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Report of the 15th meeting (11-12 April 2019)
(Strasbourg, Palais)

1. Opening of the meeting

The CDMSI Chair, Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) opened the meeting. The gender distribution among 6 attendants was 2 women (33%) and 4 men (67%).

Jan Kleijssen, Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate welcomed the Members of the CDMSI Bureau, noting that the position of the former French Bureau member will be filled at the June 2019 CDMSI Plenary meeting.

He congratulated the Bureau for the adoption by the Committee of Ministers on 13 February 2019 of the “**Declaration on the manipulative capabilities of algorithmic processes**” and the “**Declaration on the financial sustainability of quality journalism in the digital age**” and highlighted that both have been swiftly taken up and referred to in different fora within the Council of Europe. He reminded the Bureau members of the importance of translating standard setting instruments into national and minority languages as it is central to their implementation.

The Director referred to the successful holding of the **Helsinki Conference “AI – Governing the Game Changer”** on artificial intelligence that took place on 26 – 27 February 2019, co-organised by the Information Society Department and the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. He informed the Bureau that the Council of Europe will **follow up to the Helsinki Conclusions** through a number of measures, including:

- continuing to develop sector-specific recommendations and guidance;
- assessing the need and feasibility of a legal instrument in this area, in line with the Council of Europe’s standards;
- developing a coherent Council of Europe-wide AI strategy.

He also stressed that both Secretary General candidates have signalled that AI is a priority subject for them. On this point, the Bureau members highlighted the importance for the Council of Europe to act quickly and to strategically position itself as other international organisations have also taken steps towards developing a binding legal instrument on AI.

The **Conference “Media freedom – how can we deliver?”** that took place on 20 March 2019, following an “Academic dialogue on media and information literacy” and a “High-level policy dialogue on media regulation and concentration of ownership” was evoked. From this conference emerged, inter alia, that Media and Information Literacy needs to be placed in a normative context, and regulatory authorities or other bodies should be given adequate competences and funding to adopt MIL policies and measures adapted to a variety of age and social groups.

Mr Kleijssen further informed the Bureau that as of the 1st of April, Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca has joined the Information Society Department as the new Head of the Media and Internet Division and the Secretary to the CDMSI, replacing Silvia Grundmann, who has joined the Venice Commission. The Bureau thanked Silvia for her valuable services and the always enjoyable cooperation and welcomed Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca in her new function.

He provided information on the **Secretary General's "contingency plan"**, which aims to compensate for the non-payment of the Russian Federation's contribution to the general budget of the Council of Europe. The "contingency plan" contains several scenarios, including the reduction of staff through retirement and non-replacement as well as a departure scheme (with compensation). The budget cuts concern almost entirely the inter-governmental sector. An alternative would be for Member States to provide higher contributions. He explained in this connection that the CoE is financed by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and that it is essential that these Ministries understand the importance of the CoE's strategic triangle of monitoring, standard-setting and cooperation. Mr Kleijssen stressed in this context that standard setting provides important guidance to the European Court of Human Rights, whose judgements, *inter alia*, build on and refer to CDMSI recommendations. The Bureau members were invited to convey this information to their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau adopted the agenda of its meeting in view of the preparation of the 16th CDMSI Plenary meeting, which will take place from 4-6 June 2019. The annotated agenda appears in Appendix 1. The list of participants appears in Appendix 2.

3. Standard setting

3.1 *Committee of experts on Human Rights Dimensions of Automated Data Processing and Different Forms of Artificial Intelligence (MSI-AUT)*

Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the manipulative capabilities of algorithmic processes.

The Bureau welcomed the adoption of the Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on 13 February 2019.

It took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the third meeting of the MSI-AUT (18-19 March 2019) and discussed the documents under preparation by the MSI-AUT, as follows:

Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member states on human rights impacts of algorithmic systems

The Bureau welcomed the revised draft. It suggested

- that the text be formulated in a user-friendly, concise language that avoids reiterations of established principles and that the provisions of the guidelines focus on new aspects related to algorithmic systems.
- given the complexity of the topic, to prepare a one-page document outlining the rationale and key messages of the recommendation for policy-makers to help the adoption process.
- to address in the text:

- the inability for users to opt out from the collection and monetisation of data and
- the need to develop alternative solutions for the storing, processing and governance of citizen's data by the public administration, as current solutions mainly rely on the services of private actors.

Study of the implications of advanced digital technologies (including AI systems) on the concept of responsibility within a human rights framework

The Bureau welcomed the text, its structure and focus and considered it feasible to aim for its submission to the CDMSI at its June 2019 plenary session. It suggested

- that the text be formulated in more concrete terms, including with examples and references to empirical evidence, where possible.
- given the complexity of the topic, to provide more guidance to the reader by highlighting the main messages.
- to shorten the text by, inter alia, providing less detail on points that have already been established, including in published Council of Europe standard-setting instruments and studies.

Study on forms of liability and jurisdictional issues in the application of civil and administrative defamation laws in Council of Europe member states:

The Bureau welcomed the text draft study and agreed to aim for its submission to the CDMSI plenary at its June 2019 plenary session. It recommended updating parts of the study relevant to the Brexit process taking into account the recent developments.

More generally, the Bureau stressed the need to increase the visibility of Council of Europe standard-setting work in this domain, when it comes both to documents under preparation and to other relevant recommendations and studies.

3.2 Committee of experts on Quality journalism in the digital age (MSI-JOQ)

Declaration on the financial sustainability of quality journalism in the digital age:

The Bureau welcomed the adoption of the Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on 13 February 2019.

The Bureau also took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the third meeting of the MSI-JOQ (21-22 March 2019) and discussed the documents under preparation by the MSI-JOQ, as follows:

Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age

The Bureau welcomed the text and recommended its fast-tracked adoption, in written procedure. It suggested that the following points feature prominently in the text:

- Media independence in the part on state intervention (support measures for journalism are in some member states regarded with caution due to independence concerns);
- The gender pay gap, especially in certain media sectors such as the traditional press;

- The enhanced role of regulatory authorities over digital media and internet intermediaries that distribute media content;
- The possibility of a digital tax on internet intermediaries that distribute media content;
- A clear indication as to the addressees of individual guidelines.

Study on developing the skills to recognise and value quality journalism in the digital environment

The Bureau was informed of the work carried out thus far, notably a survey to collect comparable data on case-studies developing any number of skills empowering the public to engage with quality content. The main results show some promising practices, with a detailed analysis of cca. 70 complete answers to be completed in June, when the draft text will be circulated.

4. Co-operation activities

Following up to the difficult financial situation of the organisation, the Bureau was reminded that cooperation activities are crucial for the implementation of the standards developed by the CDMSI. It took note of the information provided by the secretariat on on-going and future co-operation programmes and activities, as outlined in document MEDIA-COOP(2018)01rev, notably on the successful completion of activities in Moldova and South-Eastern Europe (JUFREX), as well as on new projects started for Morocco, Tunisia and Georgia.

5. Implementation of Council of Europe adopted standards and best practices

5.1 Initiatives in member states

The Bureau took note of and received information on the list of initiatives communicated to the Secretariat, including:

- France's law on the fight against information manipulation;
- the United Kingdom's conference on media freedom and safety of journalists to be held on 10-11 July 2019, the adoption of the "On line harm: Report of Select Committee on Digital, Culture, Media and government white paper", and the set-up of the UK Centre for Data Ethics and innovation (algorithmic systems, AI);
- Iceland's review of eight laws in the area of freedom of expression, media and information, in line with international standards;
- and Monaco's draft laws on the "digital Principality" and on electronic communication.

These initiatives will also be communicated to the CDMSI and be presented by the relevant delegations. This list may be further completed towards the time of the plenary.

5.2 Internet governance

Internet Governance Strategy 2016-2019

The Bureau was informed that the relevant CoE services involved in the implementation of the 2016-2019 Internet Governance Strategy have been requested to provide an update of the implementation process by the end of April. The CDMSI will be briefed on the state of play during the June plenary meeting.

The Bureau agreed that the CDMSI should receive a brief summary of the outcome of the Strategy, as well as information on the new strategy currently under preparation.

EuroDIG, UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and ICANN

The Secretariat informed the Bureau about the on-going preparatory work for the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) in The Hague in June and the IGF forum in Berlin in November, including the submission by the Secretariat of a few workshop and open forum proposals. These will be evaluated by the IGF MAG in June.

The Secretariat also updated the Bureau about the human rights-related aspects of ICANN discussions undertaken at the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Working Group and at the Human Rights and International Law Working Group, and informed the Bureau that this year Council of Europe representatives will not be in a position to take part in ICANN plenary meetings.

Item 5.3 Implementation of the CM Recommendation on protection of journalism and safety of journalists and other media actors

Information was provided about the on-going work on a **qualitative study on fear as a factor affecting choices between self-censorship and ethical journalism in Europe**, a follow-up to the 2017 Council of Europe publication “Journalists under Pressure”.

The Bureau was further informed about the on-going work of the **Implementation Strategy of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4**, including:

- The completion of the Protection and Prosecution sections of the Implementation Guide to the Recommendation on safety of journalists;
- The sending of a questionnaire to MS on their implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 and the receipt of several replies. The replies will be integrated in the implementation guide in the form of best practices so that the implementation guide can become an effective tool to boost the implementation of the recommendation; and a database/IT tool of best practices in the field of safety of journalists will be created.
- The prospective circulation of the Implementation Guide to civil society for feedback, once it has been integrated with the best practices and finalised.
- The preparation of a “HELP” training manual on the safety of journalists aimed at legal practitioners, judges and possibly law enforcement officials, through a team of experts that should be ready in the course of 2020.

Information was provided about the set-up of a “National coordination centre on the monitoring, analysis and permanent exchange of information on the intimidation of journalists” by the Italian authorities within the Ministry of Interior that aims to formulate proposals/strategies on how to prevent and contrast intimidation and violence against journalists, including by adopting specific protection measures.

Item 5.4 Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists

The Bureau took note of the 2019 Annual report “Democracy at Risk” published by the Partner Organizations to the Council of Europe Platform to promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists (the Platform), an event organised at the European Parliament. The report provides a clear picture of the worsening of the environment for the media in CoE member States and analyses media freedom violations raised through the Platform in 2018.

Item 5.5 Implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2013) on gender equality and media

The Bureau noted the information by the Secretariat that a questionnaire was sent to four categories of addressees (member states, national media regulators, self-regulatory bodies and media organisations) to follow up on the implementation of the Recommendation. The results will be collected in a report to be finalised by the end of the year.

6. European Convention on Transfrontier Television

The Bureau was informed that, in light of the implementation of the new EU Audiovisual Directive under way and the absence of financial resources that can be allocated to a revision of the Convention, this item will be included in the June CDMSI Plenary for reflection, taking also into account the postponement of Brexit until October 2019.

7. Data Protection

The Secretariat informed the Bureau about the accession of Argentina as the 54th Party to Convention 108 (taking effect as of 1 June 2019) and on signatures of Convention 108+ (amending Protocol CETS n°223) by: Croatia on 22 March 2019, Italy on 5 March 2019 and Cyprus and Hungary on 9 January, bringing the total of signatures to 27. It further advised that the EU Council adopted on 9 April the decision authorising EU member states to ratify the amending Protocol.

The Bureau was also informed that under the current Work programme 2018-19 of the Committee of Convention 108, 4 countries (Tunisia, Capo Verde, Mexico and Argentina) have acceded to Convention 108 and 7 new observer status have been granted. The Committee of Convention 108 is currently discussing its next biennium work programme for 2020-2021 with the following possible topics as suggested by its Bureau:

- follow-up and monitoring mechanism for the committee established under Convention 108+,
- review of the current landscape and examination of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)13 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,
- facial recognition,
- data protection in the educational sector,
- data exchange models in the field of the fight against sport manipulation and
- the data protection regime for the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention.

An update was provided on the adoption of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)2 on the protection of health-related data by the Committee of Ministers on 27 March 2019 and on the next Plenary meeting of the Committee of Convention 108, to be held in Strasbourg on 13 and 14 June 2019 (preceded by an event of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy regarding the consultation on health data and an international conference on Convention 108+).

Work of other Council of Europe institutions and bodies

8.1 Secretary General's initiatives

Information was provided on the holding and outcome of the Helsinki Conference "AI – Governing the Game Changer" on artificial intelligence that took place from 26 – 27 February 2019. The Bureau further took note that an abridged Secretary General report on the state of

human rights, democracy and the rule of law will be presented at the Helsinki Summit in May 2019.

8.2 Committee of Ministers

Exchange of views with the CM on freedom of expression held on 28 March 2019

The Bureau was informed that during the informal dialogue on freedom of expression organized by the Secretary General with the Committee of Ministers and the Director General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law on 28 March 2019, it was stressed that freedom of expression and the safety of journalists are increasingly under attack and that, due to their centrality for democratic society, they must be a priority for the Council of Europe.

During the informal dialogue the Information Society Department's report on Freedom of Expression in 2018 was referred to and discussed. This report maps out the major threats to freedom of expression in Europe in 2018, including, the increase in violence and intimidation against journalists, the growing verbal attacks and restrictive legislation that NGOs face, the spread of misinformation through the media and online channels and the adverse impact of the digital revolution on the financial viability of quality and investigative journalism, proposing lines of action for the Council of Europe and Member States.

During the Bureau meeting, the possibility of making this report a regular document, to be prepared each year, was mentioned.

Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on Guidelines for member states to respect, protect and fulfil children's rights in the digital environment and Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)

The Bureau suggested to invite to one of the upcoming plenaries a member of the Secretariat working on Children's rights to inform the CDMSI on developments made in the implementation of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on Guidelines for member states to respect, protect and fulfil children's rights in the digital environment and the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021).

Committee of Ministers Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy – TC-INF

The Bureau was informed of the meeting convened by the Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova, Corina Călugăru, on 7 February 2019 in which the Directorate General of Democracy gave an overview of their activities "Democracy in the Digital Age". The Bureau agreed to invite the Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF) to the June Plenary.

8.3 Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

The Bureau took note of the state of play of CDMSI comments on a series of PACE recommendations and on CM replies, where appropriate.

8.4 Commissioner of Human Rights

The Bureau noted that the Commissioner of Human Rights' annual report refers to the work of the CDMSI. It suggested that synergies with the Commissioner of Human Rights should be explored in connection with the 2020 Ministerial Conference in Cyprus and that forthcoming exchanges with high level guests should focus on sharing views and ideas on how to improve cooperation. Updates on recent work may be provided in writing.

8.5 Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

The Bureau took note that the CDMSI will be briefed about any relevant activity of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe during the up-coming June Plenary.

8.6 Council of Europe Counter-Terrorism Committee (CDCT)

The Bureau was reminded about the CoE Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2018 - 2022) as approved by the CM on 4 July 2018, including its Activity 1.2, aiming to establish a compilation of best practices based on States' experience on responsible conduct for the media and internet service providers and other relevant actors to prevent the spread of terrorism and its ideology. Following the departure of the former CDMSI focal point to the CDCT, it agreed that the CDMSI should discuss whether a CDMSI delegate should be designated as a new focal point and attend the CDCT's meetings that address freedom of expression related issues. In the positive, the CDMSI should identify the focal point, clarifying the type of work and feed-back that is required.

8.7 Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

The Bureau was informed that the CDDH has completed its work on a "Guide to good national practices on how to reconcile freedom of expression with other rights and freedoms, in culturally diverse societies" and that the report has not yet been circulated.

8.8 European Audio-visual Observatory

The Bureau agreed that a representative of the Observatory be invited to up-date the CDMSI on activities and last developments.

8.9 Participation of CDMSI members in meetings and events

The Bureau noted that the following CDMSI members will brief the CDMSI plenary in June on their participation in events:

- Emir Povelčić (Bosnia-Herzegovina) – on the 4th meeting of the Drafting Group on freedom of expression and links to other human rights (CDDH-EXP) (Strasbourg, 20-21 March 2019);
- Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir – on the conference "Tackling gender stereotypes and sexism" (Helsinki, 28-29 March 2019);
- and the Chair, Thomas Schneider – on the Conference "Governing the Game Changer – Impacts of artificial intelligence development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law" (Helsinki, 26-27 February 2019).

9. Other organisations

9.1 European Union

The Bureau agreed that the Romanian CDMSI delegate should be invited to brief the CDMSI about the up-coming discussion of the EU Council on 23 May on disinformation. It further agreed to invite to the June CDMSI Plenary for an exchange:

- An EU representative responsible for the EU Action Plan on Disinformation
- A representative from the Artificial Intelligence and Digital Industry Directorate (European Commission - DG CONNECT) dealing with the High Level Group on Artificial Intelligence for an information exchange.

9.2 UNESCO

The Bureau took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the UNESCO Internet Universality Indicators project. This project proposes an indicator framework for voluntary assessment by states of their internet environment. The Bureau noted the proximity of the project to the indicators framework contained in the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)5 on Internet Freedom, and opportunities for possible synergies at the implementation stage and that the Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development of UNESCO (Mr Guy Berger), will be invited for an exchange with the CDMSI in the upcoming plenary session.

10. CDMSI work programme and working methods

10.1 Conference of ministers responsible for media and information society (Nicosia, Cyprus, 28-29 May 2020)

The Bureau was informed about the work underway for the 2020 Ministerial Conference, including:

- The finalisation of background papers on the topics that will be addressed at the Ministerial conference ((i) safety of journalists – the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)4 through national action plans, (ii) the changing paradigm in media and information, (iii) AI driven tools in the media and implications on freedom of expression and (iv) Media literacy and community media);
- The drafting of three Ministerial Resolutions by the Drafting Committee. The latter met on 10 April to discuss the three resolutions and suggest improvements as well as to decide on a title for the Ministerial Conference.

It expressed support for:

- The title identified by the Drafting Committee: "Intelligent politics in artificial democracy - A Council of Europe Conference on Freedom of expression";
- The first drafts of the resolutions, suggesting a number of improvements, including the possible proposal of an action plan.

The Bureau was further informed of the next preparatory steps, including:

- The amendment of the Resolutions in light of the discussions held by the Drafting Committee and the Bureau;
- Their circulation to the Drafting Committee for comments and then to the CDMSI once the Resolutions are in a more advanced stage of preparation;
- The drafting of a programme for the Ministerial Conference by the Secretariat and its circulation for comments to the Drafting Group, and, thereafter, to the CDMSI at its June Plenary;
- The drafting of the final declaration ahead of the December plenary.

10.2 Discussion of CDMSI priorities

The Bureau was reminded of the importance of the work carried out for the upcoming Ministerial conference, including the drafting of the Ministerial Resolutions, whose content should be reflected in the CDMSI's terms of reference for the next biennium. Consequently, the Secretariat suggested that CDMSI priorities encompass:

- The impact of digital technologies including different forms of artificial intelligence in the form of a standard-setting instrument or other form of guidance.
- The current Internet Governance Strategy and the forthcoming “Council of Europe Digital Governance Strategy 2020 – 2023” (currently under preparation).
- A CM recommendation “on election communication and media coverage of electoral campaigns” revising and modernising Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)15 “on measures concerning media coverage of election campaigns”, in the light of the acquired influence of social media. This is in line with the instruction given by the Committee of Ministers, in its reply to the PACE Recommendation 2130 (2018) “Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations” of 12 December 2018).
- Work on combating hate speech, that may take the form of a study.
- The strengthening of the implementation pillar of the CDMSI terms of reference, notably in the field of safety of journalists to properly reflect the on-going work in the context of the new implementation strategy and of the ministerial conference.

The Bureau members expressed strong concern that the financial situation of the organisation risks compromising the quality of the work carried out by the CDMSI. In this context, the Bureau underlined the excellence of the standards produced by highly specialised expert committees such as the CDMSI and expressed the wish that the current format is maintained to ensure such quality.

10.3 Evaluation by the Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO)

The Secretariat informed the Bureau about two evaluations by the Directorate of Internal Oversight currently under way:

- the “Council of Europe support to the protection and promotion of freedom of expression”;
- and the “Evaluation of Intergovernmental Committees” in respect of which CDMSI members received the relevant questionnaires.

The Bureau noted that the main criticism levelled by the DIO was the absence of a Council of Europe wide strategy on freedom of expression ensuring coordination and coherence between the work carried out by the different entities of the organisation dealing with freedom of expression. The Bureau noted that the evaluation recommends that such strategy be coordinated by a prospective Freedom of Expression Representative appointed by the Secretary General, or, in its absence, by the Task Force on Freedom of Expression.

11. Election of a new Bureau member

The Bureau noted that the CDMSI will be called to elect a new Bureau member at the June Plenary, whose mandate will expire by the end of 2019.

12. Draft agenda of the 17th CDMSI meeting (3-5 December 2019)

The Bureau approved the draft provisional agenda for the 15th plenary meeting of the CDMSI, which may be completed with emerging issues according to the needs.

13. Any other item

None were reported.

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Appendix II – list of participants

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