



Role and structure of the Council of Europe

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	Council of Europe	European Union
Established	1949	1957
Member states	46	27
Population	677 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 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:
Ministers of Foreign Affairs



Chair November 2023 - May 2024
Dominique Hasler,
Foreign Minister
of the Principality of Liechtenstein

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)



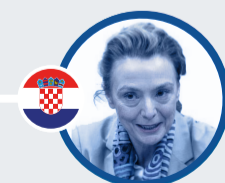
Ensures compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights

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

Priorities of the Liechtenstein Chairmanship

*United by our values (I) Towards a future (II),
For the needs of all (III).*

Secretariat



Under the leadership of the Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić

Consultative bodies

Conference of International NGOs

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Commissioner for Human Rights

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