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**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
IN THE FIELDS OF BIOMEDICINE AND HEALTH (CDBIO)**

**7th meeting**

**3-5 June 2025**

Room G01, Agora building, Strasbourg, France

Draft Agenda/Draft Order of Business

**Decision to be taken:**

- **Agreement on the White paper on equitable and timely access to appropriate innovative treatments and technologies in healthcare with a view to its publication**

**Guidance to be given on:**

- **The draft Strategic Action Plan (2026-2030) with a view to its finalisation and adoption at the 8th plenary meeting (November 2025)**
- **The draft programme for the Workshop on human rights and neurotechnologies with a view to its finalisation and identification of speakers**

**Designation of:**

- **An expert to participate in the Drafting Group on human rights in drug policies (DH-PDA)**
- **A CDBIO representative in the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)**

**Information to be provided on:**

- **Impact of the activities carried out under the SAP (2020-2025) in the member States**

## LIST OF ITEMS

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Neurotechnologies and human rights**
3. **Equitable and timely access to appropriate innovative treatments and technologies in healthcare**
4. **Strategic Action Plan**
  - a. **SAP (2020-2025)**
    - Impact assessment
    - Final report
  - b. **Preparation of SAP (2026-2030)**
5. **Artificial Intelligence**
6. **Other business**
  - a. Human rights and drug policies
  - b. Human rights in mental healthcare
  - c. Session on “Children’s participation in decisions about their health” of the Mid-Term Review Conference of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) follow-up
  - d. Action Plan Armenia
  - e. Organ transplantation
7. **Dates of the next meetings**
8. **Adoption of decisions taken at the 7th plenary meeting**



### Points for information to be dealt only in writing

9. Developments relevant to human rights in the fields of biomedicine and health
10. Chart of signatures and ratifications of the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, the Protocol on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings, the Protocol concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin, the Protocol concerning Biomedical Research and the Protocol concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes
11. Cooperation with other committees

**Tuesday 3 June 2025 (09.30-18.00)**

**Allocution by Rafael Benitez  
Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment, DGI**

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

- New CDBIO members invited to introduce themselves
- Reminder about the main decisions to be taken during the meeting

**Essential documents**

*CDBIO(2025)OT+OJ1PROV2*

*Draft Order of Business and Draft Agenda*

[CDBIO/BU RAP\(2025\)1](#)

*Meeting Report of the Bureau (Strasbourg, 2-4 April 2025)*

[CDBIO/RAP6](#)

*Meeting Report of the 6th CDBIO meeting (Strasbourg, 26-28 November 2024)*

**2. Neurotechnologies and human rights**

Objectives:

- *Discussion on the proposal for a workshop made by the Preparatory group with a view to its finalisation*

**Essential document**

[CDBIO\(2025\)6](#)

*Draft concept note and programme for the workshop on human rights and neurotechnologies*

**Useful documents**

[CDBIO\(2025\)4](#)

*ECtHR Case Law in relation with document "Neurotech HR challenges table"*

[CDBIO\(2024\)23](#)

*Concept note on the Seminar on human rights legal framework and neurotechnologies*

[CDBIO\(2024\)16](#)

*Analysis of the existing European human rights framework concerning the human rights issues raised by neurotechnologies and their applications by Prof. Roberto Andorno (CH), Rapporteur*

	<p><b>3. Equitable and timely access to appropriate innovative treatments and technologies in healthcare</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Examination of a revised draft White Paper with a view to its finalisation - Dissemination strategy – Possible follow up action(s)</i></p>	
	<b>Essential document</b>	
	<a href="#">CDBIO(2024)18 REV</a>	<i>Revised draft White Paper</i>
	<b>Useful documents</b>	
	<i>CDBIO(2024)25</i>	<i>Comments on the draft White Paper</i>
	<a href="#">CDBIO(2024)18</a>	<i>Draft White Paper</i>
	<a href="#">CDBIO/ITT(2024)RAP2</a>	<i>Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Drafting Group meeting (Paris, 23-24 September 2024)</i>
	<a href="#">CDBIO(2024)14</a>	<i>Comments from the CD-P-TO on the Outline of a draft White Paper</i>
	<a href="#">CDBIO(2023)29</a>	<i>Note of the Bureau</i>
	<a href="#">CDBIO(2023)25</a>	<i>Discussion paper on equitable access and timely access to appropriate innovative treatments and technologies in healthcare</i>
	<a href="#">CM/Rec (2023)1 on equitable access to medicinal products and medical equipment in a situation of shortage</a>	
	<a href="#">Explanatory memorandum to CM/Rec(2023)1</a>	

Wednesday 4 June 2025 (09.30-18.00)

#### 4. Strategic Action Plan

##### a. SAP (2020-2025)

*Objective: Preparation of an impact assessment of the SAP, to be integrated in the Final report*

##### b. Preparation of SAP (2026-2030)

*Objective: Discussion on the draft SAP (2026-2030) to give guidance to the Drafting Group with a view to the finalisation and adoption at the 8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*

#### Essential documents

[CDBIO\(2025\)2](#)

*Concept note on the Impact in member states of the strategic action plan on human rights and technologies in biomedicine (2020-2025)*

[CDBIO\(2025\)7](#)

*Draft CDBIO Strategic Action Plan (2026-2030)*

#### Useful documents

[CDBIO\(2025\)1](#)

*CDBIO comments on missions and strategic objectives for the new SAP*

[CDBIO draft Action Plan Outline](#) (PPT presentation)

[CDBIO\(2025\)3](#)

*Draft elements prepared by the Secretariat*

[CDBIO\(2023\)5](#)

*SAP I Mid-term report*

Thursday 5 June 2025 (09.00-12.30)

## 5. Artificial Intelligence

### Objectives:

- Summary of the outcome of the conference held in Helsinki on 21 May 2025
- Update on the CoE work in relation to the CoE Convention on AI

### Essential document

[CDBIO\(2025\)9](#)

Summary of the conference on AI healthcare and human rights

### Useful documents

Web page of the conference

[Programme of the conference on AI enabled healthcare and human rights](#)

Report web page

[Artificial Intelligence - Human Rights and Biomedicine \(coe.int\)](#)

[Artificial intelligence and human rights](#)

## 6. Other business

### a. Human Rights and drug policies

Objective: Designation of an expert to participate in the work of the DH-PDA

In charge of developing a draft Recommendation on bringing human rights to the heart of drug and addiction policies

### b. Human rights in mental health care

Objective: Update on the examination process of the legal instruments by the Committee of Ministers

### c. Session on “Children’s participation in decisions about their health” of the Mid-Term Review Conference of the Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027) follow-up

Objective: Summary of the outcome of the session held in Strasbourg on 4 April 2025

### d. Action Plan Armenia

Objectives: - Information on the progress made in the cooperation activities




- Presentation by the Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO) of the Evaluation report of the cooperation project on “human rights in Biomedicine”

### e. Organ transplantation

Objective: Designation of a CDBIO representative in the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)

<b>Useful documents</b>	
a. Web page of the TOR	<a href="#">Terms of reference of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies</a>
a. DH-PDA(2025)OJ1	Draft agenda of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting (1-2 July 2025) of the drafting Committee on human rights and drug policies (DH-PDA)
b. <a href="#">CDBIO(2025)5</a>	Committee of Ministers' decisions on Draft Additional Protocol concerning the protection of the human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare and on Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2025)... on respect for autonomy in mental healthcare
c.	<a href="#">Child-friendly summary of the Guide to children's participation in decisions about their health</a>
c. Web page of the Session	<a href="#">Programme of the session on children participation held on 4 April 2025</a>
c. Web version of the Guide	<a href="#">Children's participation in decisions about their health - Human Rights and Biomedicine (coe.int)</a>
d.	<a href="#">Evaluation report of the cooperation on human rights in biomedicine in Armenia</a>
d.	<a href="#">Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova 2025-2028 and Press release</a>
d.	<a href="#">Action Plan for Georgia 2024-2027</a>
d.	<a href="#">Action Plan for Ukraine 2023-2026</a>
e.	<a href="#">CD-P-TO terms of reference</a>
<b>7. Dates of the next meetings</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDBIO: 18-21 November 2025, Strasbourg (Workshop on human rights and neurotechnologies on 18 November)</li> <li>○ 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CDBIO: 2-5 June 2026, Strasbourg</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Adoption of decisions taken by the CDBIO at its 7th meeting</b>	
<u>Objective:</u> Approval of the abridged meeting report	

## POINTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN WRITING

	<p><b>9. Developments in the field of bioethics</b></p> <p>Delegations, including observers, are invited to send information in writing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Developments in member states and other states</li> <li>b. Developments in the field of bioethics in international organisations</li> <li>c. Developments in other Council of Europe bodies</li> <li>d. Developments at the European Court of Human Rights</li> <li>e. Developments in the field of bioethics in the Decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</li> </ol>										
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CDENF	<a href="#"><u>Terms of reference</u></a>	
CDCJ	<a href="#"><u>Terms of reference</u></a>	

<b>DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATE BY DELEGATIONS</b>		
Delegations are invited to provide where appropriate updated information of the following documents		
	<a href="#"><u>Updated Questionnaire on Medically Assisted Procreation (MAP). Replies of delegations</u></a>	
	<a href="#"><u>Replies to the questionnaire on surrogacy</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>CDBIO/INF(2024)12</u></a>	<i>Background document on preimplantation and prenatal genetic testing-legislation</i>	
<a href="#"><u>CDBIO(2024)21</u></a>	<i>Legislative developments on nuclear transfer and their relationship with Article 18.2 of the Convention</i>	

<b>USEFUL DOCUMENTS FOR SEVERAL ITEMS</b>		
<a href="#"><u>CDBIO/RAP6</u></a>	<i>Meeting report of the 6th CDBIO meeting (Strasbourg, 26-28 November 2024)</i>	
<a href="#"><u>CDBIO/BU RAP(2025)1</u></a>	<i>Meeting Report of the Bureau (Strasbourg, 2-4 April 2025)</i>	

## GENERAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR REFERENCE

		<a href="#"><i>Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)</i></a>
	<a href="#"><i>CM/Res(2021)3</i></a>	<i>Resolution on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>
	<a href="#"><i>CDBIO/INF(2025)1</i></a>	<i>Information document on the CDBIO</i>
	<a href="#"><i>CDBIO/INF(2023)2</i></a>	<i>Texts of the Council of Europe on bioethical matters, Volume I</i>
	<a href="#"><i>CDBIO/INF(2023)2</i></a>	<i>Texts of the Council of Europe on bioethical matters, Volume II</i>
<i>Please click on the respective link to open the Convention and its Protocols</i>		<a href="#"><i>Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS 164)</i></a>
		<a href="#"><i>Explanatory Report to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine</i></a>
		<a href="#"><i>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings (ETS 168)</i></a>
		<a href="#"><i>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (ETS 186)</i></a>
		<a href="#"><i>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Biomedical Research (CETS 195)</i></a>
		<a href="#"><i>Additional Protocol concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes (CETS 203)</i></a>