



# INTRODUCTION

Established on 5 May 1949 (Treaty of London) by 10 states

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Comprises 47 member states today

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Based in Strasbourg (France)

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Intergovernmental political Organisation,  
founded on three main values:  
human rights, democracy and the rule of law

## Council of Europe

 Albania Tirana	 Estonia Tallin	 Lithuania Vilnius	 Russian Federation Moscow
 Andorra Andorra-la-Vella	 Finland Helsinki	 Luxembourg Luxembourg	 San Marino San Marino
 Armenia Yerevan	 France Paris	 Malta Valletta	 Serbia Belgrade
 Austria Vienna	 Georgia Tbilisi	 Republic of Moldova Chişinău	 Slovak Republic Bratislava
 Azerbaijan Baku	 Germany Berlin	 Monaco Monaco	 Slovenia Ljubljana
 Belgium Brussels	 Greece Athens	 Montenegro Podgorica	 Spain Madrid
 Bosnia and Herzegovina Sarajevo	 Hungary Budapest	 Netherlands Amsterdam	 Sweden Stockholm
 Bulgaria Sofia	 Iceland Reykjavik	 North Macedonia Skopje	 Switzerland Bern
 Croatia Zagreb	 Ireland Dublin	 Norway Oslo	 Turkey Ankara
 Cyprus Nicosia	 Italy Rome	 Poland Warsaw	 Ukraine Kyiv
 Czech Republic Prague	 Latvia Riga	 Portugal Lisbon	 United Kingdom London
 Denmark Copenhagen	 Liechtenstein Vaduz	 Romania Bucharest	



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## THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- is responsible for the strategic planning of the Organisation
- co-ordinates its activities and budget
- manages the Secretariat (2200 staff members)
- **Marija Pejčinović Burić** (Croatia) took office on 18 September 2019 for a five-year term.

## EUROPEAN SYMBOLS

### THE EUROPEAN FLAG

Created by the Council of Europe in 1955  
and adopted by the European Union in 1985

### THE EUROPEAN ANTHEM

Prelude to the « *Ode to Joy* », Beethoven's 9th  
Symphony, chosen by the Council of Europe in 1972  
and adopted by the EU in 1985