

Council of Europe

- International organisation, based in Strasbourg, which was created in 1949 and now includes 46 European countries.

Main goal is defending and promoting

- Human Rights
- Democracy
- Rule of law

Based on

- European Convention on Human Rights
- European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg

Civil Participation in Council of Europe

Protection of Civil Society

- Freedom of assembly
Freedom of
association,
- Freedom of speech

European Court of
Human Rights

Commissioner of
Human Rights

Development of Civil Society

- Women
empowerment
- Minorities rights
- Youth participation

World Forum For
Democracy

Conference of INGOS

Engagement of Civil Society

- **Standard setting for participation**
- **Capacity building for participatory culture and practice**
- **Technical Assistance to implement participatory mechanisms**

Standard Setting for Participation

[Guidelines for civil participation in political decision making \(2017\)](#)

[Recommendation on the participation of citizens in the local public life \(2018\)](#)

[Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the decision making process \(2019\)](#)

[Recommendation on Deliberative Democracy \(2023\)](#)

Capacity building for participatory culture and practice

Support to Public Authorities and CSO

- Awareness raising and promoting standards
- Skills and capacity building

Academies of Participatory Democracy

- 1000 representatives of CSOs and LA involved in several Member states



Technical trainings

- More than 30 On- and Offline trainings per year on participatory tools



School of Participatory Democracy

- 100 graduated Council of Europe experts on participatory democracy from 11 countries
- 4 Schools implemented since 2022
- Training cycle for public authorities and CSOs (8-10 month)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Organisation of 2 Citizens Assembly in Georgia - City of Ozurgeti and Rustavi
- Support to the Climate Assembly in the City of Skopje
- Most recently organisation of 2 Citizen Assemblies in Ukraine

**Make participatory
democracy work!**

Thank you for your attention!

