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

9th meeting

2-5 June 2026

Report

I. Adoption of the agenda

1. Tomas Dolezal (Czechia), CDBIO Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the new members of the Committee. The list of participants appears in Appendix I to this report.
2. The agenda was adopted. It appears in Appendix II of this report.

II. Draft Recommendation on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions

3. 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);

III. European Social Charter

4. The CDBIO 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);

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

5. The Chair reminded that at its last plenary meeting, the CDBIO had approved the Strategic Plan (2026 -2030) and agreed to set up a drafting group to prepare the list of actions responding to each objective of the Plan, on the basis of proposals to be made by delegations.
6. The Group was composed of Siobhan O'Sullivan (IRL), as Chair, Mark Bale (UK, Anne Forus (N) and Maria do Ceu Ptrao Neves (P). Kristof Van Assche supported the group as consultant.
7. Siobhan O'Sullivan presented the proposals. She mentioned the number of exchanges with other bodies within the CoE, e.g. with the Chair of the Social Rights Committee, but also INGOs, e.g. Age platform when it comes to older persons.
8. She pointed out that key performance indicators (KPIs) were included for the first time for each action proposed.
9. It is proposed that the Bureau would carry out a biannual monitoring of the implementation and report back to the CDBIO, namely indicating whether the implementation be on track or not.
10. She acknowledged that the implementation plan was ambitious but manageable with proper management. Rapporteurs, working/drafting groups were foreseen, leaving the possibility to get involvement of different CDBIO members.
11. One delegation considered that many actions were focusing on consolidation and monitoring and that more specific practical context was missing. Concrete medical problems should be the starting points as done previously.
12. In response, the Chair of the Group pointed out that the Group tried to focus on matters. However, there has been indeed a shift in this respect with a more strategic approach reflecting a change in the field of bioethics with the idea of different lenses under which challenges can be looked at, human rights being one of them. The starting points are meta problems leading to concrete issues, as reflected in the proposals. She also underlined the interdependency between the different pieces of work.
13. One delegation pointed out the responsibility of delegations to ensure concrete actions.

14. Three delegations considered that the proposals were ensuring a fair balance between more general and concrete actions. Furthermore, the CDBIO will have the possibility to refine the actions over the years.

Safeguard

15. One delegation, supported by three others, referred to the fundamental challenges to integrity and privacy as well as dignity raised by cross border donation of gametes and the long terms implications for future generations.
16. The Chair of the Group reminded that the actions foreseen precisely were running until 2028. When some ongoing work was carried out by other CoE bodies, it was felt preferable to wait for their finalisation to ensure added value for the CDBIO possible action.
17. It was eventually agreed to introduce a new action on this topic with a scoping first phase, to ensure complementarity with the work already carried out by other CoE bodies.
18. Another delegation requested some clarifications on the legal status of the future Charter. Furthermore, the delegation suggested including a clear reference to patient safety.
19. It was agreed to introduce a reference to patient safety which was meant to be covered under this action. When it comes to the charter it was recalled that the basis would remain the Oviedo Convention as a living instrument.
20. One delegation noted that its proposal on health literacy has not been fully integrated. If the high level conference on health literacy was included, no reference was made to the establishment of “a structured coalition of stakeholders to promote health literacy.”
21. In response, it was pointed out that a “Coalition on health literacy and human rights” had already been launched, based on an initiative by Italy, and that all member states have been invited to join by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. This political step aimed at expressing support for the activities to be carried out by the Council of Europe relevant to health literacy. The CDBIO has indeed already provided a strong basis for such activities with the Guide on health literacy and will remain a pivot in those endeavours. However, in line with the Council of Europe Conference on the protection of health held in October 2025 and based on its outcome, a holistic approach will be promoted engaging not only the health related sectors, but also other sectors such as non-discrimination, education, equality, social rights.

Adapt

22. The representative of the CCJ referred to intergenerational dialogue when it comes to AI and suggested that the CCJ would be ready to start working on this issue in 2028.
23. One delegation did not see any difficulty in starting the work on a draft recommendation in 2028. It was pointed out that the HUDERIA academy to be held in September 2026, will focus on risks but may provide useful elements to be more concrete when it comes to the implementation.

Anticipate

24. The proposals were supported.

Engage

25. The representative of the CCJ emphasized the need to strongly embed youth perspectives in the development of the communication strategy.

26. Approved, with some modifications, the actions proposed for the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (2026-2030).

V. Neurotechnologies and human rights

27. Tesi Aschan, rapporteur for the workshop on human rights and neurotechnologies, held on 18 November 2025, presented the report prepared together with Elias Kastanas, Rapporteur designated by the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) and Alessandra Perrucci, rapporteur designated by the Committee of the Parties to Convention 108 (T-PD), including the possible actions suggested as a follow up.
28. A first action would be a short and glossy policy brief on neurotechnologies based on the work already carried out. Furthermore, the testing of the anticipatory governance toolkit developed by the OECD and WHO on neurotechnologies.
29. One delegation suggested reflecting how digital online world, AI and neurotech were interacting.
30. The CDBIO agreed 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, in particular the CDDH.

VI. Rapporteur, representative and experts

31. The CDBIO discussed the document presented by the Bureau to clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of thematic rapporteurs, representatives of the CDBIO in other committees and experts designated by CDBIO to participate in work carried out by other bodies.
32. The CDBIO approved, subject to possible complementary suggestions by delegations by 12 June 2026.

VII. Conversational AI Applications - Ethical and human rights implications for young people's health and well-being

33. The Chair opened the session on Conversational AI Applications on 5 June 2026 and welcomed the experts and invited guests attending in-person and online.
34. The session started by highlighting the fast-rising tide of conversational AI use among young people and their increasing personal and health-related uses.
35. There were testimonials from young people in France, highlighting the deep integration of AI into daily life - from academic assistance to intimate, even therapeutic, conversations. Further, for many young users, AI offers advice and comfort without fear of judgement or stigma; in some cases, young people described turning to AI as a substitute for human contact, especially during times of distress or social isolation.
36. In this connection, recent survey data revealed that an overwhelming majority of youth in surveyed countries use conversational AI, with nearly half of young French users confiding in these tools about personal or sensitive matters. While many respondents recognised benefits, citing feelings of support, relief, and anonymity, significant risks were also raised. Dangers ranged from over-trusting AI's counsel, to dependence, and a general lack of awareness around data security and privacy. Few young people understand what happens to their data, and calls for more guidance and transparency were echoed throughout the discussion.
37. One of the invited guests referred to the fast-moving evolution of conversational AI in health settings, explaining that alongside commercial chatbots, companion AIs and specialised health bots are proliferating each with distinct user experiences and risk profiles. The designed

purposes of commercial chatbots differ from specifically designed therapeutic AI chatbots; therein lies the challenge facing young people who, lacking alternatives or facing long waits for in-person care, turn to commercial (free of charge, easily accessible) chatbots for their convenience but also for emotional support and crisis moments.

38. This illustrated a profound governance gap: general tools, never intended for sensitive health advice or emotional counseling, are being used despite their lack of built-in safeguards or red flag detection systems often designed in a true health tool. It was pointed out that commercial incentive structures tend to drive AI towards maximising engagement rather than safeguarding user wellbeing and respecting human rights.
39. The legal and regulatory perspectives of conversational chatbots were explored, which highlighted the complex patchwork of regulations governing conversational AI systems. Such systems can be classified as digital services, consumer products, or AI systems, noting that harms to well-being are minimally addressed due to their low-risk classification in jurisdictions, revealing a disconnect between perceived risk and regulatory scrutiny. While general consumer safety frameworks may capture conversational AI in principle, in practice there are no clear, AI-specific standards against which developers and authorities can measure compliance or safety, and liability remains both a tool and a challenge for responsible innovation.
40. Practical examples highlighted how hybrid models can blend AI support with human counseling for youth mental health. This included guardrails to prevent chatbots from handling suicide cases and by anonymising all sessions between the user and chatbot. One speaker called for hard-coded security features to be designed-in to the “therapeutic architecture” of chatbots used by people in situations of vulnerability, such as those who are neurodivergent.
41. Throughout the morning, youth voices featured prominently, not just as subjects but as stakeholders in policy responses. Youth representatives asserted the need for pragmatic recommendations, notably: digital tools to flag psychological vulnerability and guidance for users towards human support; education on AI and mental health for all under-16s; transparent disclosures around personal data collection; ethical frameworks for conversational AI apps; clear media labeling of AI-generated content.
42. Representatives of the WHO stressed the importance of global collaboration, evidence-based guidance, and governance structures, including in low- and middle-income contexts where human alternatives may be scarce and regulatory capacity in flux.
43. In summary, it was recognised that conversational AI apps are now a central fixture in the lives of young people, offering previously unimaginable avenues for support and connection, while also posing new and significant risks, especially to privacy, mental health, and the security of the most vulnerable. Both technical and ethical advancements in AI necessitate regulatory, educational, and governance frameworks, with the real test being whether such AI apps, in practice, promote and protect the human rights, development, and wellbeing of young people.
44. 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.

VIII. Other business

a. Access to origins

45. The CDBIO was informed about progress made in the work carried out by the Committee of experts on access to origins (CJ-OR).

b. Human Rights and drug policies

46. The CDBIO was informed about progress made in the work carried out by the Drafting Committee on Human Rights and Drug Policies (DH-PDA).

c. Organ transplantation

47. Ms Pavla Buresova (CZ), Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Santiago de Compostella, informed about the work carried out by the Committee of the Parties to the Convention against trafficking in human organ (Santiago de Compostella Convention) (THO). She referred to the remaining concern raised by payment or other forms of benefit for organs. The THO was considering inviting the CDBIO but also CD-P-TO and other actors to the development of a joint statement for the preparation of a joint statement on financial neutrality for organ donation.
48. The CDBIO expressed its readiness in principle to participate in this initiative.
49. The Chair thanked the CDBIO and invited all delegations to join online the next meeting of the THO.
50. The CDBIO was also informed about work carried out by the CD-P-TO and agreed to invite the Chair of the CD-P-TO at its next plenary meeting for an exchange on issues of common interests.

d. Human rights in mental health care

51. The Secretariat informed the CDBIO about the discussion held at the level of the Committee of Ministers (CM) on:
- a. the draft Additional Protocol concerning the protection of dignity and human rights of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare services
 - b. the draft Recommendation on respect of autonomy in mental healthcare.
52. The CM has received the Parliamentary Assembly's opinion on the draft Additional Protocol which gave "a negative opinion on the draft protocol as it stands and recommends that, before considering examining the draft protocol, the Committee of Ministers commission a study to determine its compatibility with the CRPD."
53. An expert legal analysis was carried out which concluded that the draft Protocol cannot be regarded as being precluded by, or running counter to, the CRPD.
54. Three possible options were considered by the CM Group of Rapporteurs for human rights (GR-H):
- 1. Discontinue the process
 - 2. Proceed on a *lex lata* basis pursuing a reality -based approach, reflecting the continued existence of the involuntary measures and the need to strengthen the strict human rights conditions under which they may be considered as a very last resort subject to the principle of legality, necessity, proportionality and effective procedural safeguards.
 - 3. Develop a instrument pursuing a normative approach with a new draft aimed at prohibition of involuntary measures.
55. Five delegations were in favour of option 1 and twelve delegations supported option 2. One delegation expressed support for option 3. On that basis, the Secretariat has been invited to prepare a revised version of the draft to be examined at the next meeting of the GR-H.

56. When it comes to the draft recommendation, it was agreed that it would be submitted for adoption without debate at the CM meeting to be held on 17 Jun 2026.

e. Health literacy

57. Rafael Benitez, Director of Social rights, Health and Environment, underscored the pivotal role played by the CDBIO in advancing the Council of Europe's transversal work on health literacy, offering an important means to strengthen the social and democratic resilience and trust in institutions which lies at the core of the New Democratic Pact for Europe.
58. The Director called upon CDBIO delegations for their countries to join the Council of Europe Coalition on health literacy and human rights - a unique platform for governments to exchange views and share expertise on health literacy and human rights, noting that the 46 Permanent Representatives of member States to the Council of Europe had already received a letter, in late March 2026, inviting them to join the initiative (incurring no financial cost to do so).
59. The CDBIO also took note of the high-level conference on health literacy and human rights, to be held in Rome on 4 December 2026, invitations to which will be sent to all Permanent Representations. To this end, the Director invited the CDBIO to:
- To liaise with their authorities to encourage participation at the highest level.
 - Examine the draft conference outcome document (the 'Rome Declaration' – to be sent to the Committee in the coming weeks), with a view to providing the input of the CDBIO on this draft.
60. The Secretariat, complemented by the Representative of Armenia, informed the CDBIO about the results achieved in the cooperation project under the current Armenia Action Plan.

g. Huderia Academy for Health

61. The Secretariat (Vadim PAK) provided information on the HUDERIA Academy for Health, organised in co-operation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and with the support of the Alan Turing Institute, to be held in Paris on 21-23 September 2026. The event will explore the development, deployment and oversight of AI in healthcare, notably the risks and impact of a chronic disease management AI chatbot on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.
62. The CDBIO was informed that delegations would be receiving invitations to designate (according to criteria for selection) a representative or expert from their country to participate in the event.
63. The representative of the Holy See made a short presentation of the encyclical letter of the Pope, "Magnifica Humanitas, on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence".

IX. Dates of the next meetings

64. The CDBIO agreed to hold the next meetings on:
- a. 10th plenary meeting: 1-4 December 2026, in Rome (High Level conference on Health Literacy on 4 December 2026)
 - b. 11th plenary meeting: 1-4 June 2027, in Strasbourg

X. Adoption of decisions taken by the CDBIO at its 9th meeting

65. The CDBIO adopted, by written procedure, the decisions of its 9th meeting.

Appendix I
List of participants

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4 juin : [Dialogue thématique sur les réseaux sociaux et la santé mentale des enfants](#)

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Appendix II Agenda

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

1. Opening and adoption of the draft agenda

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

2. Draft Recommendation on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions

Objective: Designation of an expert to participate in the Drafting Committee

3. European Social Charter



Objective: Sharing information on respective work of common relevance and identify possible avenue(s) for cooperation

- Exchange with Aiofe Nolan, Chair of the Social Rights Committee

8. Other business

a. Access to origins

Objective: 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

Objective: 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

Objective: Brief report on the last meeting of the European Committee on organ transplantation (CD-P-TO)

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
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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
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5.	Neurotechnologies and human rights <u>Objective:</u> Presentation of the report of the workshop on neurotechnologies and human rights
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6.	Rapporteur, representative and experts <u>Objectives:</u> Definition of respective role and responsibilities Designation of a rapporteur on patients' rights
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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.
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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

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

9. Dates of the next meetings

- 10th meeting of the CDBIO: 1-4 December 2026, Rome
- 11th meeting of the CDBIO: June 2027, Oviedo (tbc)

10. Adoption of decisions taken by the CDBIO at its 9th meeting

Objective: Approval of the abridged meeting report

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)

	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 Purpose
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	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)
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DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE UPDATE BY DELEGATIONS	
	Delegations are invited to provide where appropriate updated information of the following documents