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10.… Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET)

a. Abridged report of the second plenary meeting (21-23 October 2026)

Item to be considered by the GR-J at its meeting on … 2026

Information on the meeting

The Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET) held its 2nd meeting in Strasbourg, from 21 to 23 October 2026, with Mario HERNANDEZ RAMOS (Spain), in the Chair.

The agenda of the meeting appears in Appendix I. The full report of the meeting including the list of participants will be made available on the CDNET website.

Items for decision by the Committee of Ministers

- **Take note** of the abridged report of the 2nd Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET)

  Take note of the HUDERIA Model: Component No. 1 on Stakeholder Engagement Process (SEP) and HUDERIA Model: Component No. 2 on "Recommendations on Roles and Responsibilities in AI Project Lifecycle"

Items for information of the Committee of Ministers

The CDNET,

As regards general and institutional matters:

- **took note** of the opening statements by Mario HERNANDEZ RAMOS (Spain), Chairperson of the CDNET, and Matthias KLOTH, Head of the Digital Governance and Sport Department of the Council of Europe;
- **adopted** its agenda, as it appears in Appendix I, and its order of business;
- **took note** of the information provided by the Chairperson and the Bureau, including on the Academic Conference organised at the invitation of ETH Zurich on 7 September 2026 on the occasion of the second anniversary of the opening for signature of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law (the Framework Convention) and **welcomed** the initiative of the Netherlands to host the Academic Conference on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Framework Convention;
- **took note** of the information provided on the decisions of the Committee of Ministers relevant for the CDNET and **took note** of Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2313 "Growing threats to media pluralism and the independence of the media" without any comments;
- **welcomed** the conclusion of the Framework Convention by European Union on 15 May 2026.
- **welcomed** the information provided by States on the national procedures for ratification of the Framework Convention and **took note** of the proposal of the Secretariat to organise an online working group aiming to support the ratification path and conduct peer-to-peer exchange and support any ratification process;

[1] This document has been classified restricted until examination by the Committee of Ministers.

- **held an exchange of views** on other relevant AI governance developments and on the overall strategic direction of Council of Europe AI governance action and **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat on the procedure for adopting the CDNET's terms of reference for 2028-2031 and on the proposed consultations, with a deadline of 15 January 2027, on the content of these terms of reference and on the relationship between the CDNET and the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention once the Convention enters into force;
- **discussed and adopted** criteria for granting observer status in the CDNET to civil society organisations; decided to consider the list of requests for observer status in light of the aforesaid criteria, with a view to taking the decision on these and possible new requests at its 3rd plenary meeting.

As regards the HUDERIA Methodology and the HUDERIA Model:

- **welcomed and discussed with relevant partners**:

  - outcomes of the HUDERIA Health Academy, organised jointly with CD-BIO and OECD (21-23 September 2026);
  - preparations for HUDERIA Academy for Local and Regional Authorities, to be conducted jointly with the Centre of Expertise for Multilevel Governance operating under the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (17-19 November 2026);
  - outcomes of the HUDERIA technical cooperation project, run in the frame of the Regulatory Sandbox for AI and blockchain solutions in Ukraine, as presented by Mr Oleh DUBNO (Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine);
  - correlation between HUDERIA and CRIA - Child Rights Impact Assessment tool on artificial intelligence, presented by the Secretariat of the Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe and developed, with CDNET input, by the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF);
  - outcomes of the HUDERIA assessment in the frame of the work of the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence and Recognition of Qualifications of the Steering Committee for Education (CDEDU), as presented by Ms Chiara Finocchietti (CIMEA, Italy).

- **took note** of the presentations by the Secretariat and Jordi ASCENSI SALA, invited expert, on activities supporting the dissemination and practical application of the HUDERIA Methodology and the HUDERIA Model: Context-based Risk Analysis (COBRA) Resource, including the online promotion of HUDERIA;
- **examined and adopted** HUDERIA Model: Component No. 1 on Stakeholder Engagement Process (SEP);
- **examined and adopted** HUDERIA Model: Component No. 2 on "Recommendations on Roles and Responsibilities in AI Project Lifecycle";
- **examined** the draft HUDERIA Model: Component No. 3 on "Procurement Guidelines" and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft for its 3rd Plenary meeting, taking into account the outcomes of the online working group, the written comments submitted before the meeting and the comments made during the meeting;
- **took note** of the presentation on interoperability by Jordi ASCENSI SALA, invited expert; examined and held a discussion on the draft structure of this Component and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a new draft for its 3rd plenary meeting; **welcomed** the joint Council of Europe/ISO/IEC/World Bank initiative to assess the impact of real-world AI systems to demonstrate how HUDERIA and international standards-based impact assessment frameworks can work together in practice **and invited** States to volunteer to participate in this joint interoperability initiative.

As regards the mapping study on trends regarding the use of AI:

- **exchanged views** with M**r** Jason PARRY, Head of Research, Sapienship, Ms Irene KITSOU-MILONAS, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred and all forms of religious intolerance and Mr Péter KIMPIÁN, Secretary of the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (T-PD), notably on the work of the T-PD on the draft Guidelines on Data Protection in the Context of Neurosciences;

- **took note** of the information provided by the Chairperson and the Secretariat on the outcomes of the first and second meetings of the online working group; **discussed** the draft structure of the Mapping study on "Trends regarding the use of AI raising specific issues in relation to human rights, democracy and the rule of law"; appointed two Bureau members (Sofia KASTRANTA, Greece, and Michael VOS, the Netherlands) as Rapporteurs for this deliverable and **instructed** the Rapporteurs

and the Secretariat, to take into account the aforesaid exchange of views and comments made prior to and during the meeting; delegations are invited to send written comments on the draft structure also following the meeting. On that basis, the Rapporteurs and the Secretariat will prepare a draft mapping study on trends in the use of AI, to be circulated to the CDNET by early December 2026. Members will then be invited to submit written comments on the draft no later than 15 January 2027, as the first round of the written procedure, ahead of the online working group meeting in the end of January.

As regards working methods and other items:

- **took note** of the information provided by its representatives on the work of other Council of Europe committees: Dimitri GUGUNAVA (Georgia) on the Steering Committee for Education (CDEDU); Dimitri GUGUNAVA (Georgia) and Nurlan MAMMADLI (Azerbaijan) on the Drafting Committee on Risks and Harms of Online and Digital Addictions (BIO-ALN); Androniki TZOMAKA (Greece) on the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF); Sofia KASTRANTA (Greece) on the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM); İlayda SÜER (Türkiye) on the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC); and Thomas SCHNEIDER (Switzerland) on the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI);
- **appointed** Raquel BRIZIDA CASTRO (Portugal) as Representative to the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), Olha KOZUB (Ukraine) as Representative to the Ad hoc Committee on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (CAHFIMI) and Nurlan MAMMADLI (Azerbaijan) as Representative to the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY);
- **agreed to** hold its 3rd plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 6-8 April 2027;
- **took note** of the information provided by the Secretariat on planned AI-related events organised by the Council of Europe or in partnership with other international organisations, as well as on the ongoing consultations on the New Democratic Pact for Europe, including the questionnaire circulated to all Council of Europe intergovernmental committees, including CDNET;
- Adopted the abridged report of its 2nd plenary meeting.

Resource implications

The financing of the activities described in this report is assured.

Appendix I

Agenda

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