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

9th meeting

2-5 June 2026

Abridged report¹

¹ The full report of the meeting, including the list of participants, is available from the Secretariat (doc. CDBIO/RAP9).

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO) held its 9th meeting in Strasbourg from 2 to 5 June 2026. The meeting was chaired by Tomas Dolezal (Czechia).

The agenda of the meeting is contained in the Appendix.

List of items for information of the Committee of Ministers:

The CDBIO:

- Invited delegations to express their interest, by 30 June 2026, with a view to the designation of one member to participate in the Drafting Committee on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions (BIO-ALN);
- Exchanged information and views with Ms Aiofe Nolan, President of the Social Rights Committee and identified topics of common interest, namely in the context of the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030);
- Approved, with some modifications, the action proposed for the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030);
- Discussed the report of the workshop on neurotechnologies and human rights held on 18 November 2026 prepared by the rapporteurs of the CDBIO, the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and the Committee of the Parties to Convention 108 (T-PD), and agree to draw attention of all the relevant committees on its conclusions, including those concerning Article 9 of the Convention on Human Rights on freedom of thought, conscience and religion;
- Approved, subject to possible complementary suggestions by delegations by 12 June 2026, the document clarifying the respective role of thematic rapporteur, as well as representative of the CDBIO and expert designated by the CDBIO to participate in work carried in other committees;
- Took note of information concerning the Coalition for Health Literacy and Human Rights and the preparation of the High-Level Conference on Health Literacy to be held in Rome (Italy), on 4 December 2026;
- Was informed about progress made in the work carried out by the Committee of experts on access to origins (CJ-OR), the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA), and the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO), as well as the results achieved in the cooperation project under the Armenia Action Plan;
- Agreed to invite the Chair of the CD-P-TO at its next plenary meeting for an exchange on issues of common interests;
- Took note of information about the HUDERIA academy session focusing on Health to be organized on 21-23 September 2026, at the Council of Europe Office, in Paris, with the support of the Alan Turing Institute and in cooperation with the OECD Committee on Health;
- Participated in the Technical Dialogue on social media and children mental health, organized in cooperation with the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) under the auspices of Monaco Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, and then proceed to an

exchange with experts and young people on the Ethical and human rights implications for young people's health and well-being of conversational AI applications;

- Agreed to hold the next meetings on:
 - o 10th plenary meeting: 1-4 December 2026, in Rome (High Level conference on Health Literacy on 4 December 2026)
 - o 11th plenary meeting: 1-4 June 2027, in Strasbourg
- Adopted, by written procedure, the decisions of its 9th meeting.

Appendix Agenda

Tuesday 2 June 2026 (14.30-18.00) Room G01, Agora	
	1. Opening and adoption of the draft agenda - o New CDBIO members invited to introduce themselves - o Reminder about the main decisions to be taken during the meeting
	2. Draft Recommendation on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions <i>Objective: Designation of an expert to participate in the Drafting Committee</i>
	3. European Social Charter <i>Objective: Sharing information on respective work of common relevance and identify possible avenue(s) for cooperation</i> o Exchange with Aiofe Nolan, Chair of the Social Rights Committee
	8. Other business a. Access to origins <i>Objective: Brief report on the outcome of the meeting of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR)</i> In charge of developing a draft Recommendation on access to origin for children born out of gametes/embryo donation b. Human Rights and drug policies <i>Objective: Brief report on the outcome of the last meeting of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA)</i> In charge of developing a draft Recommendation on bringing human rights to the heart of drug and addiction policies c. Organ transplantation <i>Objective: Brief report on the last meeting of the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)</i>

	d. Human rights in mental health care <u>Objectives:</u> - Update on the examination process of the draft legal instruments by the Committee of Ministers - Update on HELP course on mental health and human rights
Wednesday 3 June 2026 (09.30-18.00) Room G01, Agora	
	4. Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030) <u>Objective:</u> Agreement on the actions for the implementation of the Strategic Plan
	5. Neurotechnologies and human rights <u>Objective:</u> Presentation of the report of the workshop on neurotechnologies and human rights
	6. Rapporteur, representative and experts <u>Objectives:</u> Definition of respective role and responsibilities Designation of a rapporteur on patients' rights
	8. Other business e. Health literacy <u>Objectives:</u> - Information on the side event on Health Literacy: Strengthening the relationship between institutions and people to the High-Level Conference on Social Rights in Chisinau (Moldova), 18 March 2026 - Information on the Coalition on health literacy and human rights - Information on the High-Level Conference on Health literacy, Rome, 4 December 2026 f. Action Plan Armenia <u>Objective:</u> Information on the progress made in the cooperation activities g. Huderia Academy for Health <u>Objective:</u> Information on the event on 21-23 September 2026 in Paris, which aims to promote a better understanding and application of AI systems as they

	relate to health with a view to building the capacities of health systems to better identify and mitigate risks.
Thursday 4 June 2026 (09.00-18.00) Room 9, Palais de l'Europe	
	<u>Technical dialogue on social media and children's mental health,</u> organised by CDENF in cooperation with the CDBIO, under the auspices of Monaco Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
Friday 5 June 2026 (9.00-12.30) Room 9, Palais de l'Europe	
	7. Conversational AI Applications - Ethical and human rights implications for young people's health and well-being <i>Objectives:</i> Exchange with experts and representative of young people with a view to contribute to the implementation of objective 6.2 of the Strategic Plan
	9. Dates of the next meetings - o 10th meeting of the CDBIO: 1-4 December 2026, Rome - o 11th meeting of the CDBIO: June 2027, Oviedo (tbc)
	10. Adoption of decisions taken by the CDBIO at its 9th meeting <i>Objective:</i> Approval of the abridged meeting report