

Ireland's Presidency of the Council of Europe



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The Council of Europe and the European Union

<u>Council of Europe</u>		<u>European Union</u>
1949	<i>Established</i>	1957
46	<i>Member states</i>	27
700 million	<i>Population</i>	448 million
	<i>Flag</i>	
Ode to Joy	<i>Anthem</i>	Ode to Joy



Legal cooperation

The EU participates in 12 CoE conventions and several of its specialised bodies.



Technical cooperation

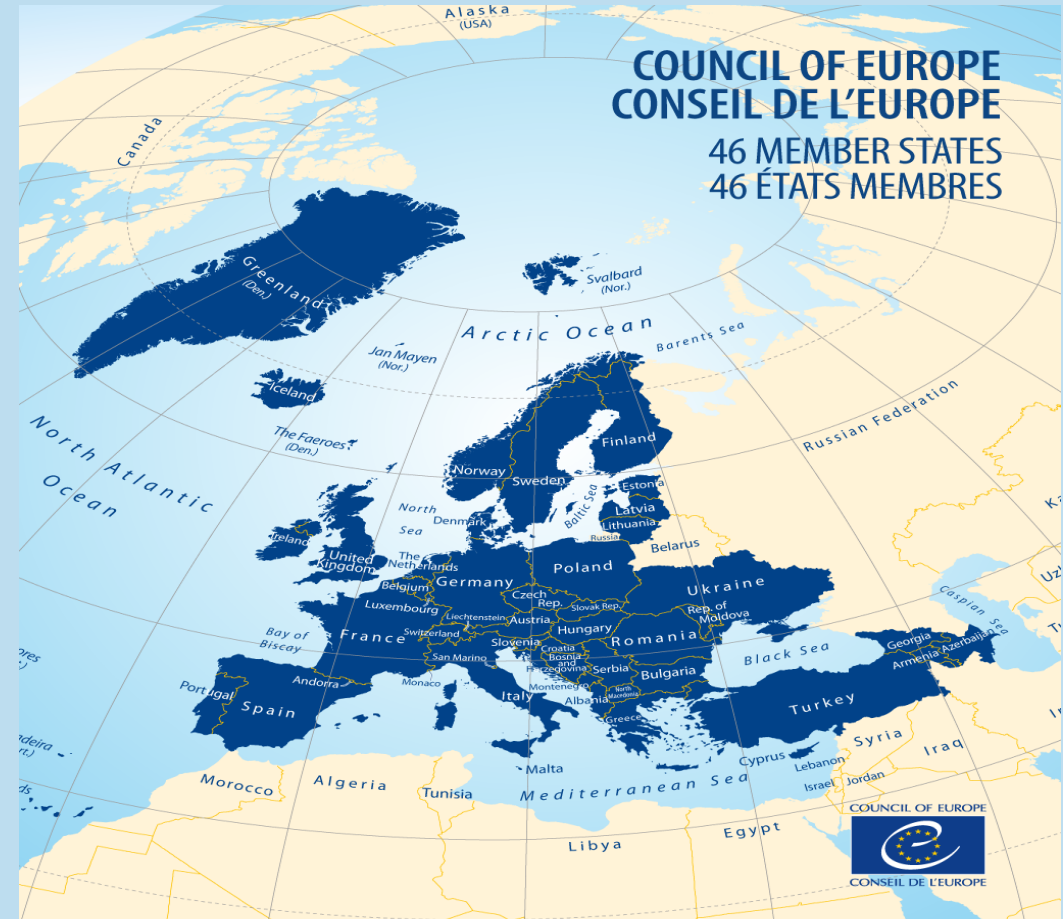
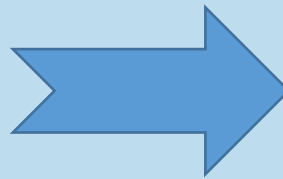
47 joint programmes worth a total of €207.5 million across Europe and beyond*

*As of 03/05/2022



● CoE ● CoE and EU ● Neither

March 2022: From 47 member states to 46



Ireland & 'The Conscience of Europe'

- Founding State – London, 1949
- First State to recognise the European Court of Human Rights
- Second to recognise its competence to receive petitions from any person, NGO or group
- CoE membership a bridge from isolation to integration
- Sean MacBride, 1951: *“erect above the tumult an ideal around which the conscience of mankind”* could rally
- Máire Mhac an tSaoi, 1961: *“a stage in international progress unimaginable before the last war”*
- John Hume, 1998: *“Difference is the essence of humanity... the answer to difference is to respect it”*



‘Our Founding Freedoms’: Reinforcing Human Rights & the Protection of Civilians in Europe



‘Fáilte’: Fostering a Europe of Welcome, Inclusion, and Diversity



‘Hear Our Voices’: Promoting Participatory Democracy & Youth Engagement



Renewing the Conscience of Europe



Reaffirming the Conscience of Europe

Wider Agenda:

- **War** – Ukraine, Russia, Belarus
- **Institutional** – Budget, CM Reform, EU, 4th Summit
- **Political** – Kosovo application, Kavala ruling
- **Northern Ireland** – Legacy Cases & UK Bill of Rights





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