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EU accession to Human Rights Convention

Let's overcome hurdles to ensure EU accedes to the Human Rights Convention, says President of the Parliamentary Assembly.

"I note the view of the Court of Justice of the EU, made public in its [opinion](#) today, that the proposed arrangements for the EU's accession to the European Convention on Human Rights are not – as they stand at the moment – compatible with EU law," the President of the Council of Europe [Parliamentary Assembly](#) (PACE) Anne Brasseur said today.

"I call on the negotiators to carefully study this opinion, and immediately set to work to overcome the legal hurdles identified by the Court. We have begun a historic process, and I remain convinced that a coherent Europe-wide system of human rights protection is strongly in the interest of all of us."



Eastern Partnership

The Council of Europe and the European Commission have signed a new cooperation agreement to promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law in six Eastern European countries.

The agreement, which is worth €33.8 million and covers the period 2015-2017, will fund joint programmes in countries covered by the EU's Eastern Partnership programme – namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

It was signed in Brussels on Thursday 18 December by the [Deputy Secretary General](#) of the Council of Europe, Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, and Director

Michael Köhler on behalf of the European Commission.

Cross- sectoral youth policy



Current debates consider three principles as key when developing strategies and priorities of youth policy: they must be participatory, cross-sectoral and knowledge-based.

There is no common understanding what cross-sectoral youth policy is or should be: therefore the EU-CoE youth partnership contributes to overcoming the lack of knowledge of the gaps and overlaps in cross-sectoral youth policy all over Europe and provides an overview of existing information on cross-sectoral policy co-operation... ([more...](#))

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS

Participate in the Model European Union 2015



Europe's cultural and linguistic diversity is a strong part of its cultural appeal, but linguistic barriers sometimes make it harder for artists to work internationally and achieve cross-border sales success. The European Border Breakers Awards (EBBA) seeks to help them overcome these obstacles; they are about breaking borders! Now it is up to you to decide who the winner of the Public Choice Award will be! Cast your vote on the European Border Breakers Awards website and have a chance to win a free trip to Groningen, the Netherlands, where the EBBA awards ceremony will take place at the [Eurosonic Noorderslag showcase festival](#) on 14 January 2015.