47 MEMBER STATES
830 MILLION EUROPEANS
INTRODUCTION

Established on 5 May 1949 (Treaty of London) by 10 states

Comprises 47 member states today

Based in Strasbourg (France)

Intergovernmental political Organisation, founded on three main values: human rights, democracy and the rule of law
The Council of Europe is active in all areas affecting European society, with the exception of defence and the economy, and addresses modern-day challenges such as:
INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

Committee of Ministers

Parliamentary Assembly

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

European Court of Human Rights

Commissioner for Human Rights

Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations (INGO)

Secretary General
THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS
Decision-making body

- comprises the foreign ministers of all the member states, or their ambassadors
- adopts legal instruments (recommendations, conventions) and approves the Organisation’s budget
- supervises the execution of the judgements delivered by the European Court of Human Rights
- meets annually at ministerial level and several times a month (ambassadors)
represents the 47 national parliaments:
324 members and their substitutes (2 to 18 per delegation)
is responsible for many conventions
elects the judges to the European Court of Human Rights, the Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretary General
meets in four public plenary sessions a year
THE CONGRESS
Voice of local and regional democracy

- comprises 648 local and regional representatives reflecting over 150,000 municipalities and regions in Europe
- supervises the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and observes elections
- holds two public plenary sessions a year
THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
Judiciary body

- is composed of 47 judges based permanently in Strasbourg
- supervises the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights
- is accessible to individuals and governments
- has so far delivered 21 650 judgements (December 2018)
promotes awareness and respect for human rights
issues state and thematic reports after on-site visits

Dunja Mijatović (Bosnia and Herzegovina) elected for a six-year non-renewable term in 2018
THE CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

- comprises some 300 INGOs with participatory status
- is the voice of civil society in the Council of Europe
- provides a vital and dynamic link between politicians and citizens
- meets twice a year during the plenary sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly
• is responsible for the strategic planning of the Organisation
• co-ordinates its activities and budget
• manages the Secretariat (2200 staff members)
• Marija Pejčinović Burić (Croatia) took office on 18 September 2019 for a five-year term.
MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS
More than 210 treaties, including on the following topics:

- abolition of death penalty
- prevention of torture
- social protection (European Social Charter)
- protection of national minorities
- cybercrime
- human trafficking
- sexual exploitation of children
- violence against women and domestic violence
MULTI-FACETED CO-OPERATION

Observer states

Neighbourhood Partners

Parliamentary Partners for democracy

Partial agreements

External & Liaison offices

European Union, UN, OSCE
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
AND THE EUROPEAN UNION
Two separate organisations with complementary roles

A strategic partnership based on political dialogue and legal co-operation

Joint programmes co-financed by the European Union with the experience of the Council of Europe in the fields of rule of law, democracy and human rights

Ratification of 15 conventions by the European Union

Preparation for the accession of the Union to the European Convention on Human Rights

European Heritage Days: a common achievement
THE EUROPEAN ANTHEM
Prelude to the « Ode to Joy », Beethoven’s 9th Symphony, chosen by the Council of Europe in 1972 and adopted by the EU in 1985

THE EUROPEAN FLAG
Created by the Council of Europe in 1955 and adopted by the European Union in 1985
MORE INFORMATION

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edoc.coe.int
BOOKSHOP
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MULTIMEDIA
some videos

COUNCIL OF EUROPE VIDEOS
Council of Europe
Conseil de l’Europe

47 Member States
États membres
BUILDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

STRASBOURG

Palais de l’Europe

Human Rights building

European Youth Centre

European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare (EDQM)

Agora
run training activities for 5000 youth association leaders and support projects of 15000 young people thanks to the European Youth Foundation
organise « youth peace camps » gathering young people coming from conflict-stricken regions
launch campaigns such as the « No Hate Speech Movement »
decide on priorities and programmes through a unique « co-management » system including youth organisations and government representatives
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE’S BUDGET
CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

Calculation based on two factors: population and gross domestic product

- France 10.8%
- Germany 10.8%
- Italy 10.8%
- Russian F. 10.8%
- UK 10.8%
- Spain 6%
- Netherlands 3.2%
- Turkey 3%
- Poland 2.5%
- Switzerland 2.5%
- Belgium 2%
- Sweden 2%
- 1-2%
- Less than 1%

1-2%
Austria, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Ukraine

Less than 1%
Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia
The European Convention on Human Rights
Signed in 1950

It guarantees
Freedom of thoughts, conscience and religion
Freedom of expression
The right to education
Free elections
The right to a fair trial

It prohibits
Torture
Slavery and hard labour
Discrimination
The death penalty
OBSERVER STATES with the Council of Europe
Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico and United States of America

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERS with the Council of Europe (2018-2021)
Morocco and Tunisia

PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
Parliaments with Observer status: Canada, Israel, Mexico
Parliaments with Partner for Democracy status: Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco and Palestine*

EXTERNAL OFFICES
Ankara, Baku, Belgrade, Bucharest, Chisinau, Kyiv, Moscow, Paris, Podgorica, Pristina, Rabat, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tbilisi, Tirana, Tunis, Venice and Yerevan

LIAISON OFFICES
Brussels (EU), Geneva (UN), Vienna (OSCE, UN) and Warsaw (ODIHR)

* This designation should not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Council of Europe members States on this issue
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European Court of Human Rights

Living together: unexpected friendship

Terrorist or repairman?

Living with disability

The Macolin Convention (match fixing)