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1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform  
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23 – 24 September 2020  
Council of Europe, virtual meeting

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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. Appointment of rapporteurs for the MSI-REF deliverables
7. 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.
8. Discussion of the road map for the MSI-REF in 2020 and 2021
9. Other business

<b>Wednesday, 23 September 2020</b>	
9:30 – 9:45	Opening of the meeting by Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law
9:45 – 9:50	Adoption of the agenda
9:50 – 10:10	Information by the Secretariat on the working methods of intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies and adjustments made due to the COVID-19 sanitary crisis
10:10 – 10:30	Tour de table
10:30 – 11:00	Election of Chairperson and Vice-chair and appointments of Gender Equality Rapporteur and of rapporteurs for the MSI-REF deliverables
11:00 – 12:00	Discussion of a draft recommendation with guiding principles for media and communication governance
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 16:00	Continuation of the discussion on a draft recommendation with guiding principles for media and communication governance
<b>Thursday, 24 September 2020</b>	
9:30 – 12:00	Discussion of a draft recommendation on election communication and media coverage of electoral campaigns
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:30	Continuation of the discussion on a draft recommendation on election communication and media coverage of electoral campaigns
14:30 – 15:45	Discussion of a guidance note on regulatory/policy requirements related to the prioritisation of public interest content on online platforms
15:45 – 15:55	Discussion of the road map for the MSI-REF in 2020 and 2021
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