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20th meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

(1-3 December 2021, via videoconference)

ABRIDGED MEETING REPORT

(revised)

Meeting details

The CDMSI held its 20th meeting from 1 to 3 December 2021 in a hybrid format, chaired by Ms Inge Welbergen (the Netherlands, Chair).

The CDMSI adopted the agenda as it is set out in Appendix I. The list of participants appears in Appendix II. Gender distribution: 129 participants, 65 men (50%) and 64 women (50%)

List of items for decision by the Committee of Ministers

Take note of the abridged report of the 20th Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) (1-3 December 2021).

For subsequent decision by the Committee of Ministers

Regarding standard-setting activities

The CDMSI

- **approved** the *draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on principles for media and communication governance*, as finalised by the Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF), with a few textual amendments, and agreed that after legal and linguistic checks the text be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption in early 2022;
- **approved** the *draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on electoral communication and media coverage of election campaigns*, as finalised by the Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF), with a few textual amendments, and agreed that after legal and linguistic checks the text be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption in early 2022;
- **approved** the *draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the impacts of digital technologies on freedom of expression*, as finalised by the Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG), with a few textual amendments and

agreed that after legal and linguistic checks the text be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for possible adoption in early 2022.

- In relation to the *Draft Recommendation on combatting hate speech*:
  - **examined** the draft recommendation and its draft explanatory memorandum and agreed to forward the two documents, including a few revisions, to the CDADI for consideration with a view to their subsequent joint approval by the two steering committees;
  - **took note that**, while there was large support for the two drafts as proposed by the ADI-MSI/DIS, one delegation expressed reservations in relation to certain specific aspects in the draft recommendation and explanatory memorandum and proposed further consultations;
  - **instructed** the Chair to attend the CDADI discussion of the drafts on 7 December 2021 and, as part of the joint work on the future recommendation, to inform the CDADI of the outcomes of the CDMSI discussion. The drafts, finalised in the light of the respective discussions, were presented to the CDMSI and CDADI for approval in a joint session on 9 December 2021.
  - **approved** the draft recommendation, and **adopted** its draft explanatory memorandum, by vote (the CDADI vote was held in the joint session held online on 9 December; due to the lack of quorum on 9 December, the CDMSI vote took place after the joint meeting through a written procedure); after legal and linguistic checks the two texts will be submitted, jointly with the CDADI, to the Committee of Ministers in early 2022 (the draft recommendation, for possible adoption; the draft explanatory memorandum, for notification).

List of items for information of the Committee of Ministers

The CDMSI:

Regarding standard-setting activities

- **discussed** and **adopted** the *Guidance note on the prioritisation of public interest content online*;

- **took note** of the report of the fourth meeting of the MSI-REF (23-24 September 2021, via videoconference);
- **took note** of the report of the third meeting of the MSI-DIG (20-21 September 2021, via videoconference);
- **took note** of the report of the fourth meeting of the Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS) (6-7 October 2021 and continued 21-22 October 2021).

Regarding elections

- **elected**
  Mr Taavo Lumiste (Estonia) as Chair of the CDMSI
  Ms Inge Welbergen (the Netherlands) as Vice-Chair of the CDMSI

- **elected** five CDMSI Bureau members for the forthcoming terms of reference of the CDMSI:
  Mr Skender Adem (Slovenia) - for a one-year term
  Mr Marius Jitea (Romania)
  Mr Emir Povlakic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
  Mr Thomas Schneider (Switzerland)
  Ms Maja Zaric (Serbia).

- **appointed** member States' representatives in the three new committees of experts subordinate to the CDMSI:

  For the Committee of Experts on the Integrity of Online Information (**MSI-INF**):
  Ms Roxana Clinciu (Romania)
  Mr Andrin Eichin (Switzerland)
  Ms Puck Gorrissen (the Netherlands)
  Ms Beth Lambert (United Kingdom)
  Mr Hrvoje Lisicar (Croatia)
  Ms Marie Masdupuy (France)

Ms Malgorzata Pek (Poland).

For the Committee of Experts on Increasing Resilience of Media (**MSI-RES**):
Ms Ludmila Andronic (Republic of Moldova)
Ms Luisa Braun (Germany)
Ms Elda Brogi (Italy)
Ms Roxana Clinciu (Romania)
Ms Maria Donde (United Kingdom)
Mr Mikhail Konrad (Russian Federation)
Mr R. L. Vreekamp (the Netherlands).

For the Committee of Experts on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (**MSI-SLP**):
Ms Alina Barbu (Romania)
Ms Beatrice Brown (United Kingdom)
Mr Hrvoje Lisicar (Croatia)
Mr Tarlach McGonagle (the Netherlands)
Mr Alexey Nikolov (Russian Federation)
Ms Karmen Turk (Estonia).
In order to fill one remaining seat, the CDMSI extended the call for candidates until 10th December.

- **entrusted** the newly elected Bureau with the appointment of a CDMSI gender equality rapporteur and a youth and children's rights rapporteur, as well as of a liaison person of the CDMSI for the newly established Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI).

Regarding applications for observer status

- **approved,** following a presentation and an exchange with the organisation's representatives, on a round of questions, the applications for observer status of
  - the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF) and
  - the News Media Coalition (NMC).

Regarding review of progress

- **welcomed** the presentation by Ms Isabelle Servoz-Gallucci, Head of Unit, Data Protection, on the current Council of Europe work on data protection, namely on the adoption by the Committee of Convention 108 of Guidelines on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data by and for Political Campaigns.
- **welcomed** the presentation by Mr Alexander Seger, Head of Cybercrime Division - Secretary to T-CY, on the current Council of Europe work on Cybercrime, and particularly on the recent adoption by the Committee of Ministers of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced cooperation and disclosure of electronic evidence.
- **welcomed** the presentation by Mr Shahin Abbasov, Project manager at the Co-operation on Freedom of Expression, Division, on the past and current Council of Europe assistance and cooperation activities on freedom of expression.
- **welcomed** the presentation of Ms Ana Medarska Lazova, Deputy Head of HELP Unit (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals), Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), on the implementation of freedom of expression related HELP online courses in member states;
- **welcomed** the information provided by Mr Thomas Schneider, Vice-Chair of the CDMSI, liaison person with CAHAI, and of Mr Kristian Bartholin, Secretary of CAHAI - Head of Digital Development Unit, on the latest developments in the work of CAHAI, namely the recent adoption by the CAHAI of the document on possible elements of a legal framework on artificial intelligence, based on the Council of Europe's standards on human rights, democracy and the rule of law, which will be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for their consideration.
- **expressed concern** that the draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age was still pending for adoption by the Committee of Ministers and, despite efforts made to advance the adoption process, was not scheduled for discussion by the

ministers' deputies at the upcoming meetings; took note of recent steps taken in this regard, in particular, the call addressed by the *Group of Friends on Safety of Journalists and Media Freedom* to the Committee of Ministers to take steps towards the adoption of the instrument without further delay; the members were invited by the Chair and Vice Chair to make all efforts possible at national level to encourage support for the adoption of the recommendation by the Committee of Ministers.
- **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat on the work of the Council of Europe *Task Force on Freedom of Expression and Media* and on the Secretary General's upcoming regular report on freedom information.

Regarding the Conference of Ministers responsible for media and information society (10-11 June 2021)

- **held an exchange of views** on the Conference of ministers responsible for Media and Information Society on '*Artificial intelligence – Intelligent Politics: challenges and opportunities for media and democracy'*, which led to the adoption of four Conference resolutions and a Final Declaration;.
- **took note** of the information provided by Mr Penninckx, Head of Information Society Department, on the Report of the Secretary General on the Ministerial Conference proposing conclusions from the Conference and a number of decisions intended to guide future Council of Europe's work in the field of freedom of expression, as well as of related decisions adopted by the Committee of Ministers;
- Held a preliminary exchange on the steps necessary for the implementation of the decisions contained in the Conference resolutions and the Final Declaration and the role entrusted to the CDMSI by the Committee of Ministers in this regard;
- **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat regarding the state of advancement of the implementation of the conclusions of the Conference and necessary future steps.

Regarding activities in the field of internet/digital governance

- **exchanged views** with Ambassador Rasmus Lumi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe, Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), on the importance of a coordinated approach in the Council of Europe on all matters related to information and communication, especially in the light of the digital transformation and its impacts on all spheres including information and communication;
- **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat on the Participation of the Council of Europe in EuroDIG 2021, the planned participation in the IGF 2021, and **discussed** conferences and events recently organised (International symposium on 'Human rights in the digital sphere' on 18 October, AI Conference 'Current and Future Challenges of coordinated policies on AI regulation' on 26 October and planned events for 2022, such as a Conference co-organised with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) on the role of public service media.

Regarding information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies

- **welcomed** the presentation by Ms Susanne Nikoltchev, Executive Director of the European Audiovisual Observatory and of Ms Emmanuelle Machet, Head of the Secretary the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), on the latest developments in the European Audiovisual field.
- **welcomed** the information provided by Mr Stefano Montanari, Adviser at the Secretariat of the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights, on the recent work of the Commissioner on freedom of expression and media freedom with regard to country-thematic work, thematic work and awareness-raising.

Regarding the co-operation with EU institutions on issues of common interest

- **held an exchange of views with Ms Anna Herold**, Head of Unit, Audiovisual and Media Services Policy, DG CONNECT, European Commission, on the latest developments within the EU on media freedom and media pluralism and **exchanged views** on how to enhance cooperation and synergies in relation to important ongoing/pending standard setting processes in the EU and COE, more specifically:

- the European Commission *Recommendation on ensuring safety of journalists in the European Union* and the next steps planned for the European Commission;
- the issues to be addressed in the future EU Media Freedom Act and its interplay with the Digital Services Act;
- the synergies between the EU and Council of Europe's relevant work and instruments, in particular those being finalised by the CDMSI during the present session.

Regarding prospects for future work

- **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat on the future terms of reference for the CDMSI (CM(2021)131-addfinal), prepared for the new period of reference of four years (2022-2025), and the three committees of experts subordinate to the CDMSI approved for the first biennium (2022-2023): the Committee of experts on increasing resilience of media (MSI-RES); the Committee of Experts on the integrity of online information (MSI-INF); and, the Committee of experts on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (MSI-SLP).

Regarding recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression

- **welcomed** and **discussed** recent country specific developments in the field of freedom of expression in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, the Netherlands, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

Next meeting

- **agreed** to hold its next Plenary meeting on 1-3 June 2022. The format (online/hybrid) will be decided closer to the date, depending on the circumstances.

Other Business

- No additional issue was raised.

The CDMSI **adopted the present abridged meeting report**. A statement related to the draft Recommendation on combating hate speech, subsequently submitted by one delegation, will be appended to the full meeting report (CDMSI(2022)001).

APPENDIX 1

Agenda

1-3 December 2021
Strasbourg, ECHR seminar room - hybrid meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

3. Conference of Ministers responsible for Media and Information Society (10-11 June 2021) - Follow-up action

4. Internet/Digital Governance
   - 4.1 Exchange of views with the Council of Europe Thematic Coordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), Amb. Rasmus Lumi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe
   - 4.2 Recent and upcoming events

5. Standard setting
   - 5.1 Committee of Experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF)
   - 5.2 Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG)
   - 5.3 Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS)

6. Applications for observer status
   - 6.1 Application by the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF)
   - 6.2 Application by the News Media Coalition (NMC)

7. Information on the election of the CDMSI Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members and on the elections of members of the committees of experts subordinate to the CDMSI representing the member States

8. Recent country-specific developments in the field of freedom of expression

9. Applications for observer status – decision

10. Prospects for future work. Future Terms of reference of the CDMSI and its expert committees

11. Elections
    - 11.1 Elections of the CDMSI Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members
    - 11.2 Elections of experts proposed by member states as members of the three Committees of experts subordinate to the CDMSI:
      - Committee of Experts on the Integrity of Online Information (MSI-INF)
      - Committee of Experts on Increasing Resilience of Media (MSI-RES)
      - Committee of Experts on Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation (MSI-SLP)
    - 11.3 Appointment of a CDMSI gender equality rapporteur and a youth and children's rights rapporteur and of a liaison person of the CDMSI for the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI)

12. Co-operation with EU institutions on issues of common interest
13. Review of progress
    - 13.1 Council of Europe work on data protection
    - 13.2 Developments related to the draft Recommendation on promoting a favourable environment for quality journalism in the digital age
    - 13.3 Council of Europe work on combating cybercrime
    - 13.4 Council of Europe Assistance and Cooperation activities on freedom of expression
    - 13.5 Implementation of freedom of expression related HELP online courses in member states

14. Information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies
    - 14.1 European Audiovisual Observatory
    - 14.2 Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
    - 14.3 Latest information from other Council of Europe institutions and bodies

15. Latest developments in the work of CAHAI

16. Participation in past and future events of relevance for the CDMSI

17. Information on the Task force on Freedom of Expression

18. Date and place of next meeting

19. Other business

20. Approval of the abridged meeting report

APPENDIX 2

List of participants / *Liste de participants*

Total number of participants: 129 / Nombre total des participants : 129
Gender distribution: 65 men (50%) / 64 women (50%)
Parité entre hommes : 65 hommes (50%) / 64 femmes (50%)

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