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of Europe member states:**

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Nicosia Convention (CETS No. 221)

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## Introduction

Criminal law conventions play a crucial role in establishing standards. They are a common basis for co-operation in criminal matters across Europe and sometimes beyond. Becoming a Party to such conventions fosters international cooperation and collaboration among their Parties, mainly Council of Europe member states, and it is crucial for the development of national structures and mechanisms for decision making, monitoring and enforcement. Against this background, **the ratification** by Council of Europe (hereinafter, CoE) member states in criminal law conventions, which are under the aegis of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), **is of extreme importance**.

This document serves as an analysis of the state of play of signatures and ratifications of three Council of Europe criminal law Conventions: the MEDICRIME Convention (CETS No. 211), the Santiago de Compostela Convention (CETS No. 216) and the Nicosia Convention (CETS No. 221) by Council of Europe member States.

Divided into two major parts, this document helps to visualise the participation of CoE member states in each convention separately. The second part is a detailed overview of the three conventions as a group, identifying which member states have acceded (signed or ratified) to one or more conventions, by providing a more visual image as a whole of the state of play.

It is to be noted that this analysis is only focused on CoE member states and does not reflect the number of third country Parties, signatory countries or invited countries to each convention.

## PART 1 – Participation of CoE member states in each convention

### 1.1 CETS No. 211 - MEDICRIME Convention<sup>1</sup>

Albania	Andorra	Armenia	Austria	Azerbaijan
Belgium	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Croatia	Cyprus
Czechia	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France
Georgia	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland
Ireland	Italy	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania
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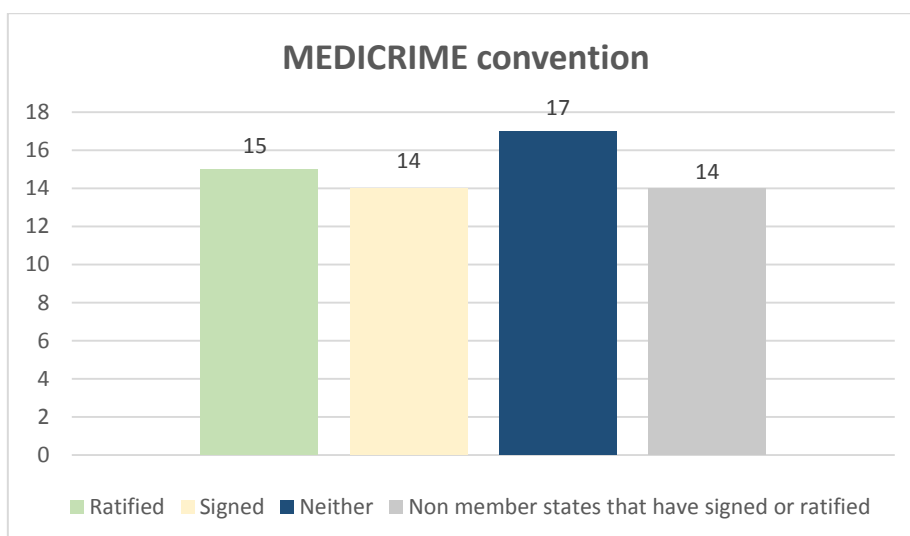
-CoE member states that have ratified the MEDICRIME convention  (15)

-CoE member states that have signed the MEDICRIME convention  (14)

-CoE member states that have neither signed nor ratified the MEDICRIME Convention  (17)

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<sup>1</sup> Council of Europe Convention on the Counterfeiting of Medical Products and Similar Offences Posing a Threat to Public Health, CETS No. 211, Moscow, 28 October 2011. See: [www.coe.int/medicrime](http://www.coe.int/medicrime).



**Out of the 46 Council of Europe member states:**

- **32,6%** (15 CoE countries) have **ratified** the MEDICRIME Convention;
- **30,4%** (14 CoE countries) have **signed** the MEDICRIME Convention;
- **37%** (17 CoE countries) have **neither signed nor ratified** the MEDICRIME Convention.

## 1.2 CETS No. 216 - Santiago de Compostela Convention (SCC) <sup>2</sup>

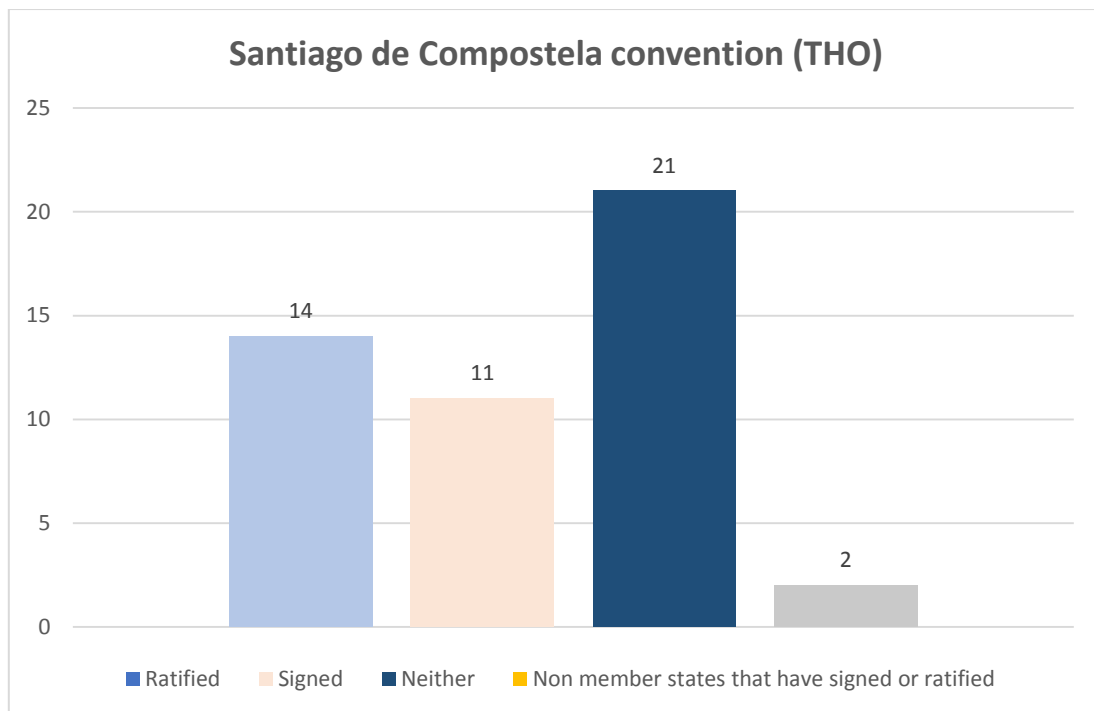
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		United Kingdom		

-CoE member states that have ratified the Santiago de Compostela Convention  (14)

-CoE member states that have signed the Santiago de Compostela Convention  (11)

-CoE member states that neither have signed nor ratified the SCP Convention  (21)

<sup>2</sup> Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs, CETS No. 216, Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 25 March 2015. See: [www.coe.int/organtrafficking](http://www.coe.int/organtrafficking)



**Out of the 46 Council of Europe member states:**

- **30,4%** (14 CoE countries) have **ratified** the SCC;
- **23,9%** (11 CoE countries) have **signed** the SCC;
- **45,7%** (21 CoE countries) have **neither signed nor ratified** the SCC;

### 1.3 CETS No. 221 - Nicosia Convention<sup>3</sup>

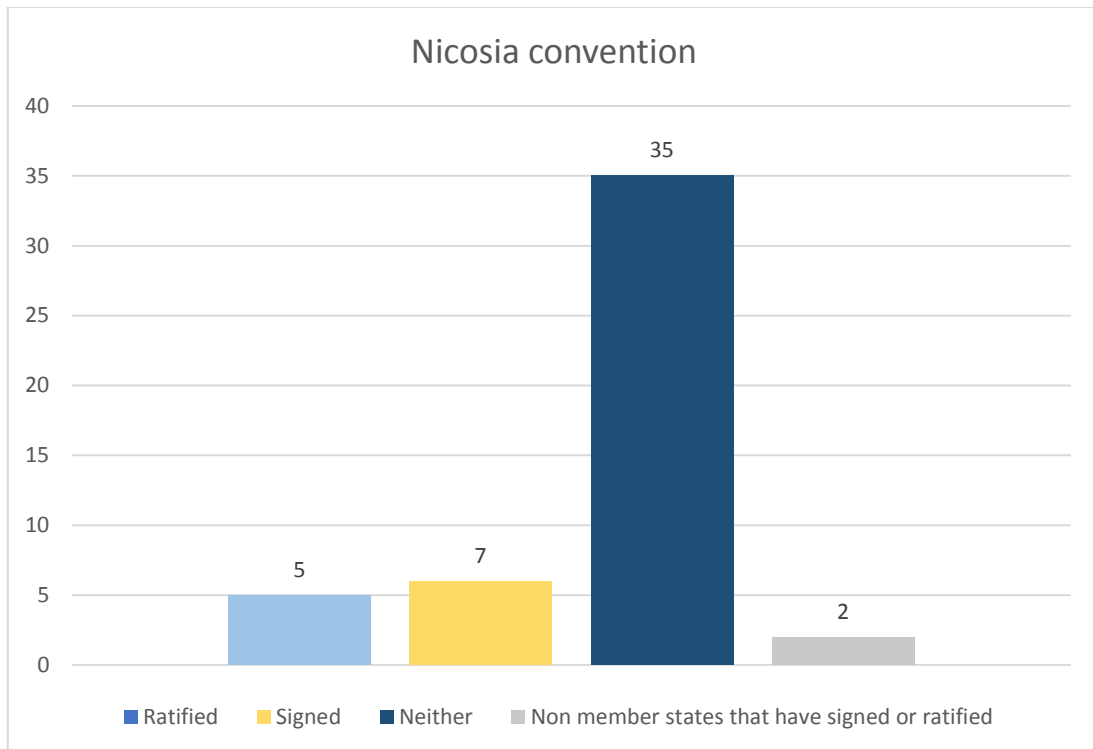
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-CoE member states that have ratified the Nicosia Convention  (5)

-CoE member states that have signed the Nicosia Convention  (7)

-CoE member states that have neither signed nor ratified the Nicosia Convention  (35)

<sup>3</sup> Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property, CETS no. 221, Nicosia (Cyprus) 19 May 2017. See: [Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property - Culture and Cultural Heritage \(coe.int\)](https://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Html/221.htm).



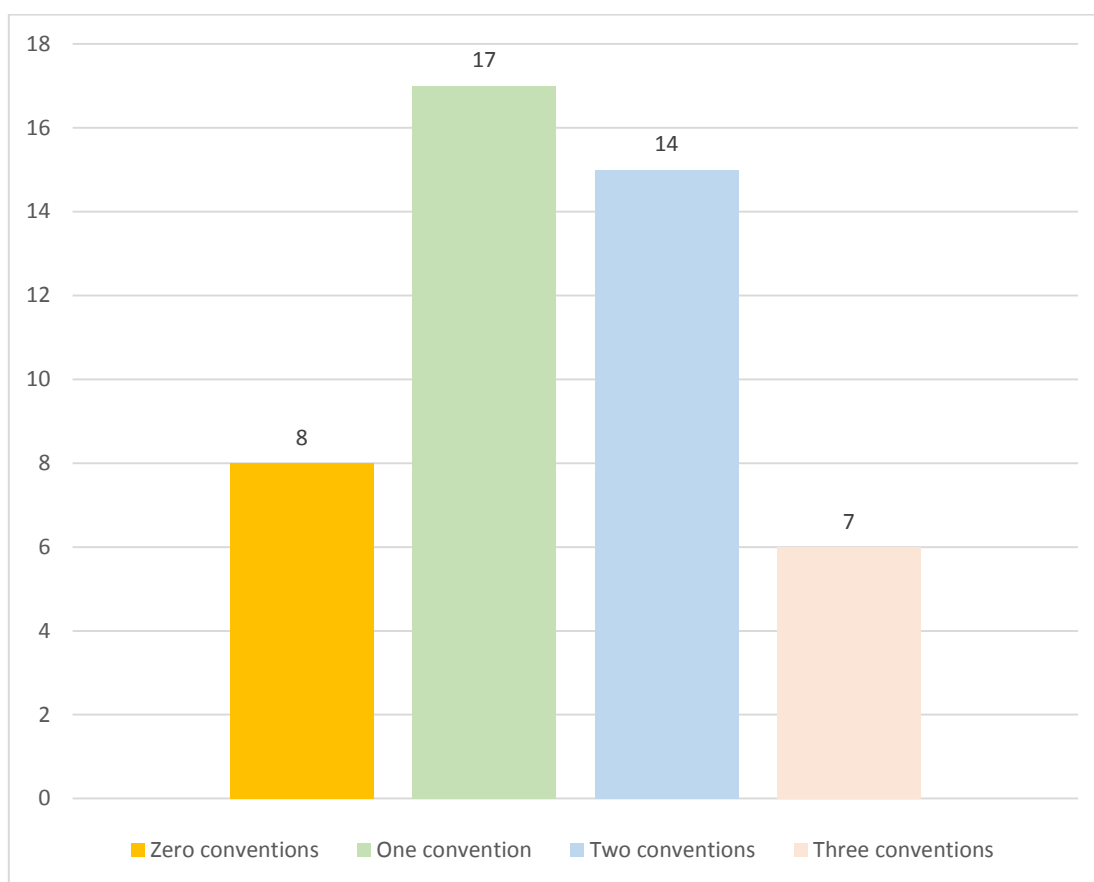
**Out of the 46 Council of Europe member states:**

- **10,9%** (5 CoE countries) have **ratified** the Nicosia Convention;
- **15.2%** (7 CoE countries) have **signed** the Nicosia Convention;
- **76,1%** (35 CoE countries) have **neither signed nor ratified** the Nicosia Convention.

**PART 2: General overview of the three conventions:  
(MEDICRIME, Santiago de Compostela and Nicosia conventions)**

Albania	Andorra	Armenia	Austria	Azerbaijan
Belgium	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bulgaria	Croatia	Cyprus
Czechia	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France
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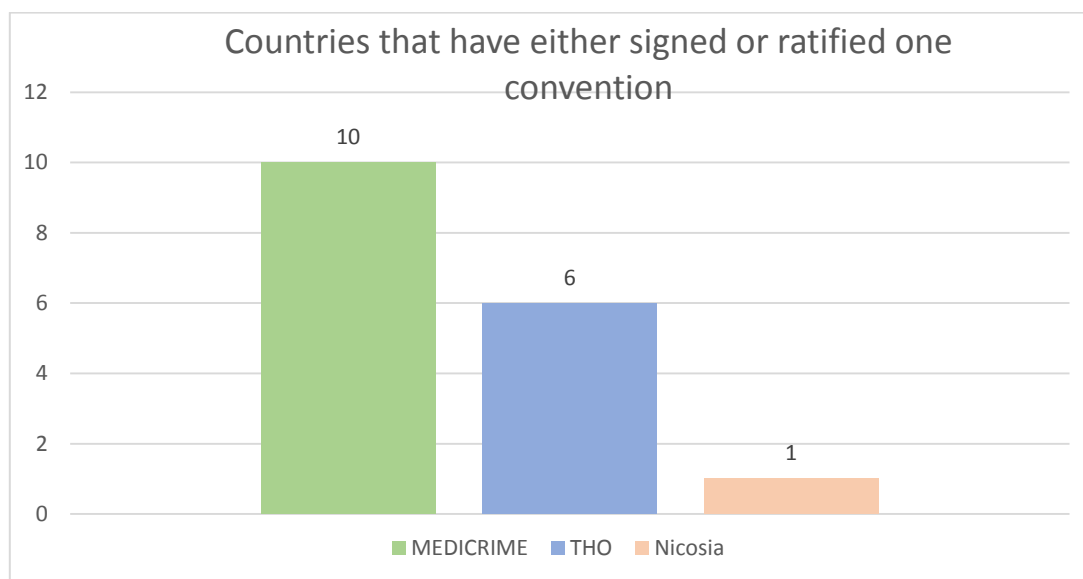
- CoE member states that have neither signed nor ratified any of the three conventions ■ (8)
- CoE member states that have either ratified or signed one of the three conventions ■ (17)
- CoE member states that have either ratified or signed two of the three conventions ■ (14)
- CoE member states that have either ratified or signed all three conventions ■ (7)



**Out of the 46 Council of Europe member states:**

- **37%** (17 CoE countries) have either ratified or signed **one convention** (out of the three conventions); (a)
- **30,4%** (14 CoE countries) have either ratified or signed **two conventions** (out of three conventions); (b)
- **17,4%** (8 CoE countries) have **neither signed nor ratified** any of the three conventions; (c)
- **15.2%** (7 CoE countries) have either **ratified or signed** all three conventions (d)

a) CoE member states that have either signed or ratified one CoE convention.



**Out of the 17 member states that have either signed or ratified only one convention:**

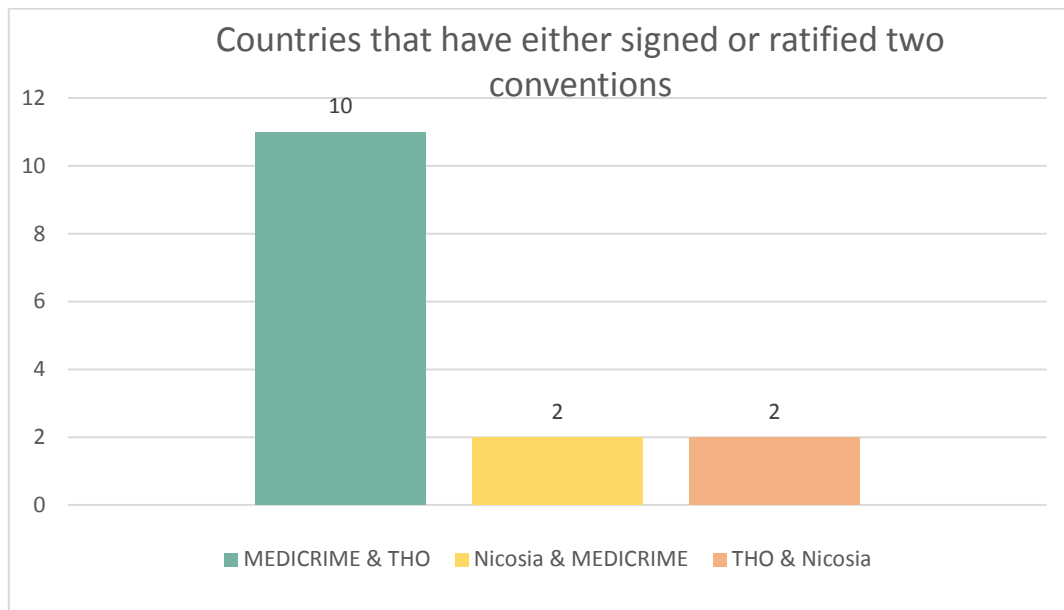
- **58,8%** (10 CoE countries) have either signed or ratified only the MEDICRIME Convention<sup>4</sup>;
- **35,3%** (6 CoE countries) have either signed or ratified only the Santiago de Compostela Convention<sup>5</sup>;
- **5.9%** (1 CoE countries) have either signed or ratified only the Nicosia Convention<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> Bosnia and Herzegovina; Denmark; Finland; Germany; Iceland; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; North Macedonia; Serbia; Slovak Republic.

<sup>5</sup> Azerbaijan; Czechia; Ireland; Malta; Poland; United Kingdom.

<sup>6</sup> San Marino

**b) CoE member states that have either signed or ratified two CoE conventions.**



**Out of the 14 member states that have either signed or ratified two of the three conventions:**

- **71,4 %** (10 CoE countries) have either signed or ratified both the MEDICRIME and the Santiago de Compostela Conventions (THO)<sup>7</sup>;
- **13.3%** (2 CoE countries) have either signed or ratified the Nicosia and the MEDICRIME Conventions<sup>8</sup>;
- **13.3%** (2 CoE countries) have either signed or ratified the Santiago de Compostela (THO) and the Nicosia Conventions<sup>9</sup>.

**c) CoE member states that have neither signed nor ratified any of the three conventions:**

- Andorra; Bulgaria; Estonia; Georgia; Monaco; Netherlands; Romania and Sweden.

**d) CoE member states that have either ratified or signed all three conventions:**

- Albania, Armenia; Greece; Italy; Portugal; Slovenia and Ukraine.

<sup>7</sup> Austria; Belgium; Croatia; France; Luxembourg; Norway; Republic of Moldova; Spain; Switzerland and Türkiye.

<sup>8</sup> Cyprus and Hungary

<sup>9</sup> Latvia and Montenegro