

**Conventions
& Resolutions**

COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEES

General Overview

With a mandate based on
a Council of Europe Convention
or a Resolution of the Committee of Ministers,
including partial and enlarged agreements.

**State of play on
1 January 2022**

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Work in committees lies at the heart of the Council of Europe and allows the direct participation of governmental and independent experts in its work. It significantly contributes to the Organisation's core mission, which is "to achieve a **greater unity between its members** for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage and facilitating their economic and social progress", as stated in Article 1 of its Statute.

Committees whose mandates are based on a Convention or Resolution carry the **acquis of the Council of Europe in protecting Human Rights and promoting the Rule of Law and Democracy**.

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Based on a consolidated set of international treaties and of Resolutions adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, including to establish partial or enlarged agreements, these committees are of three kinds:

A first category includes **committees representing the parties** to a given treaty, or representing all the Council of Europe member States for Resolution-based committees. They can be characterised as 'intergovernmental'.

A second category includes **committees composed of independent experts** elected by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. These experts sit in their individual capacity and these committees can be characterised as independent monitoring or advisory committees.

A third category includes **committees established to manage partial and enlarged agreements** based on Statutory Resolution (96)36 on partial and enlarged agreements as amended by Resolution CM/Res(2010)2.

” The aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage and facilitating their common heritage and facilitating their economic and social progress.

This aim shall be pursued through the organs of the Council by discussion of questions of common concern and by agreements and common action in economic, social, cultural, scientific, legal and administrative matters and in the maintenance and further realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Article 1 of the Statute of the Council of Europe

Legend

Social rights	Name of the Programme in the Council of Europe Programme & Budget
■	Intergovernmental body, i.e. composed of representatives of the Parties to the Convention concerned
●	Independent body with a Convention or a Resolution-based mandate
M	Body with monitoring tasks (whether independent or intergovernmental)
A	Body with advisory tasks
◇	Partial/Enlarged agreement
◆	Statutory body of a Partial/Enlarged agreement
ETS	Stands for European Treaty Series
CETS	Stands for Council of Europe Treaty Series

NB: the competencies of the Committee of Ministers with regard to certain conventions and resolutions are not illustrated in this document, the purpose of which is to present all the other committees performing a mandate based on a convention or a resolution.

EFFECTIVE ECHR IMPLEMENTATION

Supports member States in the effective implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights and of the European Court of Human Rights' judgments, including actions to address human rights challenges related to the prevention of torture, new technologies in the bio-medical field, artificial intelligence, freedom of expression, media freedom, and data protection.

- **CPT** – European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment – ETS 126 **M**
- **T-PD** – Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data – ETS 108
- **Access Info Group** – Group of Specialists on Access to Official Documents (Tromsø Convention) – CETS 205 **M**
- **TC-CP** – Consultation of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (Tromsø Convention) – CETS 205

EQUALITY AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Ensures the effective protection of women and children's rights, with a particular focus on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, and on protecting children from abuse, ensuring equality and human dignity.

- **GREVIO** – Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence – CETS 210 **M**
- **IC-CP** – Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence – CETS 210 **M**
- **T-ES** – Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Committee) – CETS 201 **M**

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Aims to address increasing inequality, racism, xenophobia, hate speech/crime and discrimination on grounds of religion or belief and other grounds, including sexual orientation or gender identity. It promotes policies that contribute to more inclusive societies that value diversity, free from discrimination and hate, with an emphasis on persons belonging to national minorities, Roma and Travellers, migrants and other exposed groups.

- **ECRI** – European Commission against Racism and Intolerance – Resolution Res(2002)8 **M**
- **AC-FCNM** – Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities – ETS 157 **M**
- **COMEX** – Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages – ETS 148 **M**
- ◇ **CEB** – Council of Europe Development Bank – Articles of Agreement of the Bank
 - ◆ Governing Board
 - ◆ Administrative Council
 - ◆ Auditing Board

SOCIAL RIGHTS

Promotes the effective implementation of social rights at the national level to protect the most vulnerable groups and create greater cohesion in our societies.

- **ECSR** – European Committee of Social Rights – ETS 35, 128, 158 & 163 **M**
- **T-SG** – Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter – ETS 35, 128, 158 & 163 **M**

RULE OF LAW BASED INSTITUTIONS

Ensures well-functioning legal and democratic institutions based on the rule of law, with a special emphasis on constitutional and legislative reforms, and on safeguarding independent, impartial and efficient justice systems and consolidating our common legal space by developing new standards and policies to address emerging issues and key challenges.

- ◆ ● **Venice Commission** – European Commission for Democracy through Law – Resolution Res(2002)3 **A**
- **CEPEJ** – European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice – Resolution Res(2002) **A**

ACTION AGAINST CRIME, SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF CITIZENS

Supports member States in their fight against terrorism and its financing, corruption including in sport, organised crime and money laundering, cybercrime and trafficking in human beings, with a particular focus on forced labour and effective remedies for victims.

- ◆ ● **GRECO** – Group of States against Corruption – Resolution (99)5 **M**
 - ◆ Statutory Committee of GRECO
- **GRETA** – Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings – CETS 197 **M**
- **THB-CP** – Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings – CETS 197 **M**
- **MONEYVAL** – Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism – Res(2010)12 **M**
- **T-RV** – Standing Committee of the European Convention on Spectator Violence and Misbehaviour at Sports Events and in particular at Football Matches – ETS 120 **M**
- **T-DO** – Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention – ETS 135 **M**
- **T-CY** – Convention Committee on Cybercrime – ETS 185
- **COP** – Consultation of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism – CETS 196
- **COP** – Conference of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism – CETS 198 **M**
- **T-Medicrime** – Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health – CETS 211 **M**
- **T-MC** – Follow-up Committee of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions – CETS 215 **M**
- **T-HO** – Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs – CETS 216 **M**
- **T-S4** – Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events – CETS 218 **M**
- ◆ **EDQM** – European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare – ETS 50 & 134
 - ◆ European Pharmacopeia Commission
 - ◆ **CD-P-PH** – European Committee on Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Care*
- ◆ **EPAS** – Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport – Resolution CM/Res(2010)11
 - ◆ Governing Board
 - ◆ Consultative Committee
 - ◆ Statutory Committee
- ◆ **Pompidou Group** – International Co-operation Group on Drugs and Addictions – Resolution CM/Res (2021)4
 - ◆ Committee of Permanent Correspondents

* On 6 February 2008 (1017th meeting), the Ministers' Deputies decided that the European Committee on pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical care (CD-P-PH) would carry out the tasks of the Public Health Committee set out in the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopeia (ETS No. 50), as amended by its Protocol (ETS No. 134).

DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

Fosters and supports the creativity, dynamism, social commitment and competences of young people, helping them to take an active part in democratic life through education programmes and youth initiatives.

■ **T-PVS** – Standing Committee on the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats – ETS 104

■ **LRCC** – Committee of the Council of Europe / UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Committee on the Lisbon Convention) – ETS 165

■ **ENIC Network** – European Network of National Information Centres on academic mobility and recognition – ETS 165

■ **AHC-SC** – Standing Committee on the European Convention for the Protection of Audiovisual Heritage – ETS 183 & 184

◇ **Youth Card** – Partial Agreement on the Youth Card for the purpose of promoting and facilitating youth mobility in Europe – Resolution ResAP(2003)1

◆ Board of co-ordination

◇ **Eurimages** – European Support Fund for the Co-production and Distribution of Creative Cinematographic and Audiovisual Works – Resolution CM/Res(2020)5

◆ Board of Management

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◇ **EUR-OPA** – Co-operation Group for the Prevention of, Protection against, and Organisation of Relief in Major Natural and Technological Disasters – Resolution (87)2

◆ Committee on Permanent Correspondents

◇ **European Audiovisual Observatory** – Resolution CM/Res(2020)49

◆ Executive Council

◆ Advisory Committee

◇ **ECML** – European Centre for Modern Languages – Resolution(98)11

◆ Governing Board

◇ **North-South Centre** – European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – Resolution CM/Res(2011)6

◆ Executive Committee

◇ **Cultural Routes** – Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes – Resolution CM/Res(2013)66

◆ Governing Board

◆ Statutory Committee

◇ **OHTE** – Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe – Resolution CM/Res(2020)34

◆ Governing Board

◆ Scientific Advisory Council

INACTIVE COMMITTEES

Listed below are referred to in active Council of Europe Conventions (2012 Secretary General Conventions' Review) but are not active as committees for at least the past 10 years:

- **T-CE** – Standing Committee of the European Convention on Establishment – ETS 19
- **Pas d'acronyme** – Multilateral consultations of Parties to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (revised) – ETS 65 & 193
- **T-AP** – Standing Committee of the European Convention of the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes – ETS 87
- **T-TA** – Multilateral Committee on the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications of Legal Aid – ETS 92
- **T-MG** – Consultative Committee of the European Convention on the legal Status of Migrant Workers – ETS 93
- **No Acronym** – Multilateral consultations of Parties to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter – ETS 102
- **T-CC** – Committee on the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children – ETS 105
- **No Acronym** – Multilateral consultations of Parties to the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes – ETS 123
- **No Acronym** – Multilateral consultations of Parties to the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals – ETS 125
- **T-TT** – Standing Committee on Transfrontier Television – ETS 132 & 171
- **T-ED** – Standing Committee on the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights – ETS 160
- **ECCA** – Multilateral consultation meeting on the implementation of the European Convention on the Legal Protection of Services based on, or consisting of, Conditional Access – ETS 178

HUMAN RIGHTS

Effective ECHR implementation

- CPT **M** Prevention of torture
- T-PD Data protection
- Access Info Group **M** } Official documents (Tromsø)
- TC-CP **M**

Equality and human dignity

- GREVIO **M** } Violence against women (Istanbul)
- IC-CP **M**
- T-ES **M** Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse / Children (Lanzarote)

Anti-discrimination, diversity & inclusion

- ECRI **M** Racism & Intolerance
- AC-FCNM **M** National Minorities
- COMEX **M** Minority Languages
- ◇ CEB – CoE Development Bank
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Droits sociaux

- ECSR **M** } Social Rights
- GC **M**

RULE OF LAW

Rule of law based institutions

- ◇ Democracy through law } Constitutional matters
- Venice Commission **A**
- CEPEJ **A** Efficiency of Justice

Action against crime, security & protection of citizens

- ◇ GRECO
- GRECO **M** } Anti-corruption
- ◆ Statutory Committee
- GRETA **M** } Anti-trafficking
- THB-CP **M**
- MONEYVAL **M**
- T-RV **M** Spectator Violence
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- T-CY Cybercrime
- COP Prevention of terrorism
- COP **M** Financing of terrorism
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- T-MC **M** Sport Manipulation
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DEMOCRACY

Democratic Participation

- T-PVS Wildlife & Natural Habitats (Bern)
- LRCC Qualifications (Lisbon)
- ENIC Academic Mobility
- AHC-SC Audiovisual Heritage
- ◇ Youth Card – Youth mobility
- ◆ Board of Management
- ◇ Eurimages – Cinema co-productions
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