

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Terms of reference

1. The Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (“the Network”) shall be established under the auspices of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in accordance with [Resolution 2599 \(2025\)](#) “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”.

Aim of the Network

2. In accordance with Resolution 2599 (2025), the Network is tasked with promoting and contributing to the full, effective and rapid implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights through the work of parliamentarians. This aim is in line with the Reykjavik Declaration, adopted at the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe (16-17 May 2023), which recalled that national parliaments also bear responsibility for implementing the Convention and complying with the judgments of the Court, and invited the Assembly (through its President) to strengthen the political dialogue with its national interlocutors in this area.

3. To this end, the Network shall:

3.1. Meet in order to: share best practices among members of how they have helped to promote the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights at national level; hear presentations by experts about the implementation of the Court's judgments, including on the most effective structures at national level to promote judgment implementation, key thematic issues, and relevant best practices for parliamentarians; and hear presentations by individual applicants, their representatives, survivors' organisations, and civil society involved in the execution of judgments;

3.2. Support parliamentarians in their work to ensure parliamentary scrutiny and to promote the implementation of judgments at national level, for instance through parliamentary oversight, political follow-up, and contributions to accountability mechanisms at the national level, as well as by engaging with relevant national interlocutors and encouraging legislative and structural reforms;

3.3. Organise study visits for parliamentarians to observe best practices for parliamentary committees overseeing the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

3.4. Publish, disseminate, and update resources for parliamentarians on how to promote the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

3.5. Organise training sessions for the staff of national parliaments on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

3.6. Conduct awareness-raising at national level concerning the European Convention on Human Rights system, the need to ensure the compatibility of national legislation with the Convention's standards, and the role of parliamentarians in this regard;

- 3.7. Liaise with and cooperate with the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe and the Execution Coordinators Network.

Composition of the Network

4. The Network shall be composed of members of the Parliamentary Assembly, as follows:
- 4.1. two members appointed by each national delegation: one member from the governing majority and one from the opposition;
- 4.2. the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights shall be ex officio members of the Network;
- 4.3. one representative appointed by each of the following Committees of the Parliamentary Assembly:
- Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
 - Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
 - Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
 - Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
 - Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
 - Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
 - Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
5. The Chairperson of the Network may invite members of national parliaments who are not members of the Network to participate in the work of the Network.

Working methods of the Network

6. The working languages of the Network shall be English and French.
7. The Network will meet in Strasbourg, Paris, or in a member State of the Council of Europe at the invitation of its parliament.
8. The Network shall elect its Chairperson and its Vice-Chairperson, who shall make up the Bureau. It shall renew its Bureau every two years during the Assembly's first part-session. In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a meeting of the Network may be chaired by a member of the Bureau of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, or, in their absence, by the longest-serving member present.
9. Except where alternative arrangements are expressly made, the costs of participation of members of the Network in its events shall be borne by their national parliaments.
10. In fulfilling its aim as set out in paragraph 2 of these terms of reference, the Network shall be inspired by the European Convention on Human Rights and other relevant international and Council of Europe treaties, texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly, as well as by other relevant international declarations and reports recognising that persistent non-implementation of judgments constitutes a serious threat to the rule of law, respect to human rights and democratic values.
11. The Network may co-operate with parliamentarians and national parliaments outside of Europe, as well as with parliamentary networks and regional and international parliamentary assemblies.
12. The dissolution of the Network shall be subject to a decision of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the latter's approval by the Bureau.

Funding

13. The Network shall be funded with voluntary contributions.