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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION
ON WORKING METHODS
(Venice, Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista)
Thursday, 9 March 2023 from 15h00 to 16h30**

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Follow-up to the Evaluation Report of the Venice Commission

Following the publication of the [evaluation report](#) of the Venice Commission, the Sub-Commission is invited to conclude the follow-up discussions from its previous meeting.

In particular, it is invited to examine, with a view to its submission at the Plenary Session:

- the Principles of conduct for members, substitute members and experts of the European Commission for Democracy through Law ([CDL\(2023\)018](#)),
- the draft revised rules of procedure of the Commission ([CDL\(2023\)020](#))

The recommendations to be considered are as follows:

- Recommendation 1: The Venice Commission should provide a detailed overview of the scope and core areas of its work for additional clarity and review its rules of procedure in light of current challenges and demands.
- Recommendation 7: Revise the rules of procedure in respect of the process for the appointment of members to help ensure the highest standards of independence and technical knowledge.
- Recommendation 8: Review the working methods of the Venice Commission to formalise certain processes and procedures to ensure greater clarity and transparency while retaining a sufficient degree of flexibility.
- Recommendation 10: Consider the development of an internal monitoring and evaluation framework to help increase internal insights on the extent of the Venice Commission's impact.

The conclusions of the previous meeting of the sub-commission are contained in the report of the 133rd plenary session. ([CDL-PL-PV\(2022\)004](#)), para. 23.

3. Other business

Reference documents:

[Evaluation of the European Commission for Democracy through Law \(Venice Commission\)](#)

Revised Statute of the Venice Commission ([CDL\(2002\)027](#))

Revised Rules of Procedure ([CDL-AD\(2018\)018](#))

Criteria for the appointment of rapporteurs ([CDL-WM\(2018\)001](#))

Guidelines relating to the working methods of the Venice Commission ([CDL-AD\(2010\)034](#))

133rd Plenary Session report of the Venice Commission ([CDL-PL-PV\(2022\)004](#))