



Role and structure of the Council of Europe

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	Council of Europe	European Union
Established	1949	1957
Member states	47	27
Population	835 million	448 million
Flag		
Anthem	Ode to Joy	Ode to Joy



! Common origin

Both, the European Movement and the Council of Europe stem from the Congress of Europe (1948) in The Hague

Objectives of the Council of Europe



Promotion of human rights, democracy and rule of law in Europe

Structure

Statutory bodies

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe



Composition:
representatives of the national parliaments



President:
Rik Daems

Role



Elections: e.g. Secretary General and judges of the European Court of Human Rights



Promoting dialogue, providing ideas and advice to the Committee of Ministers on conventions



Election observation and monitoring of the Member States

Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe



Composition:
foreign affairs ministers



Chair 18 November 2020 - 21 May 2021: Heiko Maas, German Foreign Minister



Role



Adoption of binding agreements
Example: European Convention on Human Rights (1950)



Adoption of the budget and programme of activities



Promoting close cooperation through partial agreements
Example: Venice Commission providing constitutional advice to states

European Court of Human Rights (ECHR)



Ensures compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights

Judges complaints by persons and states relating to violations of the rights recognized by the Convention

Consultative bodies

Conference of International NGOs

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Commissioner for Human Rights

Secretariat



Under the leadership of the Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić

Good to know: Youth Department works with a co-management system, meaning that member states & the European youth organisations take decisions together

✓ Important to EM Germany

- Achieve progress in the negotiations on the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights
- Strengthen the Venice Commission and promote cooperation with the EU
- Consolidate co-management system in the youth section and adopt it for EU youth policy