

**Committee of Experts of Experts on Media
Environment and Reform
(MSI-REF)**



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Council of Europe, Strasbourg, Agora building, Room G0.3

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| DRAFT AGENDA |
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1. Opening of the meeting by Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Information by the Secretariat

Introduction to the working methods and procedures of intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies ([Resolution CM/Res\(2011\)24](#)). Information on relevant standard-setting and reference work of the Council of Europe
4. Tour de table
5. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chair person and appointment of Gender Equality Rapporteur
6. Discussion of the deliverables under the MSI-REF mandate:
 - (i) a draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States with guiding principles for media and communication governance in order to address the shift from established channels to social networks and of related risks (manipulation of public opinion, lack of public trust, information disorder) with a view to ensuring consistency of relevant laws and policies with Council of Europe standards on the right to freedom of expression and information.
 - (ii) a draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member States on election communication and media coverage of electoral campaigns.
 - (iii) a guidance note on regulatory/policy requirements, compatible with freedom of expression and information, responding to users' needs and technical possibilities related to the prioritisation of public interest content on relevant social and search platforms and other news aggregators.
7. Discussion of the road map for the MSI-REF in 2020 and 2021
8. Other business