

HUMAN RIGHTS,
DEMOCRACY
AND THE RULE OF LAW

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

DROITS DE L'HOMME,
DÉMOCRATIE
ET ÉTAT DE DROIT

Council of Europe Updates

Current and forthcoming work

Elena BRODEALA, Legal Advisor

Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division

Evangelia VASALOU, Project Officer

Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression

The 62nd EPRA Meeting

Yerevan, Armenia

22-24 October 2025

To be adopted/approved at the CDMSI Plenary on 3-5 December 2025:

- ✓ Recommendation on [Online Safety and Empowerment of Content Creators](#) and Users
- ✓ Guidance Note on the [Implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence](#) for Freedom of Expression
- ✓ Guidelines for National **Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Strategies** – Practical Steps and Indicators
- ✓ 10 Building Blocks to **Counter Disinformation** and Build Information Integrity
- ✓ Feasibility Study on **Immersive Reality Applications** and their Implications for Freedom of Expression

Adoption/approval by the CDMSI by the end of 2027 (TBC):

A Recommendation on Media Pluralism in the Online Environment:

-> guidance to member States and digital platforms on how to **protect and promote diverse, pluralist and independent media in the online environment.**

A Guidance Note on Media Regulators in a Platform-Based Environment:

-> to support member States, media regulators, and other relevant actors in ensuring that **media regulators can continue to fulfil their essential functions in the digital age** — with independence both in law and in practice, and with the necessary remit, resources, and powers to operate effectively.

- **13 Members -> 7 elected by the CDMSI from candidates proposed by Member States**
- 6 independent experts
- Work starting from a **background study** we are currently commissioning
- **Two meetings per year** for two years (possibly in March and September)
- **Final adoption/approval by the CDMSI** by the end of 2027

- New project: [**RESIST** - Strengthening Societal Resilience to Disinformation in Europe](#) (2025-2030)
- Key publication: **The Role of Regulators in Countering Harmful Content - Western Balkans Regional Peer Exchange for Regulatory Authorities** (2024)



Athens, 9-10 October 2025

- Peer Exchange on **Regulatory Approaches to Harmful Content Online**: Towards Alignment with European Standards, including the DSA
- SEEDIG session “**Countering Harmful Content and Disinformation Online**”

Western Balkan Regulators Call for Stronger Support to Align with European Standards

ATHENS, GREECE | 9 OCTOBER 2025



Thank you for your
attention!



Elena BRODEALA

elena.brodeala@coe.int

Evangelia VASALOU

evangelia.vasalou@coe.int

www.coe.int/freedomofexpression