCE's policy manual on Safeguarding Media Freedom in the Age of Big Tech Platforms and AI** / *Présentation du manuel de politique de l'OSCE sur la protection de la liberté des médias à l'ère des grandes plateformes technologiques et de l'IA*

***Julia HAAS**, Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media / Conseillère auprès du Représentant de l'OSCE pour la liberté des médias*

9. **Presentation on the European Board for Media Services and its work programme for 2026** / *Présentation du Conseil européen des services de médias et de son programme de travail pour 2026*

***Mathilde DESANGES**, Policy Officer, Secretariat to the European Board for Media Services, EU / Chargée de mission, Secrétariat du Conseil européen des services de médias, UE*

10. **Presentation of UNESCO's Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms and updates on the International Conference on Digital Platform Governance 2026 and the resulting call for action** / *Présentation des Principes pour la gouvernance des plateformes numériques et actualités sur la Conférence internationale 2026 sur la gouvernance des plateformes numériques ainsi que sur l'appel à l'action qui en découle*

***Ana Cristina RUELAS**, Senior Programme Specialist, UNESCO / Spécialiste principale de programme, UNESCO*

15:45-16:00 CET – Coffee Break / Pause-café

16:00-17:30 CET

11. **Discussion on the future Guidance Note on Media Regulators in a Platform-based Environment** / *Discussion sur la future note d'orientation concernant les régulateurs des médias dans un environnement basé sur les plateformes*

- Discussion of the scope, aim and structure of the Guidance Note on media regulators in a platform-based environment and the possible Explanatory memorandum / *Discussion sur le champ, l'objectif et la structure de la note d'orientation concernant les régulateurs des médias dans un environnement basé sur les plateformes, ainsi que sur le possible exposé des motifs*
- Potential co-operation with relevant actors / *Coopération potentielle avec les acteurs concernés*

17:30 CET – End of Session / Fin de la session

Day 2, 27 March / *Jour 2, 27 mars, 09:00-12:30 / 14:00-16:00 CET*

09:00-10:30 CET

12. **Welcome to Day 2 and overview of Council of Europe's New Democratic Pact for Europe** / *Accueil de la deuxième journée et présentation du Nouveau Pacte Démocratique pour l'Europe du Conseil de l'Europe*

***Roberto OLLA**, Head of the Democratic Institutions and Freedoms Department, Council of Europe / Chef du Département des institutions démocratiques et des libertés, Conseil de l'Europe*

13. **Presentation of UNESCO's Good Practices in Digital Platform Governance by European Media Regulators** / *Présentation du rapport de l'UNESCO sur les bonnes pratiques en matière de gouvernance des plateformes numériques par les régulateurs européens des médias*

***Dr Ethan SHATTOCK**, Lecturer in Law, Queen's University Belfast / Maître de conférences en droit, Queen's University Belfast.*

14. **Discussion on the future Guidance Note on Media Regulators in a Platform-based Environment (continued)** / *Discussion sur la prochaine note d'orientation concernant les régulateurs des médias dans un environnement basé sur les plateformes (suite)*

10:30-11:00 CET – Coffee Break / Pause-café

11:00-12:30 CET

15. **Discussion on the future Guidance Note on Media Regulators in a Platform-based Environment (continued)** / *Discussion sur la prochaine note d'orientation concernant les régulateurs des médias dans un environnement basé sur les plateformes (suite)*

	***12:30-14:00 CET – Lunch Break* / Pause déjeuner**
	14:00-16:00 CET
16.	**Discussion on the future Guidance Note on Media Regulators in a Platform-based Environment (continued)** / *Discussion sur la prochaine note d'orientation concernant les régulateurs des médias dans un environnement basé sur les plateformes (suite)*
17.	**Date and place of next meeting** / *Date et lieu de la prochaine réunion*
18.	**Any other business** / *Autres questions*

Appendix 2

List of participants / *Liste de participant.e.s*

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Appendix 3

Timeline

COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON
MEDIA REGULATORS IN A PLATFORM-BASED ENVIRONMENT
(MSI-eREG)

Item 5
Discussion of the timeline for the MSI-eREG (2026-2027)

26-27 March 2026 **1st MSI-eREG Meeting**	**Expected outcomes:** • Purpose and added value of the Guidance Note identified • Scope defined • Key terms identified • Provisional structure agreed • Drafting elements discussed
24 April 2026 **30th CDMSI Bureau Meeting**	• Council of Europe Secretariat to report on the 1st MSI-eREG meeting
1 May 2026	• First draft of the extended outline circulated to MSI-eREG members for feedback
7 May 2026 (14:30 CET) **Online MSI-eREG Meeting (1.5-2 hours)**	• Discussion of feedback on the extended outline
21 May 2026	• Final extended outline circulated to MSI-eREG members
27 May 2026	• Extended outline submitted to the CDMSI for discussion and initial endorsement at the 29th Plenary meeting
17-19 June 2026 **29th CDMSI Plenary Meeting**	• **Presentation, discussion and endorsement of the extended outline**
Three weeks before the 2nd MSI-eREG Meeting	• First draft of the Guidance Note circulated to MSI-eREG members
14-15 September 2026 **2nd MSI-eREG Meeting**	**Expected outcomes:** • First draft of the Guidance Note discussed and agreed

	• Decision taken on whether to prepare an Explanatory Memorandum • Optional: stakeholder hearing
TBC	• Revised first draft shared with MSI-eREG members for feedback • Possible online meeting (1-2 hours) to finalise the draft
October 2026 TBC **31st CDMSI Bureau Meeting**	• Secretariat to report on the 2nd MSI-eREG meeting
Three weeks before the CDMSI Plenary Meeting	• First draft of the Guidance Note submitted to the CDMSI members for feedback
TBC	• Co-drafting rapporteurs to prepare the Explanatory Memorandum (if applicable)
December 2026 TBC **30th CDMSI Plenary Meeting**	• **Presentation and discussion of the first draft Guidance Note** • **CDMSI to take note and invite MSI-eREG to revise and consolidate the draft at its 3rd meeting, with a view to launching public consultation**
Three weeks before the 3rd MSI-eREG Meeting	• Consolidated/Second draft Guidance Note (including Explanatory Memorandum, if applicable) circulated to MSI-eREG members
11-12 February 2027 **3rd MSI-eREG Meeting**	**Expected outcome:** • Second draft of the Guidance Note (including Explanatory Memorandum, if applicable) discussed and agreed
End February 2027 TBC	• Revised second draft Guidance Note, incorporating the outcome of the 3rd MSI-eREG meeting, agreed by written procedure
March-April 2027	• Public consultation (4-6 weeks) • Optional: stakeholder consultation workshop
April 2027 TBC **32nd CDMSI Bureau Meeting**	• Secretariat to report on the 3rd MSI-eREG meeting and the public consultation
Mid-May 2027 TBC **MSI-eREG informal online meeting**	**Expected outcome:** • Third draft Guidance Note, incorporating input from the public consultation, circulated in advance of the meeting and discussed

Three weeks before the CDMSI Plenary	• Third draft of the Guidance Note, incorporating input from the public consultation and the outcome of the informal meeting, submitted to the CDMSI
July 2027 TBC **31st CDMSI Plenary Meeting**	• **Presentation of the third draft Guidance Note, including the Explanatory Memorandum (if applicable), and of the results of the public consultation, for discussion and feedback**
Three weeks before the 4th MSI-eREG Meeting	• Revised draft Guidance Note circulated to MSI-eREG members
9-10 September 2027 **4th MSI-eREG Meeting**	• Finalisation and agreement on the final draft Guidance Note (including Explanatory Memorandum, if applicable)
Mid-October	• Final draft ready for editorial processing, translation and checks
October 2027 TBC **33rd CDMSI Bureau Meeting**	• Council of Europe Secretariat to report on the 4th MSI-eREG meeting • Discussion of the draft Guidance Note • Agreement by the Bureau to put the draft Guidance Note on the agenda of the CDMSI Plenary meeting for adoption
Three weeks before the CDMSI Plenary	• Final draft Guidance Note and Explanatory Memorandum (if applicable) submitted to the CDMSI
December 2027 TBC **32nd CDMSI Plenary Meeting**	• **Report on the 4th MSI-eREG Meeting and overall work progress** • **Discussion and finalisation of the draft Guidance Note** • **Adoption of the Guidance Note and Explanatory Memorandum (if applicable)**