



Role and structure of the Council of Europe

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| | Council of Europe | European Union |
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| Established | 1949 | 1957 |
| Member states | 46 | 27 |
| Population | 691 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 (PACE)



Composition:
representatives of the national parliaments



President:
Tiny Kox

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 November 2022 - Mai 2023
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Icelandic Foreign Minister v v wvavvz

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

- Strengthen the democratic DNA of the Council of Europe and thus fully exploit its potential as a workshop for democracy in preparation for EU membership
- Achieve progress in the negotiations on the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights
- Promote EU cooperation with the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
- Support the implementation of the European Youth Work Agenda of the Council of Europe and the EU