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# BRINGING EUROPE CLOSER TO THE FBE BAR MEMBERS

## Visits to the European Institutions

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# European Parliament- Brussels



The European Parliament, located in Brussels, is the EU's primary lawmaking body that is charged with carrying out legislative, supervisory, and budgetary responsibilities. The Parliament is composed of 20 committees and three subcommittees that specialize in various policy areas, and plenary sessions containing the Members of European Parliament (MEPs) are held to discuss and pass legislation.

The individual and group visits offered at the Brussels location include access to the Parliamentarium, the Hemicycle, House of European History, Esplanade Solidarność 1980, Info Hub, Europa Building, and Citizen's Garden. The official address of the Parliament building is located in the heart of the European Quarter at 60 Rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60, B-1047 Bruxelles/Brussels. The most efficient way to arrange a visit is to use the Parliament's visitor portal, found at <https://visiting.europarl.europa.eu/en>. This can also be accomplished by contacting the Visitor Service's email and phone.



**Roberta Metsola,**  
**President of the European Parliament**  
**(2022-present)**

# \* The Court of Justice- Luxembourg



The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) is comprised of a Court of Justice and a General Court that rule on the legality of actions taken by EU institutions, settle disputes between member states, and adjudicate legal claims brought by individuals or companies via preliminary rulings that clarify or interpret law and infringement proceedings that enforce the application of law. This judicial body ensures that EU law is interpreted and applied uniformly across all member states and that national laws do not conflict with European legislation.

Free visits to the CJEU often include a number of presentations about the court and its work and, if possible, attendance at a court hearing. Visitors are allowed access to the institution on workdays between the hours of 8:00 and 17:30. The address is Palais de la Cour de Justice Boulevard Konrad Adenauer 2925 Luxembourg. To make an appointment, visitors must submit a visit application at least two weeks before the anticipated date through the CJEU visitor's website.



**Koen Lenaerts**  
President of the Court of Justice of the European Union  
(2015-present)

# \* The European Commission- Brussels



The European Commission is the Executive arm of the EU and is responsible for proposing new legislation, negotiating international agreements, upholding treaties of Member States, and managing the EU's budget. The Commission operates as a college of 27 commissions total (including Climate, International Partnerships, Energy & Housing, etc.) led by a president that assigns specific policy portfolios to each group.

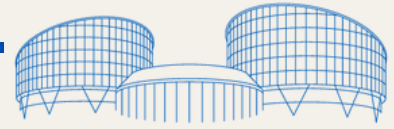
Visitors can enjoy information sessions held at the Visitors' Center as well as the "Experience Europe" interactive exhibit, which provides groups with tailored presentations on policy. Bookings should be made at least 10 weeks in advance for larger groups, and the institution can be found at the direction of Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170 1040 Brussels Belgium. Visitors wishing to make a reservation should contact the European Commission through their email, listed on the visitor's page within their website.



**Ursula Von der Leyen**  
**President of the European Commission**  
**(2019-present)**



# The European Court of Human Rights- Strasbourg



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME



The European Court of Human Rights is an international court established under the European Convention on Human Rights that allows individuals, groups, and states to bring cases against member states of the Council of Europe for violations of the rights guaranteed by the Convention. Its function is to examine these complaints, deliver binding judgments requiring states to remedy violations, and award just satisfaction (compensation) to applicants, thereby holding governments legally accountable for human rights abuses across 46 member states.

Information sessions are open to legal professionals, and usually include the screening of a documentary followed by a presentation of the roles and functions of the court. The direction of the court is All. des Droits de l'Homme, 67000 Strasbourg, France. It is recommended that groups submit their application to visit two months in advance through the visit application found online.



**Mattias Guyomar**  
President of the European Court of Human Rights  
(2025-present)



# The International Criminal Court- The Hague



The International Criminal Court (ICC), established in 2002 under the Rome Statute is the world's first permanent intergovernmental tribunal with the mandate to investigate and prosecute individuals for the most serious international crimes: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression. It currently has 124 member states that have ratified the Rome Statute, and it functions as a collection of four bodies : Presidency, Judicial Divisions, Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), and Registry.

Visits to the Court's headquarters and to court hearings are generally free to the public and allowed without reservation, however, guided visits should be arranged for a more comprehensive tour of the institution. Tailored working visits can be arranged for groups of civil society representatives such as state representatives, delegations of lawyers, and other stakeholders. The ICC is located at [Oude Waalsdorperweg 10, 2597 AK, The Hague, The Netherlands](#). Such reservations can be arranged through the [registration link within the institution's visitor information page](#).



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