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**EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE
(CDDG)**

**STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL OF
EUROPE INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CDDG**

Item for discussion

Secretariat Memorandum
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Background:

The [terms of reference](#) of every steering committee contain the following main task (as a standard element):

“ in accordance with decisions [CM/Del/Dec\(2013\)1168/10.2](#) of the Committee of Ministers, carry out, at regular intervals, within the limits of the available resources and bearing in mind its priorities, an examination of some or all of the conventions for which it has been given responsibility[^{note¹}], in co-operation, where appropriate, with other relevant bodies, and report back to the Committee of Ministers.” (task xv of the terms of reference for 2022-2025).

The seven conventions in question are the following:

- CETS 106: European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities and its additional Protocol (CETS 159); Second protocol concerning interterritorial co-operation (CETS 169); third Protocol concerning Euroregional Co-operation Groupings (CETS 206),
- CETS 122: European Charter of Local Self-Government and its additional Protocol (CETS 207) on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority,
- CETS 144: Convention on the Participation of Foreigners in Public Life at Local Level.

The current status of signatures and ratifications, the text of conventions and any related information (possible declarations and reservations, explanatory reports etc) are available on the [website of the Treaty Office](#).

At its 22nd meeting (14-15 October 2021), the Bureau instructed the Secretariat to make regularly available at future CDDG meetings, information on the state of signatures and ratifications of the conventions which fall under the responsibility of the CDDG. The table hereinafter compiles this information (situation: 12 April 2022). At its 14th meeting, the CDDG held a first discussion on this item and agreed to resume consideration at the 15th meeting.

Action required:**Delegations are invited under item 5 of the agenda**

a) to report orally on practical experience in respect of the treaties concerned, and possible new developments with regard to their implementation and their signature / ratification;

b) to share views on how best to address main task (xv) of the terms of reference 2022-2025, in future CDDG practice

¹ Cf. relevant decision of the Committee of Ministers ([CM/Del/Dec\(2013\)1168/10.2](#)) and list of Conventions in document [CM\(2019\)132-rev](#).

	CETS/STCE 106		CETS/STCE 122		CETS/STCE 144		CETS/STCE 159		CETS/STCE 169		CETS/STCE 206		CETS/STCE 207	
	Sign	Ratif	Sign	Ratif	Sign	Ratif	Sign	Ratif	Sign	Ratif	Sign	Ratif	Sign	Ratif
Albania		2001		2000		2005		2001		2001			2016	
Andorra				2011										
Armenia		2003		2002			2003		2003	2010			2013	
Austria		1982		1987			2004		2006					
Azerbaijan		2004		2002			2004		2004					
Belgium		1987		2004			2009		2009	2009			2009	
Bosnia and Herzegovina		2008		2002			2008		2008					
Bulgaria		1999		1995			2005		2005					2016
Croatia		2003		1997										
Cyprus		2013		1988	1996		2014		2014		2014		2012	
Czech Republic		1999		1999		2015								
Denmark		1981		1988		2000								
Estonia				1994										2011
Finland		1990		1991		2001								2012
France		1984		2007			1999		2007		2013			2020
Georgia		2006		2004			2005		2005					2019
Germany		1981		1988			1998		2001		2012			
Greece				1989										
Hungary		1994		1994										2010
Iceland	1999			1991		2004	1999		1999					2017
Ireland		1982		2002										
Italy		1985		1990		1994	2000							
Latvia		1998		1996				1998						
Liechtenstein		1984		1988										
Lithuania		1997		1999	2008			2002		2002	2009			2012
Luxembourg		1983		1987				1997		1999	2010			
Malta	1999			1993										2018
Monaco		2007		2013				2007		2007				
Montenegro		2010		2008				2010		2010	2009			2010
Netherlands		1981		1991		1997		1997		1999	2009			2010
North Macedonia				1997										2015

Norway		1980		1989		1993		2010		2010				2009
Poland		1993		1993										
Portugal		1989		1990			1997		1998				2015	
Republic of Moldova		1999		1997				2001		2001				
Romania		2003		1998			1998		1998					
Russian Federation		2002		1998				2008		2008		2017		
San Marino				2013										
Serbia		2016		2007										2018
Slovak Republic		2000		2000				2000		2000				
Slovenia		2003		1996	2006			2003		2003		2011		2011
Spain		1990		1988										
Sweden		1981		1989		1993		1995		1998				2010
Switzerland		1982		2005				1998		2003		2011		2017
Turkey		2001		1992										
Ukraine		1993		1997				2004		2004		2012		2014
United Kingdom				1998	1992								2009	
Total	2	39	0	47	4	9	5	24	4	23	6	7	4	20

“Sign”: signature not followed by ratification / signature non suivie de ratification

- 106 European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities / *Convention-cadre européenne sur la coopération transfrontalière des collectivités ou autorités territoriales*
- 122 European Charter of Local Self-Government / *Charte européenne de l'autonomie locale*
- 144 Convention on the Participation of Foreigners in Public Life at Local Level / *Convention sur la participation des étrangers à la vie publique au niveau local*
- 159 Additional Protocol to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities / *Protocole additionnel à la Convention-cadre européenne sur la coopération transfrontalière des collectivités ou autorités territoriales*
- 169 Protocol No. 2 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning interterritorial co-operation / *Protocole n° 2 à la Convention-cadre européenne sur la coopération transfrontalière des collectivités ou autorités territoriales relatif à la coopération interterritoriale*
- 206 Protocol No. 3 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning Euroregional Co-operation Groupings (ECGs) / *Protocole n° 3 à la Convention-cadre européenne sur la coopération transfrontalière des collectivités ou autorités territoriales relatif aux Groupements eurorégionaux de coopération (GEC)*
- 207 Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority / *Protocole additionnel à la Charte européenne de l'autonomie locale sur le droit de participer aux affaires des collectivités locales*