

European Centre for Democratic Resilience Online meeting with national contact points

16 March 2026, 10:30 – 11:30

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

The online meeting was organised by the secretariat of the Centre and its Liaison Officers from the European Commission's DG COMM, DG JUST, DG CNECT, the Commission's Secretariat-General (SG) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). 24 Member States (AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EL, FI, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, PL, PT, SE, SI, SK) were represented by their national contact points or substitutes.

Main points raised:

The secretariat and the national contact points and substitutes discussed the Centre's workflows, the 2026 work plan and the use of the digital collaboration space, as well as the practical aspects linked to the workshop scheduled for 27 March.

The secretariat proposed possible workflows, in view of receiving the Member States' feedback. The secretariat and contact points highlighted that the Centre would cooperate closely with other EU institutions and bodies. The secretariat invited all contact points to access the digital collaboration space to allow for exchanges and work on the projects. The secretariat also informed the contact points about the possibility for Seconded National Experts (SNE) to apply to the secretariat, and that all permanent representations are kept informed of vacancies for SNE positions. The secretariat also answered Member States' practical questions regarding the workshop scheduled for 27 March.

Next steps:

The following next steps were outlined at the meeting:

- Contact points will hold regular online meetings to exchange on Centre-related practical matters, with the secretariat facilitating these meetings.
- A workshop on Holistic Approaches to Democratic Resilience, organised by the Centre secretariat for the participating Member States, will be held in Brussels on 27 March.