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| **132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers**  **(Turin, 19-20 May 2022)**    **I. Programme**  **II. Agenda**  **III. Annotated agenda** |

**I. Programme**

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| **Thursday 19 May 2022**  5.30 p.m. Cultural event (*Palazzo Carignano*)  8.00 p.m. Informal working dinner, hosted by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers, on the theme “Towards a stronger Council of Europe to address new challenges”  (*Palazzo Madama*)  **Friday 20 May 2022** *(La Venaria Reale)*  8.00-8.30 a.m. Arrival of Heads of Delegation and Delegates  8.30 a.m. Official welcome by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General  9.15 a.m. Official photo for all Heads of Delegation  9.30 a.m. Opening of the formal Session  *Transfer of the chairmanship from Italy to Ireland*  1.00 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers    2.30 p.m. Press conference |

**II. Agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. United around our values – Council of Europe response to the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine
3. A shared responsibility for democratic security in Europe

a. Annual report by the Secretary General on human rights, rule of law and democracy in Europe

b. Conflicts and crises in Europe: The role of the Council of Europe

c. Council of Europe activities:

*i.* *From Hamburg (131st Session, 21 May 2021) to Turin (132nd Session, 19-20 May 2022)*

- Progress on reform measures

- Artificial intelligence and cybercrime

- Council of Europe monitoring procedures

- Improving the European Social Charter system

- Human rights and the environment

- Participation of civil society organisations and national human rights institutions

- Council of Europe contribution to the international order and global governance and to the SDGs

- Enhancing the visibility of the Council of Europe, including among youth

*ii. Other activities*

* The role of restorative justice
* Culture, creativity and cultural heritage
* Rights of the child: Rome Strategy
* Interreligious dialogue
* Freedom of expression, the right to information and combatting discrimination and hate speech
* Protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls
* Empowerment of women and fight against violence against women and domestic violence
* European Conference of Prosecutors

1. Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union
2. Other business
3. Transfer of the chairmanship between Italy and Ireland

- Report by the Italian Chairmanship

- Priorities of the Irish Chairmanship

1. Date and place of the next Session

**III. Annotated agenda**

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| **General comments**  *The decisions under items 2, 3 and 4 of the agenda are to be adopted without debate.*  *Given the time constraints, the Chairman will invite heads of delegations to address items 2 to 4 at the same time during the debate.*  *Regarding the list of speakers, priority will be given to Ministers and speaking time will be limited to three minutes per delegation. Besides the two official languages, interpretation will be provided in German and Italian, and passive interpretation in Spanish.*  *Member States may present their national positions in writing on the topics which are on the agenda. These position papers will be included in the records of the Session. They will have to reach the Secretariat beforehand in one of the official languages, i.e. French or English.* |

**Item 1 of the agenda Adoption of the agenda**

Following the opening of the Session by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers, and the address by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ministers will be invited to examine the draft agenda of the 132nd Session with a view to its adoption and to the simultaneous adoption without debate of the decisions under items 2 to 4 of the agenda as they appear below. Under this item, Ministers will also be invited to inform the Chair if they wish to raise any question under item 5 “Other business”, which should have been notified beforehand.

**Item 2 of the agenda United around our values –**

**Council of Europe response to the aggression**

**of the Russian Federation against Ukraine**

Following their decision, adopted on 25 February 2022 ([CM/Del/Dec(2022)1426ter/2.3](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Del/Dec(2022)1426ter/2.3" \o "Situation in Ukraine – Measures to be taken, including under Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe)), to suspend the Russian Federation from its rights of representation in the Council of Europe in accordance with Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe in the light of the Russian Federation’s serious violation of its obligations under Article 3 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, the Ministers’ Deputies decided on

16 March 2022 to exclude the Russian Federation from the Organisation (cf. Resolution [CM/Res(2022)2](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Res(2022)2" \o "Resolution on the cessation of the membership of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 March 2022 at the 1428ter meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) on the cessation of the membership of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe, under Article 8 of the Statute). The Deputies had first consulted the Parliamentary Assembly on potential further use of Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, which in its Opinion No. 300 unanimously adopted on 15 March 2022, considered that the Russian Federation could no longer be a member State of the Organisation.

The Deputies have since then taken a number of decisions on the legal and financial consequences of the cessation of the Russian Federation’s membership (cf. Resolution [CM/Res(2022)2](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Res(2022)2" \o "Resolution on the cessation of the membership of the Russian Federation to the Council of Europe (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 16 March 2022 at the 1428ter meeting of the Ministers' Deputies))). They have also prepared the following political decisions for adoption at the Session:

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| *Decisions proposed for adoption without debate:*  *The Committee of Ministers*  *A. On the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*  *Reiterating its condemnation in the strongest terms of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and expressing its full support to Ukraine and its solidarity with its people;*  *Calling on the Russian Federation to immediately cease the aggression, withdraw completely and unconditionally its occupation forces from the territory of Ukraine, and release all abducted civilians, including those forcibly transferred to the territory of the Russian Federation against their will;*  *Reiterating also its unwavering commitment to the independence, sovereignty and respect for the territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders;*  *Recalling that, on 16 March 2022, it decided to exclude the Russian Federation from the Council of Europe as a result of its aggression against Ukraine, such aggression being in flagrant contradiction with the ideals and principles which are the common heritage of member States of the Council of Europe and in violation of international law;*  *Underlining that the Russian Federation bears the sole responsibility for depriving persons under its jurisdiction of the protection afforded by the European Convention on Human Rights, as from 16 September 2022, while reiterating the unconditional obligation of the Russian Federation to fully execute the final judgments of the Strasbourg Court;*  *Condemning all violations of human rights law and international humanitarian law, including attacks against civilians and civil infrastructure in Ukraine* *and cultural and religious heritage, and making sure that the Council of Europe mobilises all its instruments to ensure the Russian Federation’s full accountability for violations of human rights;*  *Expressing its willingness to pursue the excellent co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly that prevailed throughout the procedure that led to the exclusion of the Russian Federation, including in the light of its reports:*  *- adopted the “Priority adjustments to the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2022”, aimed at assisting Ukraine and its people to face the challenges and consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation, as it appears in document* *[CM(2022)89-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)89-final" \o "[132nd Session] Priority adjustments to the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2022).*  *B. On unity around our values*  *Reaffirming its commitment to the principles and values of the Council of Europe as enshrined in the Statute and to the implementation of the rights and freedoms enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights; and reaffirming also the unconditional obligation of High Contracting Parties to the Convention to abide by the final judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in any case to which they are Parties, and, in that context, to securing the long-term effectiveness of the Convention system;*  *Reconfirming its determination to ensure that the Council of Europe remains the benchmark for human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe and an effective framework for co-operation for the benefit of member States;*  *Recalling the crucial advantages gained from multilateral co-operation within the Council of Europe, including during the Covid-19 health crisis, and recognising that multilateralism remains the only means to build a future of peace, security and cohesion in Europe based on common values;*  *Recalling that civil society plays a vital role in achieving the aims pursued by the Council of Europe and in the development of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe, including in the Russian Federation and in Belarus;*  *Determined to reinforce co-operation between the 46 member States with a view to implementing, further developing and consolidating our common standards on human rights, democracy and the rule of law in order to strengthen freedom, prosperity and security for the people of Europe:*  *- decided to review the Council of Europe’s priorities in the light of the new reality of the European continent;*  *- invited the Secretary General to set up a High-level Reflection Group to consider the Council of Europe’s responses to new realities and challenges and to start reporting back to its Deputies at the earliest possible opportunity and no later than the handover meeting between the Irish and Icelandic Chairmanships;*  *- invited its Deputies to consider the desirability of a 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe;*  *- decided to maintain strong inter-institutional co-operation and dialogue with the Parliamentary Assembly and with the Secretary General, who has the overall responsibility for the strategic management of the Organisation;*  *- decided to reinforce the pan-European outreach of the Council of Europe’s values and messages also through co-operation with civil society in its member States and beyond;*  *- in order to ensure the Organisation’s sustainability and ability to carry out its mission and mandate effectively and with renewed efficiency, agreed, as a preliminary step, to collectively ensure the financial resources to fill the gap in its 2022 budget.”* |

**Item 3 of the agenda A shared responsibility for democratic security in Europe**

**a. Annual report by the Secretary General on human rights, rule of law and democracy in Europe**

With regard to sub-item 3.a), the Ministers are invited to take note of the Secretary General’s annual report “Moving forward, 2022” ([SG(2022)1](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=SG(2022)1" \o "Moving Forward 2022 - Annual Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe)) and to instruct the Ministers’ Deputies to give appropriate follow-up.

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| *Decision proposed for adoption without debate:*  *“The Committee of Ministers took note with interest of the annual report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe “Moving forward, 2022” (*[SG(2022)1](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=SG(2022)1" \o "Moving Forward 2022 - Annual Report of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe)*), and instructed its Deputies to give it appropriate follow-up.”* |

**b. Conflicts and crises in Europe: The role of the Council of Europe**

With regard to sub-item 3.b), it is to be noted that, since the previous Session, and independently of issues linked to the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (see item 2 above), the Ministers’ Deputies have paid sustained attention to the human rights situation in areas affected by conflicts and crises in Europe, including in the context of the supervision of the execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

Regarding the conflict in Georgia, which appears on the agenda of each meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies, an overview of the situation is taking place every six months on the basis of a consolidated report from the Secretary General. At their 1432nd meeting (20 April 2022), the Ministers’ Deputies examined the 25th

report by the Secretary General covering the period October 2021 – March 2022, which is set out in document [SG/Inf(2022)7](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=SG/Inf(2022)7" \o "Consolidated report on the conflict in Georgia (October 2021 – March 2022)). They subsequently adopted a set of decisions (cf. [CM/Del/Dec(2022)1433/2.1](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Del/Dec(2022)1433/2.1" \o "The Council of Europe and the conflict in Georgia)) at their 1433rd meeting (4 May 2022).

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| *Decision proposed for adoption without debate:*  *“Without prejudice to its decisions adopted with respect to the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the Committee of Ministers took note of the position of national delegations and of the work conducted by the Council of Europe with respect to other conflicts and crises in Europe. The Committee of Ministers also took note of the 25th consolidated report of the Secretary General on the conflict in Georgia (October 2021 – March 2022) (**[SG/Inf(2022)7](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=SG/Inf(2022)7" \o "Consolidated report on the conflict in Georgia (October 2021 – March 2022))), as well as statements of member States on this matter.”* |

**c. Council of Europe activities:**

i**. From Hamburg (131st Session, 21 May 2021) to Turin (132nd Session, 19-20 May 2022)**

Reporting back to the Turin Ministerial Session on a number of issues raised at the 131st Ministerial Session held in Hamburg on 21 May 2021, the Ministers’ Deputies have prepared the draft decisions below:

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| *Decisions proposed for adoption without debate:*   * *Progress on reform measures*   *“The Committee of Ministers welcomed the Secretary General’s progress report on reform measures (**[CM(2022)61](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)61" \o "[1434/11.1] Progress report on reform measures)) and invited its Deputies to continue to follow the progress and achievements of the ongoing administrative reforms which are critical to promote the Council of Europe’s agility and adaptability, while enhancing transparency and efficiency.”*   * *Artificial intelligence and cybercrime*   *“The Committee of Ministers,*  *With regard to artificial intelligence:*  *1.* *welcomed the unanimous recommendation of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence that the Council of Europe should introduce a transversal legally binding instrument on artificial intelligence and human rights, democracy and rule of law, in line with its terms of reference, which underlined the need for such an instrument to be focused on general common principles, conducive to innovation, and open to participation by non-member States;*  *2. instructed its Deputies to speedily proceed with the elaboration of the appropriate instrument, taking into account other existing international legal frameworks for artificial intelligence or those under development;*  *With regard to cybercrime:*  *3. welcomed the further progress made in the area of co-operation on cybercrime, in particular the opening for signature, on 12 May 2022 in Strasbourg, of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence, already signed by 22 States, and encouraged all Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime to sign and ratify this important instrument.”*   * *Council of Europe monitoring procedures*   *“The Committee of Ministers*  *1. welcomed the Secretary General’s report on “Enhancing the co-ordination, effectiveness and impact of monitoring mechanisms” (**[SG/Inf(2022)5](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=SG/Inf(2022)5" \o "Enhancing the co-ordination, effectiveness and impact of monitoring mechanisms – Secretary General’s report and proposals)), as well as the proposals made therein, and invited the Secretary General to implement them;*  *2. noted that its Deputies had taken steps to initiate an institutional dialogue on Council of Europe monitoring with the Parliamentary Assembly, in line with their report on Council of Europe monitoring – strengthening cohesion and synergies (**[CM(2021)50-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2021)50-final" \o "[131st Session] Report on Council of Europe monitoring – strengthening cohesion and synergies)).”*   * *Improving the European Social Charter system*   *“The Committee of Ministers,*  *Recalling its decisions adopted at its 131st Session (Hamburg, 21 May 2021);*  *Recalling the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers adopted on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the European Social Charter, on 18 October 2021;*  *1. welcomed the follow-up action taken by its Deputies in the spirit of the Turin process for the European Social Charter on improving the Charter system;*  *2. acknowledged the valuable contribution made by the Secretary General and the organs of the Charter, namely the European Committee of Social Rights and the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and European Code of Social Security;*  *3. confirmed its commitment to improve constantly the implementation of social rights and underlined the need to embrace good democratic governance by promoting dialogue with the social partners and civil society;*  *4. approved the proposals outlined in the report on improving the efficiency and impact of the European Social Charter system* *(**[CM(2022)67-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)67-final" \o "[132nd Session] Improving the European Social Charter system – Consolidated Report));*  *5. instructed its Deputies to adopt the operational decisions required to implement, already in 2023, the reform of the European Social Charter system;*  *6. invited its Deputies to report at the 133rd Session of the Committee of Ministers on the state of the reflection on longer-term substantive and procedural issues relating to the European Social Charter.”*   * *Human rights and the environment*   *“Recalling the work of the Parliamentary Assembly on this issue and the follow-up given by its Deputies, the Committee of Ministers welcomed the ongoing activities within the Council of Europe in the field of human rights and the environment, in particular the preparation of a draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on human rights and the protection of the environment, which is due to be finalised shortly, the recently published third edition of a Council of Europe Manual on the same subject and the ongoing consideration of the need for and feasibility of a further instrument or instruments in this field**. It also noted that a Study on the feasibility and appropriateness of modernising the Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (ETS No. 172) or of preparing a new instrument, should be finalised very soon.”*   * *Participation of civil society organisations and national human rights institutions*   *“The Committee of Ministers,*  *Recalling the decisions adopted at its 129th Session (Helsinki, 17 May 2019) on “A shared responsibility for democratic security in Europe – the need to strengthen the protection and promotion of civil society space in Europe” and at its 131st Session (Hamburg, 21 May 2021) with a view to further enhancing the role and meaningful participation of civil society organisations as well as national human rights institutions in the Council of Europe:*  *1. welcomed the report “Follow-up to the Helsinki decisions on civil society: implementation of the Secretary General's proposals – Final report”, as it appears in document* *[SG/Inf(2022)13](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=SG/Inf(2022)13" \o "Follow-up to the Helsinki decisions on civil society: implementation of the Secretary General’s proposals - Final Report), as well as the launch of a handbook, including an online version, and a civil society portal designed to facilitate access of civil society organisations and human rights institutions to the Council of Europe’s activities;*  *2.*  *further welcomed the measures taken to increase co-ordination and synergies between mechanisms on civil society and human rights defenders within the Organisation and encouraged further work to this end;*  *3. invited its Deputies to continue developing their exchanges with civil society, including at the level of their rapporteur groups, based on openness, inclusiveness and transparency, and supported the organisation by the Secretary General of an annual meeting with the participation of civil society together with all stakeholders concerned.”*   * *Council of Europe contribution to the international order and global governance and to the SDGs*   *“The Committee of Ministers*   1. *welcomed the outcome of the reflection process on the contribution of the Council of Europe to the international order and global governance, as well as to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) carried out so far, as reflected in document* *[CM(2022)84-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)84-final" \o "[132nd Session] Reflection process on the Council of Europe contribution to the international order and global governance, as well as to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Activity Report ), which has focused on the external relations of the Council of Europe, including its relations with observer States and with international organisations and non-member States which share the Council of Europe’s principles of human rights, the rule of law and democracy, and on the promotion of the Council of Europe’s instruments and bodies open to non-member States;*   *2. endorsed the proposals outlined in the document* *[CM(2022)84-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)84-final" \o "[132nd Session] Reflection process on the Council of Europe contribution to the international order and global governance, as well as to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Activity Report ) with a view to pursuing the ongoing work in the field of external relations.”*   * *Enhancing the visibility of the Council of Europe, including among youth*   *“The Committee of Ministers*  *1. encouraged the relevant stakeholders to continue implementing the decision adopted at its 131st Session (Hamburg, 21 May 2021) aiming at increasing the knowledge and visibility of the work of the Council of Europe through co-ordinated regular events in all member States;*  *2. welcomed the launching on 21 March 2022 of the “Democracy Here – Democracy Now” youth campaign aiming to revitalise democracy and to strengthening mutual trust between young people and democratic institutions and processes.”* |

**ii. Other activities**

The Ministers’ Deputies have prepared the decisions appearing below on “other activities” to highlight some of the Organisation’s additional activities in the past year. The Ministers will *inter alia* be invited to adopt three draft legal instruments, on the role of culture, cultural heritage and landscape in helping to address global challenges, on the fight against hate speech and on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls.

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| *Decisions proposed for adoption without debate:*   * *The role of restorative justice*   *“The Committee of Ministers, recalling the work already carried out by the Council of Europe in the field of restorative justice as well as the “Venice Declaration on the role of restorative justice in criminal matters”, adopted by the Ministers of Justice of the Council of Europe in Venice (Italy) on 13 and 14 December 2021, encouraged all relevant stakeholders to continue their efforts to strengthen the promotion and implementation of restorative justice in Europe.”*   * *Culture, creativity and cultural heritage*   *“The Committee of Ministers*  *1. welcomed the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers of Culture, held on 1 April 2022 in Strasbourg, which highlighted the potential of creativity and cultural heritage as strategic resources;*  *2. adopted Recommendation* *[CM/Rec(2022)15](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)15" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the role of culture, cultural heritage and landscape in helping to address global challenges (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 May 2022 at the 132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers)) of the Committee of Ministers to member States* *on the role of culture, cultural heritage and landscape in helping to address global challenges.” <**[CM(2022)59-prov](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)59-prov" \o "[132nd Session] Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)… of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the role of culture, cultural heritage and landscape in helping to address global challenges)>*   * *Rights of the child: Rome Strategy*   *“The Committee of Ministers recalled its unwavering commitment to the protection of children and the defence of their rights and reiterated its support for the new Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027), launched at the high-level conference held in Rome on*  *7 and 8 April 2022.”*   * *Interreligious dialogue*   *“Recalling the previous exchanges of views organised by the German and the Hungarian Chairmanships, the Committee of Ministers welcomed the Conference on “Interreligious Dialogue on Religion and Peace, Religion and Human Rights”, held in Strasbourg on 2 May 2022, and the presentation of the Strasbourg Principles for Interreligious Dialogue, which may inspire the Council of Europe’s future work in this field, including through the holding of similar annual conferences with the support of interested member States, in order to foster mutual respect, peace and an increased awareness of diversity in European societies.”*   * *Freedom of expression, the right to information and combatting discrimination and hate speech*   *“The Committee of Ministers*  *1. welcomed the Council of Europe’s prominent role in international standard-setting on freedom of expression and related issues such as media freedom, the right to information and combatting discrimination and hate speech, including in the light of the impact of digital technologies on these issues;*  *2. in this context, highlighted the recent adoption of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendations* [CM/Rec(2022)4](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)4" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 17 March 2022 at the 1429th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) *on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age,* [CM/Rec(2022)12](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)12" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on electoral communication and media coverage of election campaigns (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 April 2022 at the 1431st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) *on electoral communication and media coverage of election campaigns,* [CM/Rec(2022)11](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)11" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on principles for media and communication governance (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 April 2022 at the 1431st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) *of the Committee of Ministers to member States on principles for media and communication governance and* [CM/Rec(2022)13](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)13" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the impacts of digital technologies on freedom of expression (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 April 2022 at the 1431st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) *of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the impacts of digital technologies on freedom of expression, and encouraged implementation of these instruments;*  *3. called for further signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (Tromsø Convention, CETS No. 205), the first binding international legal instrument to recognise a general right of access to official documents held by public authorities, welcomed its entry into force and the establishment of the Group of Specialists on Access to Official Documents which will monitor the implementation of this Convention by the Parties;*  *4. highlighting the importance it attaches to the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, invited the Secretary General to continue issuing regular reports on challenges to freedom of expression, while noting also the contribution to this process of the Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists;*  *5. adopted the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation* *[CM/Rec(2022)16](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)16" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on combating hate speech (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 May 2022 at the 132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers)) on combatting hate speech and called for its full implementation, as a response to the serious concerns it had expressed at its 129th Session (Helsinki, 17 May 2019); <**[CM(2022)43-prov](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)43-prov" \o "[132nd Session] Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)… of the Committee of Ministers to member States on combating hate speech)>*  *6. recalling the need to address increasing inequality, racism, xenophobia, hate speech and discrimination on grounds of religion or belief or any other ground, welcomed the adoption of Recommendation* *[CM/Rec(2022)5](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)5" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on passing on remembrance of the Holocaust and preventing crimes against humanity (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 17 March 2022 at the 1429th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)) on passing on remembrance of the Holocaust and preventing crimes against humanity, and noted the adoption by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance of updated General Policy Recommendation (GPR) No. 5 on preventing and combatting anti-Muslim racism and discrimination as well GPR No. 9 on preventing and combatting anti-semitism and invited member States to make best use of these recommendations.”*   * *Protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls*   *“The Committee of Ministers noting the importance in the present context of strengthening the protection of migrants and refugees in Europe, adopted Recommendation* *[CM/Rec(2022)17](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Rec(2022)17" \o "Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 May 2022 at the 132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers)) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls.” <**[CM(2022)47-addprov](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)47-addprov" \o "[132nd Session] Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking women and girls)>*   * *Empowerment of women and fight against violence against women and domestic violence*   *“The Committee of Ministers*  *1. welcomed the High-Level Conference on ”Work-life balance – a leverage for women’s empowerment and promoting gender equality", held in Rome on 12 April 2022, the conclusions of which can serve as a basis for work in this key field within the Council of Europe’s future Gender Equality Strategy;*  *2. reconfirmed its full commitment to preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and welcomed the fact that additional States have become Parties to the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CETS No. 210, Istanbul Convention); in this regard, took note of the significant contribution that the Istanbul Convention, with its set of high-level standards, has already made in States Parties to the Convention and recalled that the Convention remains open for accession to all States.”*   * *European Conference of Prosecutors*   *“The Committee of Ministers, stressing the need for member States to effectively ensure the independence and efficiency of judicial systems and recalling the important contribution of the work of the Venice Commission, the Group of States against Corruption and the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice, welcomed the outcome of the European Conference of Prosecutors held in Palermo on 5 and 6 May 2022 entitled “Prosecutors between independence and accountability” and invited the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors, jointly with interested member States, to pursue promoting co-operation among Prosecutors General on a regular basis.”* |

**Item 4 of the agenda Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union**

The Ministers’ Deputies have prepared a report on co-operation between the two organisations, which appears in document [CM(2022)62-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)62-final" \o "[132nd Session] Summary Report on co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union ). The Ministers are invited to adopt the following draft decisions:

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| *Decisions proposed for adoption without debate:*  *“The Committee of Ministers*  *1. welcomed the development of co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union, as it appears in document* *[CM(2022)62-final](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM(2022)62-final" \o "[132nd Session] Summary Report on co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union );*  *2. called for co-operation with the European Union – as main institutional partner of the Council of Europe in political, legal and financial terms – to be stepped up still further in view of the many challenges currently facing Europe in particular the fact that the Russian Federation ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe on 16 March 2022 as a result of its aggression against Ukraine;*  *3. emphasised in particular the important role played by the three large-scale multiannual multi-country programmes put in place in the European Union Enlargement area, in the European Union Eastern Partnership area, and in the Southern Neighbourhood; flexible multi-country/thematic and multiannual programmes will remain more necessary than ever to cover the diversity of the geographic/thematic areas concerned and new or emerging challenges;*  *4. reiterated its commitment to European Union accession to the European Convention on Human Rights and encouraged EU participation in or accession to Council of Europe instruments, as appropriate, as a way of achieving coherence and complementarity and promoting synergies.”* |

**Item 5 of the agenda Other business**

Under this item, the Ministers may briefly raise other general or specific issues, which should be notified to the chairmanship beforehand.

**Item 6 of the agenda Transfer of the chairmanship between Italy and Ireland**

Under this item, the outgoing Chairmanship of Italy will officially hand over its powers to the incoming Chairmanship of Ireland.

**a. Report by the Italian Presidency**

The Chair will present the results of the outgoing chairmanship. A written report will be available for participants (document [CM/Inf(2022)13](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Inf(2022)13" \o "Stocktaking of the Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (17 November 2021 – 20 May 2022))).

**b. Priorities of the Irish Chairmanship**

The incoming Chairperson will present the priorities of the Chairmanship of Ireland for the next six months. A written report will be available for participants (document [CM/Inf(2022)14](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?Reference=CM/Inf(2022)14" \o "Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (20 May – November 2022))).

**Item 7 of the agenda Date and place of the next Session**

Under this item, the Ministers will be invited to agree that:

- the 133rd Session of the Committee of Ministers will be held in Reykjavik, Iceland, in May 2023;

- the handover of the Chairmanship from Ireland to Iceland will take place on 9 November 2022.