

SUMMARIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TREATIES

The summaries available hereunder are designed to meet a practical need, that of supplying the public at large with concise descriptions of the Council of Europe treaties. The summaries are necessarily short and can therefore only give a first introduction to the main features of each treaty.

Subject-matter: **MOVEMENT OF PERSONS**

European Convention on Establishment ([ETS No. 19](#)), open for signature, in Paris, on 13 December 1955.

Entry into force: 23 February 1965.

Under this Convention, each Party guarantees to nationals of the other Parties the following advantages: facilitation of prolonged or permanent residence in its territory; guarantees against possible expulsion; treatment equal to that enjoyed by nationals in respect of the possession and exercise of private rights; legal and judicial protection; and the right to engage in gainful occupations (industrial, commercial, financial and agricultural occupations, skilled crafts and professions), under certain conditions laid down in the Convention.

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European Agreement on Regulations governing the Movement of Persons between Member States of the Council of Europe ([ETS No. 25](#)), open for signature, in Paris, on 13 December 1957.

Entry into force: 1 January 1958.

The Agreement aims to facilitate personal travel of nationals of the Parties, who may enter or leave the territory of another Party by all frontiers on presentation of one of the documents listed in the appendix to this Agreement. Moreover, Parties agree to allow the holder of any of the documents to re-enter its territory without formality even if his/her nationality is under dispute.

The facilities accorded shall only be available for visits of not more than three months duration.

This Agreement shall in no way prejudice the provisions of any domestic law and bilateral or multilateral treaties or agreements in force or to enter into force, whereby more favourable terms are applied to the nationals of other Parties.

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European Agreement on Travel by Young Persons on Collective Passports between the Member Countries of the Council of Europe ([ETS No. 37](#)), open for signature, in Paris, on 16 December 1961.

Entry into force: 17 January 1962.

The Agreement aims to increase facilities for travel by young persons in the territories of the Parties.

Young persons up to their 21st birthday are eligible to be accorded a collective travel document if they satisfy the requirements of this Agreement. The number of persons to be included in the collective document may vary from 5 to 50. Persons travelling on a collective document shall remain together and their period of stay shall not exceed three months.

Each Party may, subject to reciprocity, extend the provisions of the Agreement, for the purpose of admission to and stay in its territory, to young refugees and young stateless persons lawfully resident in the territory of another Party whose return thereto is guaranteed.

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European Convention on Establishment of Companies ([ETS No. 57](#)), open for signature, in Strasbourg, on 20 January 1966.

Entry into force: The Convention will enter into force following the fifth ratification.

The aim of the Convention is to promote the process of unification by the conclusion of a regional convention, of common rules for the treatment to be accorded to companies and other bodies of each member State in the territory of the others.

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European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers ([ETS No. 93](#)), open for signature, in Strasbourg, on 24 November 1977.

Entry into force: 1 May 1983.

This Convention is concerned with the principal aspects of the legal situation of migrant workers, in particular recruitment, medical examinations, occupational tests, travel, residence permits, work permits, the reuniting of families, working conditions, the transfer of savings and social security, social and medical assistance, the expiry of work contracts, dismissal and re-employment.

A Consultative Committee was instituted to examine Parties' reports on the application of the Convention. On the basis of these documents, the Consultative Committee draws up reports for the attention of the Committee of Ministers.

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European Convention on the Promotion of a Transnational Long-Term Voluntary Service for Young People ([ETS No. 175](#)), open for signature, in Strasbourg, on 1 May 2000.

Entry into force: The Convention will enter into force following 5 Ratifications including 4 member States.

The European Convention on the Promotion of a Transnational Long-Term Voluntary Service for Young People aimed at 18-25 year old wishing to perform voluntary service abroad for periods of 3 to 12 months. This text prepares the ground for providing young volunteers in Europe with a proper legal status. It aims to settle certain problems connected with the rights and obligations of voluntary workers and of the various partners involved, as well as the sending and receiving organisations (prior information and training, social insurance cover, accommodation, leave and pocket money).

The Convention takes into account existing measures and offers solutions to the problems and obstacles encountered by young people wishing to engage in voluntary service abroad. It provides for the issue of a certificate recognising the skills acquired by the volunteer through this means of informal education.