

A dark blue background featuring a faint, light blue silhouette of the European continent. Overlaid on the map is the flag of the European Union, consisting of twelve yellow five-pointed stars arranged in a circle.

ECHR PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE 2025– 2030

ECHR (EUROPEAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS)
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European Center for Human Rights

The European Center for Human Rights (ECHR) is an independent, non-profit legal and educational network dedicated to protecting civil and human rights. Founded by a small group of renowned human rights activists, ECHR works to safeguard and enforce the rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other national and international human rights instruments through juridical means.

ECHR places a strong emphasis on cooperation with the Council of Europe, leveraging strategic partnerships and collaborative initiatives to strengthen the promotion and implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights. Through innovative litigation and advocacy, ECHR holds both state and non-state actors accountable for serious human rights violations, while actively supporting the CoE in advancing human rights standards across Europe.



Council of Europe

The ECHR holds participatory status with the **Council of Europe** and actively contributes to its coalition of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs). The **Conference of INGOs** serves as the representative body for all INGOs with participatory status, providing a platform for dialogue and collaboration with the COE.

Additionally, the ECHR holds observer status at the **Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM)**. CDDEM guides the Council of Europe's intergovernmental efforts to strengthen democracy, helping member states resist threats to democratic values, promote good governance, and enhance civil participation in political decision-making.



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Key priorities for 2025–2030

- Promotion and monitoring the European Convention on Human Rights – **ECHR**
- Reykjavik Principles for Democracy – **CDDEM**
- Support for Ukraine and Western Balkan projects
- No Hate Speech Week
- Strong working with **CINGOs**
- EU Policy Maker via **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**



ECHR PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH COE INCLUDE COMBATTING:

Hate Crime and hate speech

No Hate Speech Week

Discrimination

Gender-based violence



ECHR PRIORITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH COE INCLUDE PROMOTING:

Human rights defenders and civil society
organisation

No Hate Speech

Gender equality

Human Rights and AI



ECHR PRIORITIES FOR COOPRATION WITH **COE INCLUDE DEMOCRACY:**



Reykjavik Principles for
Democracy

Civil Society participation

Youth participation

Free and fair elections

World Forum for Democracy



Strategic Partnership ECHR and COE

DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION at national, regional, local and EU levels, **FULL, EQUAL AND MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC LIFE** with EU Policy Makers and **CIVIL SOCIETY** is a prerequisite for a functioning democracy

DEMOCRATIC
PARTICIPATION



EU POLICY MAKERS



CIVIL SOCIETY



Reykjavík Principles for Democracy

The Reykjavík Principles for Democracy are a set of guidelines developed by democratic nations to strengthen and protect democracy worldwide. Launched in 2022 under the leadership of Iceland, they emphasize core democratic values such as free and fair elections, the rule of law, respect for human rights, transparency, accountability, and the fight against corruption. The principles encourage governments, civil society, and international organizations to work together to safeguard democratic institutions from internal and external threats, including disinformation and authoritarian influence. By promoting these shared commitments, the Reykjavík Principles aim to reinforce global cooperation and ensure that democracy remains resilient, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of all people.



2025 – 2030

Cooperation and Partnership



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