

## THE EUROPEAN QUARTER OF STRASBOURG

### The European Parliament

The European Parliament is the legislative institution of the European Union. It represents about 508 million inhabitants of the EU. It is the only institution to be directly elected by European citizens.

The seat of the European Parliament is in Strasbourg. During the plenary sessions, the European deputies come together to debate EU legislation.



### The Council of Europe

The Council of Europe is the oldest intergovernmental organization in Europe and brings together the largest number of European countries : [47 Member States](#) representing some [800 million Europeans](#). While it is totally independent from the European Union, the two entities do collaborate in certain domains. The 28 Member States of the European Union are all members of the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe principally aims to defend human rights and parliamentary democracy. The organization is composed of two bodies : the [Committee of Ministers](#) and the [Parliamentary Assembly](#), as well as three institutions: the [European Court of Human Rights](#), the [Commissioner for Human Rights](#) and the [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#). The [Secretary General](#) of the Council of Europe has the overall responsibility for the activities of the organization.



### The European Court of Human Rights

Established in 1959, the European Court of Human Rights is the judicial organ of the Council of Europe. The Court imposes sanctions on any Member State breaching the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights.



## The European Youth Center

Established in 1972, the European Youth Centre (EYC) is a training center with residential facilities. It hosts the headquarters of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe.

The EYC works in close cooperation with non-governmental youth organizations (NGYOs) and professionals of the youth sector.



## The European Pharmacopoeia

The European Pharmacopoeia aims to set common standards for all the national pharmacopoeias of the Member States. It is in charge of the standardization of analytical methods used for the control of substances used in medicines for human and/or veterinary use.



## The European Audiovisual Observatory

The EAO aims to enforce the transparency of the audiovisual sector in Europe. Furthermore, it provides help and advice for professionals working in the sector.



## Eurimages

Eurimages is a support fund of the Council of Europe for the co-production and distribution of European cinematographic works. Today, Eurimages includes 34 member states.

