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**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
(CDDH)**

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*(as adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 1300<sup>th</sup> meeting, 21-23 November 2017)*

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Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with *Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.*

**Type of committee:** Steering Committee

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

<p><b>PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>Pillar:</b> Human Rights  <b>Sector:</b> Protecting Human Rights / Promoting Human Rights and dignity  <b>Programme:</b> Effectiveness of the ECHR System at national and European level / Bioethics</p> <p><b>MAIN TASKS</b></p> <p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, and bearing in mind the Council of Europe legal standards as well as the relevant jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, the CDDH will conduct the intergovernmental work of the Council of Europe in the human rights field and will advise and give its legal expertise to the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its field of competence. In particular, the CDDH will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) work on the protection, development and promotion of human rights in Europe to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) contribute to enhancing the protection of human rights by improving the effectiveness of the control mechanism of the European Convention on Human Rights and the implementation of the Convention at national and European levels, this work being a permanent priority for the CDDH;</li> <li>(b) provide effective responses at the normative and general policy levels to the challenges posed to human rights in European societies;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) follow the implementation of the non-binding instruments that it has prepared as well as conventions for which it has been given supervision by the Committee of Ministers;</li> <li>(iii) advise other bodies of the Organisation to ensure that their activities concerning human rights duly reflect the requirements of the Convention and the case-law of the Court;</li> <li>(iv) contribute to co-operation and support activities to national initiatives in the field of the protection, development and promotion of human rights;</li> <li>(v) without prejudice to the missions of intergovernmental committees of the Council of Europe that already follow the work of monitoring mechanisms, follow the activities of the relevant monitoring and other bodies protecting human rights;</li> <li>(vi) where necessary, co-ordinate transversal intergovernmental activities in the field of human rights including bioethics;</li> <li>(vii) take due account of a gender perspective and to building cohesive societies in the performance of its tasks;</li> <li>(viii) in accordance with decisions <a href="#">CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2</a> of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which it has been given responsibility,<sup>1</sup> in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, and report back to the Committee of Ministers.</li> </ul> <p><b>SPECIFIC TASKS</b></p> <p><b>1. Protection of human rights</b>  Oversee the work of the Committee of experts on the reform of the Court (DH-SYSC) (see DH-SYSC terms of reference).</p> <p><b>2. Development and promotion of human rights</b>  If necessary, and to avoid any duplication, appropriate co-ordination and co-operation with relevant conventional and monitoring bodies and other Council of Europe bodies involved is to be ensured.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Relevant decision of the Committee of Ministers ([CM/Del/Dec\(2013\)1168/10.2](#)) and list of Conventions in [CM\(2017\)132](#).

**Social rights**

On the basis of the analysis of the legal framework of the Council of Europe for the protection of social rights in Europe, identify good practices and make, as appropriate, proposals with a view to improving the implementation of social rights and to facilitate in particular the relationship between the Council of Europe instruments with other instruments for the protection of social rights (deadline: 31 December 2019).

**Links between freedom of expression and other human rights and freedoms**

On the basis of work conducted in 2016-2017 and the evolving case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, and in close co-operation in particular with CDMSI and ECRI, prepare if appropriate a draft non-binding instrument (e.g. guidelines, guide to good practices, recommendation) on the way of reconciling freedom of expression and other human rights and freedoms, in particular in culturally diverse societies (deadline: 31 December 2019).

**Migration**

On the basis of work conducted in 2016-2017, prepare one or more draft non-binding instruments of the Committee of Ministers (for example a recommendation, guidelines, good practice handbooks) concerning human rights issues in the context of migration, in particular effective alternatives to detention of migrants and asylum seekers (deadline: 31 December 2019).

**Civil Society, Human Rights Defenders and National Human Rights Institutions**

- (i) On the basis of work conducted in 2016-2017, prepare a draft non-binding instrument of the Committee of Ministers and a guide of good practice with the aim that member States, through their legislation, policies and practices, effectively protect and promote the civil society space (activities of organisations of the civil society, human rights defenders and national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights) (deadline: 31 December 2018).
- (ii) In particular, proceed to the revision of Recommendation No R(97)14 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the establishment of independent national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (deadline: 31 December 2019).

**Dissemination and awareness-raising**

Organise, if needed, thematic debates on the following items (deadline: 31 December 2019):

- (i) follow-up given by states to Recommendation CM(2014)2 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the promotion of human rights of older persons;
- (ii) follow-up given by states to Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity;<sup>2</sup>
- (iii) situation in member States in respect of the right of access to official documents, in particular concerning signatures and ratifications of the 2009 Tromsø Convention (CETS No. 205);
- (iv) contribution to work which may be conducted by other bodies of the Council of Europe (e.g. GEC, GREVIO, GRETA, CAHENF and CDPC) to combat female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

**Bioethics**

Oversee from the human rights perspective the intergovernmental work in the field of bioethics (see terms of reference of the DH-BIO).

**COMPOSITION****Members**

Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank in the field of human rights.

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each

<sup>2</sup> Several delegations made declarations upon adoption of this Recommendation at the Deputies' 1081<sup>st</sup> meeting (31 March 2010).

member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair).

Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

In accordance with decisions CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 of the Committee of Ministers, in cases where there is no convention-based body including all the Parties, non-member States are invited to take part, with a right to vote, in the committee meetings pertaining to the conventions to which they are Parties.

### **Participants**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA));
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- Representatives of other international organisations (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights).

### **Observers**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Belarus;
- Non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities;
- European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI);
- Non-governmental organisations (Amnesty International, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), European Roma<sup>3</sup> and Travellers Forum).

## **WORKING METHODS**

### **Plenary meetings**

48 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 4 days

48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 4 days

### **Bureau**

8 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 2 days

8 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 2 days

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

<sup>3</sup> The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Subject to the agenda, the Chairs of the subordinate structures to the CDDH may be invited to attend CDDH Bureau and/or plenary meetings.

#### **SUBORDINATE STRUCTURE(S) TO THE CDDH**

The CDDH has a coordinating, supervising and monitoring role in the functioning of its subordinate bodies:

- Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on human rights (DH-SYSC) (see separate terms of reference) and Drafting Groups;
- Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO) (see separate terms of reference).

#### **APPENDIX 1 - RELEVANT DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND LIST OF CONVENTIONS**

##### **CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 (Review of Council of Europe conventions)**

9. [The Deputies] instructed the steering and ad hoc committees to carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind the priorities of each committee, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, in order to:

- propose ways of improving the visibility, impact and efficiency of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility;
- draw the attention of member States to the relevant conventions;
- where necessary, identify any operational problems or obstacles to ratification of the relevant conventions, and draw the attention of member States to reservations which impact substantively on the effectiveness of their implementation;
- encourage States to regularly examine the possibility and/or desirability of becoming a Party to new Council of Europe conventions;
- assess the necessity or advisability of drafting amendments or additional protocols to the conventions for which they have been given responsibility or drafting supplementary conventions;
- and to report back to the Committee of Ministers.

<b>CDDH</b>	
5	Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
9	Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
12	European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes Relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors
13	European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors
14	European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance
20	Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples between Member Countries of the Council of Europe with a view to Medical Treatment
35	European Social Charter
40	Agreement between the Member States of the Council of Europe on the issue to Military and Civilian War-Disabled of an International Book of Vouchers for the repair of Prosthetic and Orthopaedic Appliances
46	Protocol No. 4 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, securing certain rights and freedoms other than those already included in the Convention and in the first Protocol thereto
48	European Code of Social Security

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67	European Agreement relating to Persons participating in Proceedings of the European Commission and Court of Human Rights
68	European Agreement on Au Pair Placement
78	European Convention on Social Security
078A	Supplementary Agreement for the Application of the European Convention on Social Security
83	European Convention on the Social Protection of Farmers
93	European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers
114	Protocol No. 6 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the Abolition of the Death Penalty
117	Protocol No. 7 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
126	European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
139	European Code of Social Security (Revised)
142	Protocol amending the European Social Charter
148	European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
154	Protocol to the European Convention on Social Security
157	Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities
158	Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter Providing for a System of Collective Complaints
161	European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights
163	European Social Charter (revised)
164	Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine
168	Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine, on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings
177	Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
186	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin
187	Protocol No. 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances
195	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research
197	Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
203	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes
205	Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents
210	Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence
213	Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
214	Protocol No. 16 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

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**FOR INFORMATION****Committee of experts on the system of the European Convention on human rights (DH-SYSC)**

*Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods*

**Type of committee:** Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

<p><b>PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>Pillar:</b> Human Rights  <b>Sector:</b> Protecting Human Rights  <b>Programme:</b> Effectiveness of the ECHR System at national and European level</p>
<p><b>MAIN TASKS</b></p> <p>Under the supervision of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), the DH-SYSC will conduct the intergovernmental work intended to enhance the protection of human rights by improving the effectiveness of the system of the European Convention on Human Rights and the implementation of the Convention at national level, as assigned by the Committee of Ministers to the Steering Committee.</p>
<p><b>SPECIFIC TASKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Concerning the place of the European Convention on Human Rights in the European and international legal order, as well as the related challenges, prepare a draft report for the Committee of Ministers containing conclusions and possible proposals for action (deadline: 31 December 2019).</li> <li>(ii) Concerning the authority of the Court and its case-law: follow-up to the decisions that may be taken by the Committee of Ministers further to the submission, in December 2017, of the CDDH report on the process of selection and election of the judges at the European Court of Human Rights with a view to improving the current system (deadline: 31 December 2019).</li> <li>(iii) In light of the results achieved in the framework of the above-mentioned activities, contribute to the evaluation set out by the Interlaken Declaration, before the end of 2019, with a view to formulating proposals to the Committee of Ministers as to whether the measures adopted so far have proven to be sufficient to ensure sustainable functioning of the system of the Convention or whether more profound changes are necessary (deadline: 31 December 2019).</li> <li>(iv) Concerning the implementation of the Convention and execution of the Court's judgments: ensure that information is exchanged regularly - in order to assist member States in developing their domestic capacities and facilitate their access to relevant information (see paragraph 29 (a) i) of the Brighton Declaration and paragraph C. 1. g) of the Brussels Declaration); to this end, consider the different means to promote quicker exchange of information and experiences, to reinforce the status of the government agents, of the co-ordinators (c.f. para. 1 <a href="#">CM/Rec(2008)2</a>), and to provide sufficient means to the state authorities involved in the functioning of the Convention and in the process of the execution of judgments.</li> <li>(v) Concerning university education and professional training in human rights, update Recommendation <a href="#">Rec(2004)4</a> in light of important developments taken place over more than 10 years in the field in the 47 member States of the Council of Europe, notably as a result of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) of the Council of Europe (deadline: 31 December 2019).</li> <li>(vi) Concerning effective remedies for excessive length of proceedings, update the accompanying Guide to Good Practice to Recommendation <a href="#">CM/Rec(2010)3</a> (deadline: 31 December 2019).</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMPOSITION</b></p> <p><b>Members:</b>  Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank in the field of human rights.</p>

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair). Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

**Participants:**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- HELP Network Consultative Board;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA));
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- representatives of other international organisations (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees).

**Observers:**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Belarus;
- Non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities;
- Non-governmental organisations (Amnesty International, European Trade Unions Confederation (ETUC), International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), European Roma<sup>4</sup> and Travellers Forum, Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI)), as well as the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI).

**WORKING METHODS**

**Plenary meetings:**

48 members, 1 meeting in 2018, 3 days

48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 3 days

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

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**FOR INFORMATION****Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)**

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**Type of committee:** Subordinate body

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

<p><b>PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME</b></p> <p><b>Pillar:</b> Human Rights  <b>Sector:</b> Promoting Human Rights and Dignity  <b>Programme:</b> Bioethics</p>
<p><b>MAIN TASKS</b></p> <p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the DH-BIO shall carry out the tasks assigned to the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) by the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine.</p> <p>Under the supervision of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), the DH-BIO will conduct intergovernmental work on the protection of human rights in the field of biomedicine assigned to it by the Committee of Ministers. The DH-BIO will in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) conduct regular re-examinations foreseen in the Convention and its Additional Protocols;</li> <li>(ii) develop further the principles laid down in the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, as appropriate, also in the light of the relevant case-law of the ECHR;</li> <li>(iii) contribute to raising awareness and facilitating the implementation of these principles;</li> <li>(iv) assess ethical and legal challenges raised by developments in the biomedical field;</li> <li>(v) co-operate with the European Union and relevant intergovernmental bodies, in particular with a view to promoting consistency between the normative texts;</li> <li>(vi) in accordance with decisions <a href="#">CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2</a> of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions<sup>5</sup> for which it has been given responsibility and report back to the Committee of Ministers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SPECIFIC TASKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A draft Additional Protocol on the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment is finalised.</li> <li>(ii) On the basis of the results of the international conference organised on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oviedo Convention, a draft Strategic Action Plan on human rights and technologies is finalised.</li> <li>(iii) A training course on essential principles for the protection of human rights in the biomedical field intended for legal and health professionals is launched in the framework of the HELP programme.</li> <li>(iv) A round table is organised, in co-operation with the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data (T-PD), on the challenges for human rights raised by developments in the field of genetics, including for children's rights.</li> <li>(v) Subject to the results of the international conference organised on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oviedo Convention, draft guidelines for the promotion of public debate on human rights challenges raised by developments in science and technologies are developed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMPOSITION</b></p> <p><b>Members:</b></p> <p>Governments of the member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank, with appropriate expertise in the various aspects of bioethics, including in relation to</p>

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Relevant decision of the Committee of Ministers ([CM/Del/Dec\(2013\)1168/10.2](#)) and list of Conventions in [CM\(2017\)132](#).

emerging technologies, and able to consider these from a human rights perspective.

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative from each member State (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair). Each member of the committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

In accordance with decisions [CM/Del/Dec\(2013\)1168/10.2](#) of the Committee of Ministers, in cases where there is no convention-based body including all the Parties, non-member States are invited to take part, with a right to vote, in the committee meetings pertaining to the conventions to which they are Parties.

**Participants:**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD), Committee (Partial Agreement) on Transplantation of Organs and Tissues (CD-P-TO) and Committee (Partial Agreement) on Blood Transfusion (CD-P-TS);<sup>6</sup>
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union;
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- Other international organisations: European Science Foundation (ESF), OECD, UNESCO and WHO.

**Observers:**

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- Australia, Israel;
- the Conference of European Churches (KEK);
- other non-governmental organisations, including professional organisations, which could be invited by the DH-BIO to attend specific meetings of the DH-BIO in accordance with [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#).

**WORKING METHODS**

**Meetings:**

48 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 4 days  
48 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 4 days

**Bureau**

7 members, 2 meetings in 2018, 2 days  
7 members, 2 meetings in 2019, 2 days

The Chair or Vice-Chair of DH-BIO may be invited to attend the meetings of the CDDH and its Bureau in order to inform on progress with its work.

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

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<sup>6</sup> European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare.

**APPENDIX 1 - RELEVANT DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND LIST OF CONVENTIONS****CM/Del/Dec(2013)1168/10.2 (Review of Council of Europe conventions)**

9. [The Deputies] instructed the steering and ad hoc committees to carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind the priorities of each committee, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility, in co-operation, where appropriate, with the relevant convention-based bodies, in order to:

- propose ways of improving the visibility, impact and efficiency of some or all of the conventions for which they have been given responsibility;
- draw the attention of member States to the relevant conventions;
- where necessary, identify any operational problems or obstacles to ratification of the relevant conventions, and draw the attention of member States to reservations which impact substantively on the effectiveness of their implementation;
- encourage States to regularly examine the possibility and/or desirability of becoming a Party to new Council of Europe conventions;
- assess the necessity or advisability of drafting amendments or additional protocols to the conventions for which they have been given responsibility or drafting supplementary conventions;
- and to report back to the Committee of Ministers.

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<b>DH-BIO</b>	
164	Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine
168	Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine, on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings
186	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin
195	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research
203	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes

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