

# THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE ON LEGAL CO-OPERATION (CDCJ)

## IN ACTION SINCE 1963

### Historical timeline – some highlights

- 1963**      **1<sup>st</sup> January** – Establishment of *ad hoc* committee on legal co-operation (the ancestor of the CDCJ) by virtue of [Resolution \(62\) 41](#) of the Committee of Ministers (adopted on 17 December 1962)
- 13 December** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Resolution \(63\) 29](#) setting up the European Committee on Legal Co-operation, a committee of a consultative and technical character, under the authority of the Committee of Ministers.
- 1964**      **6-10 July** – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.
- 1965**      **10-14 May** – 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation: Approval of the draft text of the [European Convention providing a Uniform Law on Arbitration ETS No. 056](#), drawn up by a committee of experts under the control of the CDCJ and submitted to the Committee of Ministers who adopted the convention and decided to open it for signature (**20 January 1966**).
- 1968**      **5 June** – Opening for signature of the [European Convention on Information on Foreign Law \(ETS No. 062\)](#) prepared by a Committee of Governmental Experts set up for this purpose by the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.
- 1972**      **16 May** – Opening for signature of the [Convention on the Establishment of a Scheme of Registration of Wills \(ETS No. 077\)](#) drawn up by a committee of governmental experts under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.
- 1973**      **14 May** – Opening for signature of the [European Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused by Motor Vehicles \(ETS No. 079\)](#) drawn up by a committee of governmental experts under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.
- 26 October** – Opening for signature of the [Agreement on the Transfer of Corpses \(ETS No. 080\)](#) drawn up European Public Health Committee and submitted to the European Committee on Legal Co-operation for approval before its final adoption by the Committee of Ministers at its 220<sup>th</sup> meeting (9-13 April 1973).
- 1975**      **15 October** – Opening for signature of the [European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock \(ETS No. 085\)](#) drawn up by a committee of governmental experts under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.
- 1977**      **27 January** – Opening for signature of the [European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid \(ETS No. 092\)](#) drawn up by the Committee of Experts on Economic and other Obstacles to Civil Proceedings, Inter Alia Abroad, under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.

1978	<b>2 March</b> – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of <a href="#">Resolution (78) 8 on legal aid and advice.</a>	<b>15 March</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law (ETS No. 097).</a>
1980	<b>20 May</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children (ETS No. 105).</a>	
1981	<b>28 January</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108)</a> drawn up by a committee of governmental experts under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.	<b>14 May</b> – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of <a href="#">Recommendation No. R (81) 7 on measures facilitating access to justice.</a>
1984	<b>28 February</b> – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of <a href="#">Recommendation No. R (84) 4 on parental responsibilities.</a>	
1986	<b>24 April</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">European Convention on the Recognition of the Legal Personality of International Non-Governmental Organisations (ETS No. 124)</a> drawn up by a select committee of experts under the authority of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation.	
1988	<b>25 January</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (ETS No. 127).</a>	<b>28 November-2 December</b> – 50 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ).
1993	<b>8 January</b> – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of <a href="#">Recommendation No. R (93)1 on effective access to the law and to justice for the very poor.</a>	
1996	<b>25 January</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160).</a>	<b>31 May</b> – Approval of the Handbook “The administration and you” and authorisation of its publication.
1997	<b>6 November</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166).</a>	
1998	<b>21 January</b> – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of <a href="#">Recommendation No. R (98) 1 on family mediation.</a>	
1999	<b>23 February</b> – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of <a href="#">Recommendation No. R (99) 4 on principles concerning the legal protection of incapable adults.</a>	<b>4 November</b> – Opening for signature of the <a href="#">Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 174).</a>

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**2000**      **25 October** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation No. R\(2000\)21 on the freedom of exercise of the profession of lawyer.](#)

**2001**      **4 October** – Opening for signature of the [Convention on Information and Legal Co-operation concerning "Information Society Services" \(ETS No. 180\)](#) and of the [Additional Protocol to the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid \(ETS No. 179\)](#) prepared by the Multilateral the Committee on European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid, and adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 755<sup>th</sup> meeting on 8 June 2001.

**8 November** – Opening for signature of the [Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, regarding supervisory authorities and transborder data flows \(ETS No. 181\).](#)

**2002**      **18 September** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation Rec\(2002\)10 on mediation in civil matters.](#)

**2003**      **9 September** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation Rec\(2003\)14 on the interoperability of information systems in the justice sector](#) and of [Recommendation Rec\(2003\)17 on enforcement.](#)

**2006**      **19 May** – Opening for signature of the [Council of Europe Convention on the avoidance of statelessness in relation to State succession \(CETS No. 200\).](#)

**2007**      **20 June** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2007\)7 on good administration.](#)

**10 October** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2007\)14 on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe.](#)

**2008**      **27 November** – Opening for signature of the [European Convention on the Adoption of Children \(Revised\) \(CETS No. 202\).](#)

**2009**      **9 December** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2009\)11 on principles concerning continuing powers of attorney and advance directives for incapacity](#) and of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2009\)13 on the nationality of children.](#)

**2010**      **27 May** – Opening for signature of the [Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters \(CETS No. 208\).](#)

**17 November** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2010\)12 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on judges: independence, efficiency and responsibilities.](#)

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**2014**      **30 April** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2014\)7 on the protection of whistleblowers.](#)

**2015**      **11 February** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2015\)4 on preventing and resolving disputes on child relocation.](#)

**2017**      **22 March** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)2 on the legal regulation of lobbying activities in the context of public decision making.](#)

**2021**      **31 March** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Guidelines on efficiency and effectiveness of legal aid schemes in the areas of civil and administrative law.](#)      **16 June** – Adoption by the Committee of Ministers of [Guidelines on online dispute resolution mechanisms in civil and administrative court proceedings.](#)

**2022**      **14 December** – Publication of a [comparative study on access of persons conceived by gamete donation to information on their origins](#) that the CDCJ approved at its 98<sup>th</sup> meeting (1-3 June 2023), to form a basis for a future standard setting work by the Committee.

**2023**      **30 May - 1<sup>st</sup> June** – 100<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the CDCJ