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(CDDH)

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE SYSTEM
OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

(DH-SYSC)

MEETING REPORT / *RAPPORT DE RÉUNION*

7th meeting / 7^{ème} réunion

Strasbourg, 24 June / *juin* 2025

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda	1. Ouverture de la réunion et adoption de l'ordre du jour
1. The Committee of Experts on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights (DH-SYSC) held its seventh meeting on 24 June 2025. The list of participants appears in Appendix I. 2. The Chairperson, John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT (Ireland), opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. 3. The Group adopted the agenda, as it appears in Appendix II.	1. Le Comité d'experts sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme (DH-SYSC) tient sa septième réunion le 24 juin 2025. La liste des participants figure à l'annexe I. 2. Le Président, John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT (Irlande), ouvre la réunion et souhaite la bienvenue aux participants. 3. Le groupe adopte l'ordre du jour figurant à l'annexe II.
2. Conference on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights: Responding to New Trends and Challenges	2. Conférence sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme : répondre aux nouvelles tendances et aux nouveaux défis
4. The DH-SYSC held a conference titled “the System of the European Convention on Human Rights: Responding to New Trends and Challenges”. The programme of the conference appears in Appendix III. 5. The Secretariat will prepare written proceedings of the conference for distribution in advance of the next meeting of the DH-SYSC or the CDDH, whichever is the earlier.	4. Le DH-SYSC tient une conférence intitulée « Le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme : répondre aux nouvelles tendances et aux nouveaux défis ». Le programme de la conférence figure à l'annexe III. 5. Le Secrétariat préparera les actes de la conférence afin de les publier avant la prochaine réunion du DH-SYSC ou du CDDH, selon celle qui aura lieu en premier.
3. Other business	3. Questions diverses
6. None.	6. Néant.
4. Adoption of the meeting report	4. Adoption du rapport de réunion
7. The DH-SYSC adopted the present meeting report.	7. Le DH-SYSC adopte le présent rapport de réunion.
5. Closing of the meeting	5. Fin de la réunion

Appendix I**List of participants****MEMBERS / MEMBRES**

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Appendix II**Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda	1. Ouverture de la réunion et adoption de l'ordre du jour
DH-SYSC(2025)OJ1 – Draft agenda	DH-SYSC(2025)OJ1 – Projet d'ordre du jour
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DH-SYSC(2025)03 – Conference on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights: Responding to New Trends and Challenges	DH-SYSC(2025)03 – Conférence sur le système de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme : répondre aux nouvelles tendances et aux nouveaux défis
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Appendix III

Programme of the conference on the System of the European Convention on Human Rights: Responding to New Trends and Challenges

Tuesday 24 June 2025

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome address - Krista OINONEN, Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) - Daniele CANGEMI, Head of the Department of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation standard-setting activities, Council of Europe
10:15 – 11:30	SESSION 1 New trends in litigation before the European Court of Human Rights - Ed BATES, Associate Professor, Leicester Law School, University of Leicester - Lətif HÜSEYNOV, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect of Azerbaijan - Isabella RISINI, Professor at Technische Hochschule Georg Agricola - Isabelle NIEDLISPACHER, Agent to the European Court of Human Rights for the Government of Belgium - Jenny SANDVIG, Partner, SVW, former Policy Director at the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution - Abel CAMPOS, Deputy Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights
11:45 – 13:00	SESSION 2 Challenges and opportunities in the Court's use of new technologies - Tim KOLK (Estonia), Member of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) in respect of Estonia, CDDH thematic rapporteur on human rights and artificial intelligence - Klaudiusz RYNGIELEWICZ, Director of filtering and support services, European Court of Human Rights - Mateja ĐUROVIĆ, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights elected in respect of Serbia - Veronika FIKFAK, Professor of Human Rights and International Law at University College London, School of Public Policy and a co-Director of the UCL Institute for Human Rights - Matthieu QUINIOU, Avocat, member of the CEPEJ (European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice) Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (AIAB), Chair of UNESCO ITEN
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 – 15:30	SESSION 3 (Panel 1) The European Court of Human Rights in 2025 and Beyond (Open Forum)

- Tonje MEINICH (Norway), Vice-chairperson of the CDDH, Chair of the 46+1 ad hoc negotiation group on the Accession of the EU to the ECHR
- Alex TALLON, Vice-President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- Babette KOOPMAN, Agent to the European Court of Human Rights for the Government of the Netherlands, member of the CDDH
- Philip LEACH, Professor of Human Rights Law, Middlesex University London

15:20 – 15:35

Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30

SESSION 3 (Panel 2) | The European Court of Human Rights in 2025 and Beyond (Open Forum)

- Ioulietta BISIOULI, Director, European Implementation Network (EIN)
- Marius EMBERLAND, Professor, Department of Law and Governance, Norwegian Business School
- Vassilis TZEVELEKOS, Reader in Law (Associate Professor) at Liverpool University School of Law and Social Justice, Co-Editor-in-Chief of The European Convention on Human Rights Law Review

16:30 – 17:00

Closing session

- John Finbarr (Barra) LYSAGHT, Chair of the DH-SYSC