

Information Documents

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Implementation of Committee of Ministers' Resolution (2016)3 on participatory status for international non-governmental organisations with the Council of Europe

Granting of participatory status (applications 2025)

Communication to the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

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1. In accordance with the rules as set out in the Committee of Ministers' Resolution (2016)3 (Article 8 of its appendix), on participatory status for international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) with the Council of Europe, the Secretary General has the honour to communicate to the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, for their tacit approval, the names of the INGOs to which she has decided to grant or refuse participatory status.

2. Further information on these INGOs and the reasons for the decisions are contained in the appendices to this document:

Appendix 1: Granting of status
2: INGOs which applied for participatory status and which meet all the conditions set out in Article 2 of the appendix to Resolution (2016)3;

3. In conformity with Article 6 of the appendix to Resolution (2016)3, the Secretariat communicated the names of the INGOs concerned to the Standing Committee of the Conference of INGOs, which expressed its opinion within the required 30 calendar days.

4. In the absence of any objection raised by the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly or the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, founded on the conditions set out in Article 9 of the appendix to Resolution (2016)3, the decision of the Secretary General will enter into force 60 calendar days from the date of this document.

Two applications submitted in 2024 have also been examined under the present procedure.

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Appendix 1

INGOs which applied for participatory status and to which the Secretary General intends to grant participatory status

The following INGOs which applied for participatory status fulfil the conditions set out in Article 2 of the appendix to Resolution (2016) 3 and are recommended for participatory status. Further information on each INGO is presented in this document.

European Muslim Leaders' Majlis (EULEMA)

Conditions set out in Article 2 of the appendix to Resolution (2016)3: “2. Participatory status may be granted by the Council of Europe to INGOs: a. which respect and defend the values and principles of the Council of Europe; b. which are able, through their work, to support the achievement of that closer unity mentioned in Article 1 of the Council of Europe’s Statute; c. which are created on the basis of a constitutive act adopted according to democratic principles; d. which have a democratic structure and governance; e. which are particularly representative in the field(s) of their competence, fields of action shared by the Council of Europe; f. which are represented at European level, that is to say which have members in at least five member States of the Council of Europe; g. which were created and have implemented activities at least two years before the moment of applying for participatory status; h. which already have working relations with the Council of Europe; i. which are capable of contributing to and participating actively in Council of Europe deliberations and activities; j. which are able to make known the work of the Council of Europe to society.”

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European Muslim Leaders' Majlis (EULEMA)

Founded: 2022

Type of NGO: Association

Headquarters:

Rue Abbé Cuypers

1040 Etterbeek

Belgium

Internet site: www.eulema.org

Aims: engage in Europe-wide interfaith dialogue and encourages understanding and solidarity between faith groups; foster a productive and respectful exchange between the religious and secular sectors of modern European society.

Activities: trainings, conferences, seminars, public events.

Geographical representation in Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom.

Funding: membership fees, private donations.

Reasons why the European Muslim Leaders' Majlis (EULEMA) should be considered for participatory status

EULEMA cooperates actively with the Council of Europe in the field of interreligious dialogue, particularly with the office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred and all forms of religious intolerance. For instance, the Special Representative participated in EULEMA's conference on "The contribution of Muslim leaders to combatting hate speech" (Brussels, 20 June 2024), while EULEMA's Chairman spoke at the international conference on "How can interreligious engagement help to re-invigorate the European democracies?" (Berlin, 14 May 2024) organised by the Council of Europe under the Liechtenstein's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers.

EULEMA is in a position to promote the work of the Council of Europe through public events at European levels in a number of European countries.