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

9th meeting

2-5 June 2026

Room G01, Agora building, Strasbourg (2-3 June)

Room 9, Palais de l'Europe (main building), Strasbourg (4-5 June)

Thematic dialogue on Social Media and Children's Mental Health (4 June, Room 9)

Preliminary Draft Agenda/Draft Order of Business

Decisions:

- o **Approval of the action proposals for the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)**
- o **Designation of an expert to become member of the Drafting Committee on risks and harms of online and digital addictions (BIO-ALN)**
- o **Subject to the approval of the action proposals under the Strategic Plan:**
 - o **Setting up of:**
 - o **a Preparatory Group for the 30th anniversary of the Oviedo Convention**
 - o **a Working Group for the re-examination of the Additional Protocol on genetic testing for health purposes**
 - o **a Drafting Group for the development of the dissemination and communication strategies of the CDBIO**
 - o **Designation of a rapporteur on patients' rights**
- o **Adoption of the decisions taken at the 9th plenary meeting**

LIST OF ITEMS

1. **Opening and adoption of the agenda**
2. **Draft Recommendation on Risks and Harms of Online Digital Addictions**
 - o Designation of an expert to participate in the Working Group
3. **European Social Charter**
 - o Exchange with Aiofe Nolan, Chair of the Social Rights Committee
4. **Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)**
 - o Action proposals for the implementation of the Strategic Plan
5. **Neurotechnologies and human rights**
 - o Report of the workshop
6. **Rapporteur, representative and experts**
 - o Definition of respective role and responsibilities
 - o Designation of a rapporteur on patients' rights
7. **Conversational AI Applications. Ethical and human rights implications for young people's health and well-being**
8. **Other business**
 - a. Access to origins (CJ-OR)
 - b. Human rights and drug policies (DH-PDA)
 - c. Organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)
 - d. Human rights in mental healthcare
 - e. Health literacy
 - f. Armenia Action Plan
 - g. Huderia Academy for Health
9. **Dates of the next meetings**
10. **Adoption of decisions taken at the 9th plenary meeting**

Points for information to be dealt only in writing

11. Developments relevant to human rights in the fields of biomedicine and health
12. 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
13. Cooperation with other committees

Tuesday 2 June 2026 (14.30-18.00)
Room G01, Agora

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	Fact sheet Rights of older people	https://rm.coe.int/prems-013225-gbr-2005-factsheet-on-older-persons-a5-charter-a5-web-fin/488029ae10
	8. Other business a. Access to origins <i>Objective:</i> Brief report on the outcome of the meeting of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR) 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:</i> Brief report on the outcome of the last meeting of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA) In charge of developing a draft Recommendation on bringing human rights to the heart of drug and addiction policies c. Organ transplantation <i>Objective:</i> Brief report on the last meeting of the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO) d. Human rights in mental health care <i>Objectives:</i> - 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	
Useful documents		
a.	CJ-OR(2025)01	Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on Access to Origins (CJ-OR)
a.	CJ-OR(2026)02	Report of the 3 rd CJ-OR meeting (24-26 March 2026)
b.	CDDH(2025)06	Terms of reference of the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA)
c.	DH-PDA(2026)R3	Report of the 3 rd DH-PDA meeting (19–20 May 2026)
c.		CD-P-TO terms of reference (new ToR proposed)
c.	PA/PH/TO (25) 31 DEF	Report of the CD-P-TO meeting (9-10 October 2025, Kalamata, Greece)
d.	CDBIO(2025)5	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

Wednesday 3 June 2026 (09.30-18.00)

Room G01, Agora

4. Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)

Objective: Agreement on the actions for the implementation of the Strategic Plan

Essential documents

[CDBIO\(2026\)6](#)

Action proposals

[CDBIO\(2026\)9](#)

Strategic Plan timeline 2026-2030: Gantt chart

Useful documents

[CDBIO\(2026\)1REV](#)

Proposals of CDBIO delegations for possible actions

[CDBIO\(2025\)18](#)

CDBIO Strategic Plan for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health: Keeping Human Rights at the Core of Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)

[CDBIO/BU RAP\(2025\)2](#)

Working methods, see §26 of the Meeting Report of the Bureau (Paris, 16-17 October 2025)

5. Neurotechnologies and human rights

Objective: Presentation of the report of the workshop on neurotechnologies and human rights

Essential documents

[CDBIO\(2026\)3](#)

Report of the rapporteurs for the Workshop on neurotechnologies and human rights

[Neurotechnologies - Human Rights and Biomedicine](#)

6. Rapporteur, representative and experts

Objectives: Definition of respective role and responsibilities
Designation of a rapporteur on patients' rights

Essential document

[CDBIO\(2026\)7](#)

Rapporteurs, representatives and experts

Useful document

[CM/Res\(2021\)3](#)

Resolution on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods



8. Other business

e. Health literacy

Objectives:

- 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

Objective: Information on the progress made in the cooperation activities

g. Huderia Academy for Health

Objective: 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.

Useful documents	
e.	Side event on Health Literacy: Strengthening the relationship between institutions and people (Chisinau, 18 March 2026)
e.	Conference on Health Literacy and Human Rights - Listening and empowering people to build trust (Rome, 5 December 2025)
e.	Action Plan for the Republic of Moldova 2025-2028 and Press release
f.	Cooperation in Armenia - Human Rights and Biomedicine
f.	Evaluation report of the cooperation on human rights in biomedicine in Armenia
f.	Achievements of the Cooperation Project “Protection of Human Rights in Biomedicine”

Thursday 4 June 2026 (09.00-18.00)

Room 9, Palais de l'Europe

Technical dialogue on social media and children's mental health,
organised by CDENF in cooperation with the CDBIO,
under the auspices of Monaco Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

Essential documents

[Concept note](#)

[Background note](#)

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

Objectives: Exchange with experts and representative of young people with a view to contribute to the implementation of objective 6.2 of the Strategic Plan

Essential document

[Programme of the working session on Conversational AI applications](#)

Useful documents

[CDBIO\(2025\)16](#)

Integration of a youth perspective and cooperation with the youth advisory council and wider community from Mark Bale, Rapporteur

[CDBIO\(2025\)18](#)

Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030)

10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth: [Final Declaration](#)

10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth: [Resolution on the Council of Europe Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective](#)

	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><u>Objective:</u> Approval of the abridged meeting report</i>

POINTS TO BE DEALT WITH IN WRITING

	11. Developments in the field of bioethics Delegations, including observers, are invited to send information in writing. a. Developments in member states and other states b. Developments in the field of bioethics in international organisations c. Developments in other Council of Europe bodies d. Developments at the European Court of Human Rights e. Developments in the field of bioethics in the Decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)	
	Essential documents	
	a. CDBIO/INF(2026)4	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in member states and other states</i>
	b. CDBIO/INF(2026)5	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in international organisations</i>
	c. CDBIO(2026)8	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in other Council of Europe bodies</i>
	d. CDBIO/INF(2026)2	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in the European Court of Human Rights</i>
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	Useful document	
	CDBIO/INF(2026)1	<i>Chart of signatures and ratifications</i>

	13. Cooperation with other committees	
	a. Steering Committee for Human rights (CDDH) b. European Committee on Organ Transplantation (CD-P-TO) c. European Committee on Blood Transfusion (CD-P-TS) d. Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD) e. Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) f. Steering Committee for Legal Cooperation (CDCJ)	
	Useful documents	
	CDBIO(2026)8	<i>Developments in the field of bioethics in other Council of Europe bodies</i>
	CDDH	Terms of reference
	CD-P-TO	Terms of reference
	CD-P-TS	Terms of reference
	T-PD	Rules of procedure
	CDENF	Terms of reference
	CDCJ	Terms of reference

DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATE BY DELEGATIONS		
	Delegations are invited to provide where appropriate updated information of the following documents	
		Updated Questionnaire on Medically Assisted Procreation (MAP). Replies of delegations
		Replies to the questionnaire on surrogacy
	CDBIO/INF(2025)11	<i>Background document on preimplantation and prenatal genetic testing-legislation</i>
	CDBIO(2025)21	<i>Legislative developments on nuclear transfer and their relationship with Article 18.2 of the Convention</i>

USEFUL DOCUMENTS FOR SEVERAL ITEMS		
	<u>CDBIO/RAP8</u>	<i>Meeting report of the 8th CDBIO meeting (Strasbourg, 18-20 November 2025)</i>
	<u>CDBIO/BU RAP(2026)1</u>	<i>Meeting Report of the Bureau (Paris, 21-22 April 2026)</i>

GENERAL INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR REFERENCE		
	<u>CM/Res(2021)3</u>	<i>Resolution on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods</i>
	<u>CDBIO/INF(2025)1</u>	<i>Information document on the CDBIO</i>
	<u>CDBIO/INF(2023)2</u>	<i>Texts of the Council of Europe on bioethical matters, Volume I</i>
	<u>CDBIO/INF(2023)2</u>	<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>		<u>Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS 164)</u>
		<u>Explanatory Report to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine</u>
		<u>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings (ETS 168)</u>
		<u>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (ETS 186)</u>
		<u>Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Biomedical Research (CETS 195)</u>
		<u>Additional Protocol concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes (CETS 203)</u>