



During the plenary sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly, groups of visitors have the opportunity to follow a debate in the Assembly Chamber. The dates of the four sessions are available on the Parliamentary Assembly website: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

**Study programmes (duration: approximately 2 hours)**

These are tailored to the needs and interests of the groups (university students, teachers, lawyers, diplomatic delegations, members of ministries, etc.). They include:

- ▶ a visit to the Assembly Chamber
- ▶ a lecture on the political role of the Council of Europe.

A lecture focusing on specific areas of the Council of Europe's work can also be offered upon request.

Tours are conducted in French, English or German. Lectures can be given in any one of the languages of the member states.



# Visiting the Council of Europe



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**Terms and conditions**

Visits are free of charge and must be booked in advance.

**Groups** must comprise at least 15 persons (booking by telephone or e-mail).

**Individual visitors** may visit the Council of Europe by joining a group that has already registered and depending on availability (booking by telephone).

The Palais de l'Europe is open to visitors from Monday to Friday. It is closed at weekends and on French national holidays.

The visits are fully accessible to people with reduced mobility.

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 47 member states, 28 of which are members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.



## WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg, which was designed by the French architect Henry Bernard in 1977, is the headquarters of the Council of Europe, the oldest European political institution.

The building houses part of the Council of Europe Secretariat, which has some 2.200 staff members from 47 countries, committed to the common goal of achieving a united Europe based on democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

## THE VISIT

A visit to the Council of Europe will give you the opportunity to find out more about this Organisation, from its origins in 1949 to the present day.

You will discover

- ▶ the entrance hall of the Palais de l'Europe with its impressive staircase;
- ▶ the Assembly Chamber where the sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe are held.

## THE VISITS ON OFFER

The Council of Europe Visitors' Service organises two kinds of visit according to the type of group.

### Guided tours (duration: approximately 1 hour)

These are designed mainly for visitors who want general information on the Council of Europe. They include:

- ▶ a presentation of the Council of Europe;
- ▶ a screening of a film on the functioning and achievements of the Organisation;
- ▶ a visit to the Assembly Chamber;
- ▶ an exchange of views and replies to visitors' questions.

Guided tours are conducted in:

French, English or German.

