

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE INTEGRITY OF ONLINE INFORMATION (MSI-INF)**

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(2021)3 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 2022 until 31 December 2023**

| PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME ▼  |   |
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| <p><b>Pillar:</b> Human Rights<br/> <b>Programme:</b> Effective ECHR implementation<br/> <b>Sub-programme:</b> Freedom of expression and information, media and data protection</p>   |   |
| DELIVERABLES ▼  |   |
| <p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, and of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), the MSI-INF is instructed to complete the following deliverable, within the following deadline:</p>   |   |
| <p>Guidance Note on countering the spread of online mis- and disinformation through fact-checking and platform design solutions in a human rights compliant manner</p>  | <p><i>Deadline ▼</i><br/>31/12/2023</p> |
| COMPOSITION ▼   |   |
| <p><b>MEMBERS:</b></p> <p>The Committee shall be composed of 13 members, comprising seven member States' representatives, designated by the CDMSI, and six independent experts, appointed by the Secretary General with recognised expertise in the fields of freedom of expression and information, online information environment, and digital platform economy and design.</p> <p>The Committee shall be composed in accordance with Article 6 of Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.</p> <p>The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of these 13 members. Other member States may designate representatives without defrayal of expenses.</p> <p>Each member of the Committee of Experts shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>PARTICIPANTS:</b></p> <p>The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;</li> <li>- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;</li> <li>- European Court of Human Rights;</li> <li>- Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;</li> <li>- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;</li> <li>- European Audiovisual Observatory;</li> <li>- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate</li> </ul> <p>The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA));</li> <li>- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;</li> <li>- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE);</li> <li>- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);</li> <li>- UN agencies (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)).</li> </ul> |   |
| <p><b>OBSERVERS:</b></p> <p>The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities.</li> </ul> <p>Observer status may be requested in accordance with Article 8 of Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.</p>   |   |

| WORKING METHODS ▼  |                        |                      |                     |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Plenary meetings ▼ |                        |                      |                     |  |  |  |  |
|                    | Members<br>incl. Chair | Meetings<br>per year | Days<br>per meeting |  |  |  |  |
| 2022               | 13                     | 2                    | 2                   |  |  |  |  |
| 2023               | 13                     | 2                    | 2                   |  |  |  |  |

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

The MSI-INF will appoint from amongst its members a Gender Equality Rapporteur.

| BUDGETARY INFORMATION* ▼ |                      |                     |                       |                  |                 |                            |                       |
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|                          | Meetings<br>per year | Days<br>per meeting | Members<br>reimbursed | Plenary<br>in €K | Bureau<br>in €K | Working<br>groups<br>in €K | Secretariat<br>(A, B) |
| 2022                     | 2                    | 2                   | 13                    | 33.3             | -               | -                          | 0.5 A; 0.5 B          |
| 2023                     | 2                    | 2                   | 13                    | 33.3             | -               | -                          | 0.5 A; 0.5 B          |

\*The costs include the per diem, travel costs, interpretation, translation and document printing. These costs are calculated on the basis of the 2021 standard costs.