

SUMMARIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TREATIES

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Subject-matter: **WILLS**

Convention on the Establishment of a Scheme of Registration of Wills ([ETS No. 77](#)), open for signature, in Basel, on 16 May 1972.

Entry into force: 20 March 1976.

This Convention allows a testator to register his will with the competent authorities not only in a State of his residence, but also in other Parties. The Convention provides that each Party shall establish or appoint one or more bodies responsible for the registration provided for by the Convention. These bodies will be in charge, after the death of the testator, of answering requests for information providing from the persons concerned.

Each Party appoints a national body which shall facilitate the international co-operation on this matter.