



# EFRIS – the European Union Fundamental Rights Information System

The human rights gateway



# Many databases

- One single gateway for all
- Comparisons
- EU-focused



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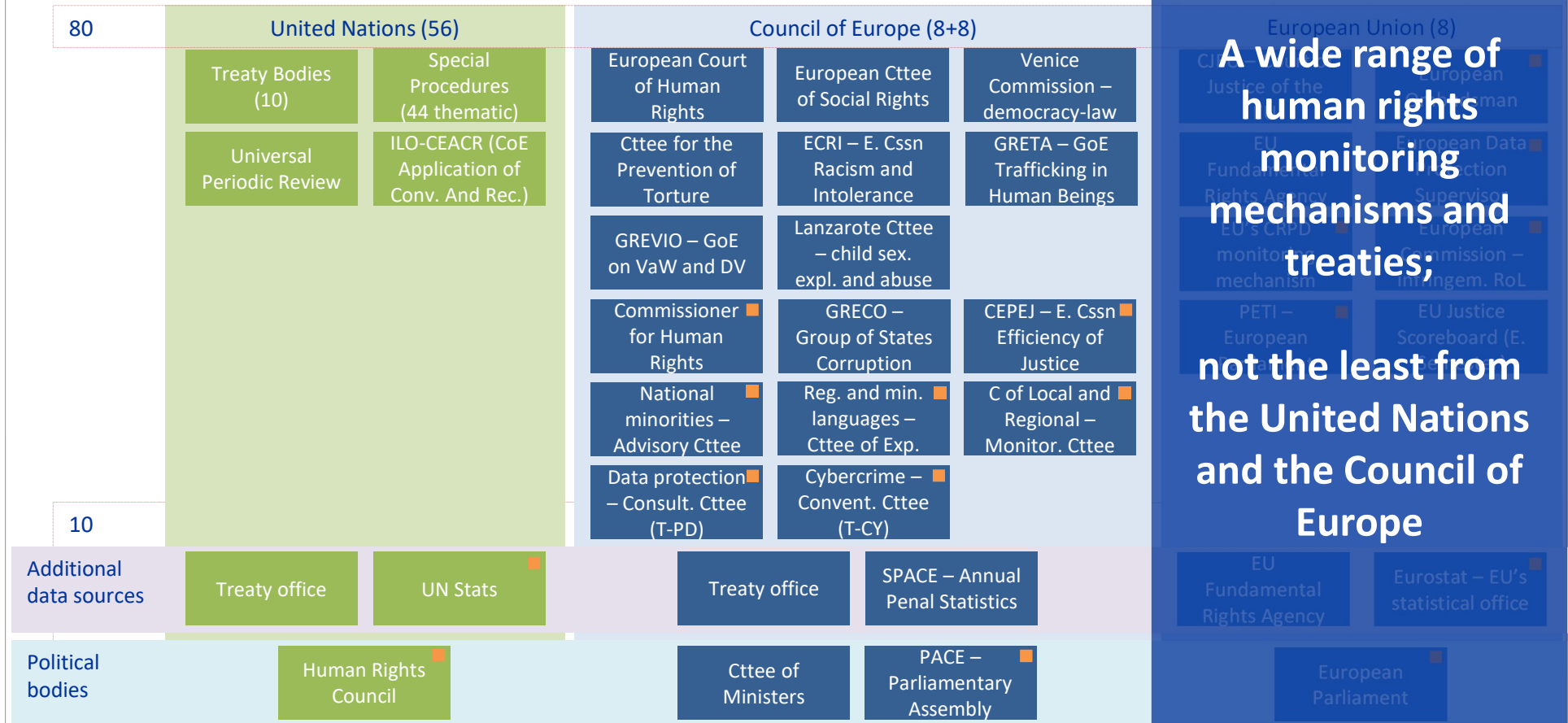
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# Monitoring mechanisms

■ Not foreseen for EFRIS in short or medium term



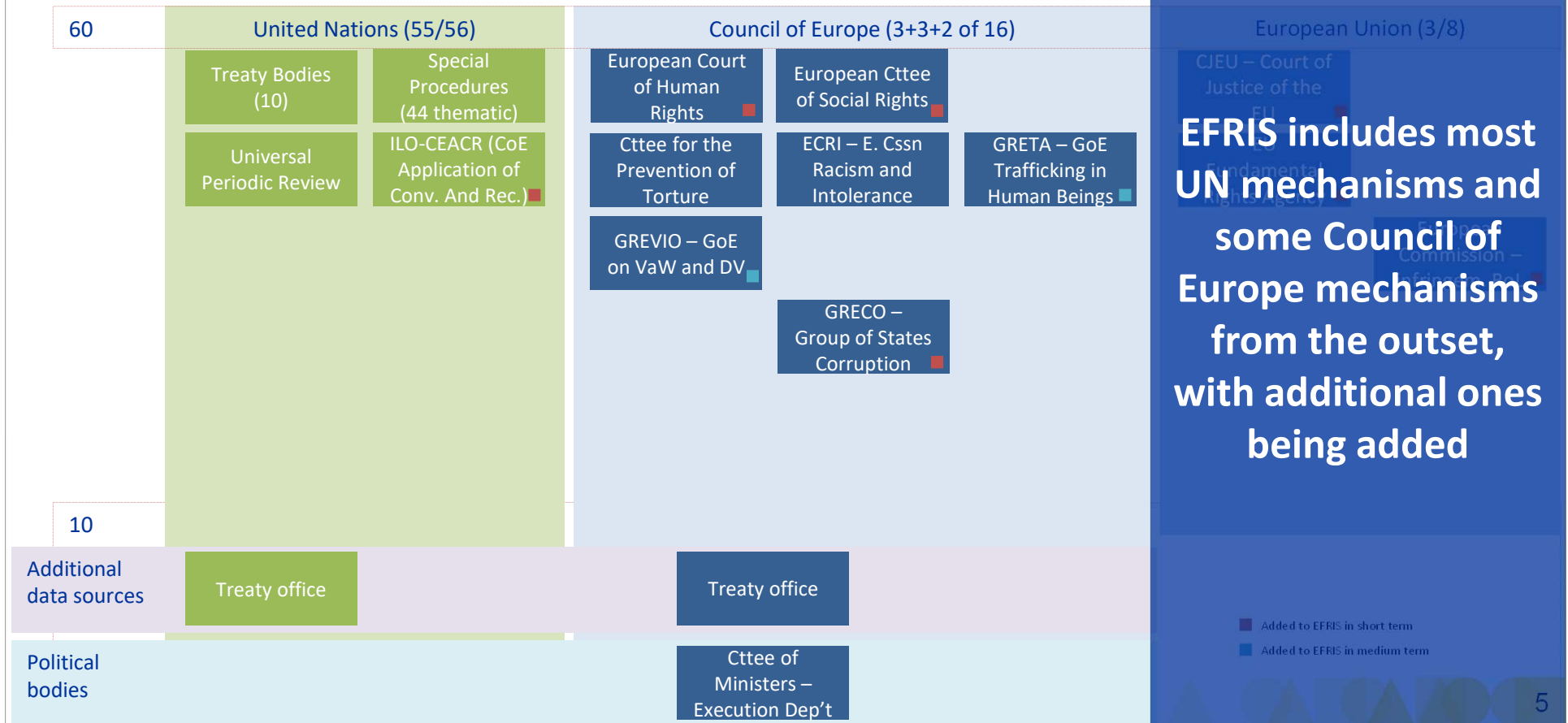
**A wide range of human rights monitoring mechanisms and treaties; not the least from the United Nations and the Council of Europe**

- Individual complaints procedure
- Country visits
- Occasional visits
- General comments
- Some form of general guidance
- Reporting
- Some form of input other than reporting

Judicial	<span style="color: red;">■</span> European Court of Human Rights	<span style="color: red;">■</span> CJEU – Court of Justice of the EU			
Quasi-judicial / Expert	<span style="color: red;">■</span> European Cttee of Social Rights	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Venice Commission – democracy-law	<span style="color: green;">■</span> ECRI – E. Csn Racism and Intolerance	<span style="color: red;">■</span> European Ombudsman	
	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Cttee for the Prevention of Torture	<span style="color: green;">■</span> GRETA – GoE Trafficking in Human Beings	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Reg. and min. languages – Cttee of Exp.	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> European Data Protection Supervisor	
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	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Data protection – Consult. Cttee (T-PD)				
Government	<span style="color: green;">■</span> GRECO – Group of States Corruption	<span style="color: green;">■</span> C of Local and Regional – Monitor. Cttee	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Committee of Ministers	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> EU Justice Scoreboard (E. Semester)	<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> European Commission – infringem. RoL
Parliamentary				<span style="color: red;">■</span> PETI – European Parliament	

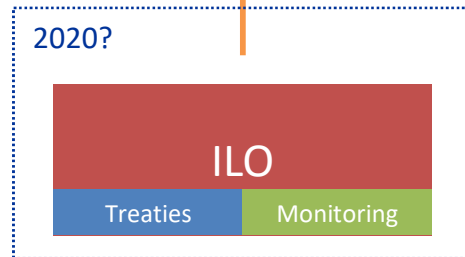
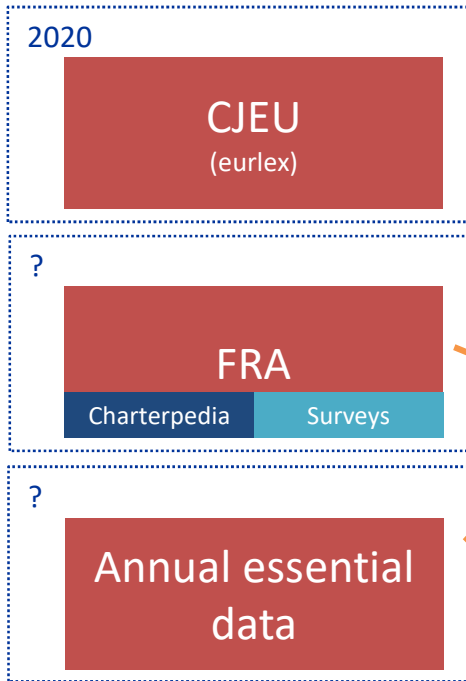
**Human rights monitoring mechanisms that are quite different but that can be grouped as judicial, quasi-judicial, expert etc**

# Monitoring mechanisms

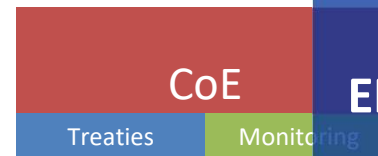


**EFRIS includes most UN mechanisms and some Council of Europe mechanisms from the outset, with additional ones being added**

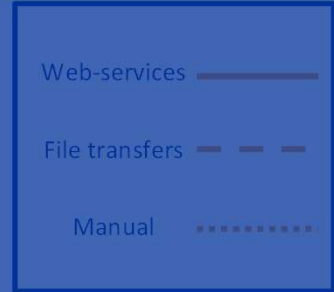
■ Added to EFRIS in short term  
■ Added to EFRIS in medium term



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- Doesn't interpret or 'undermine'

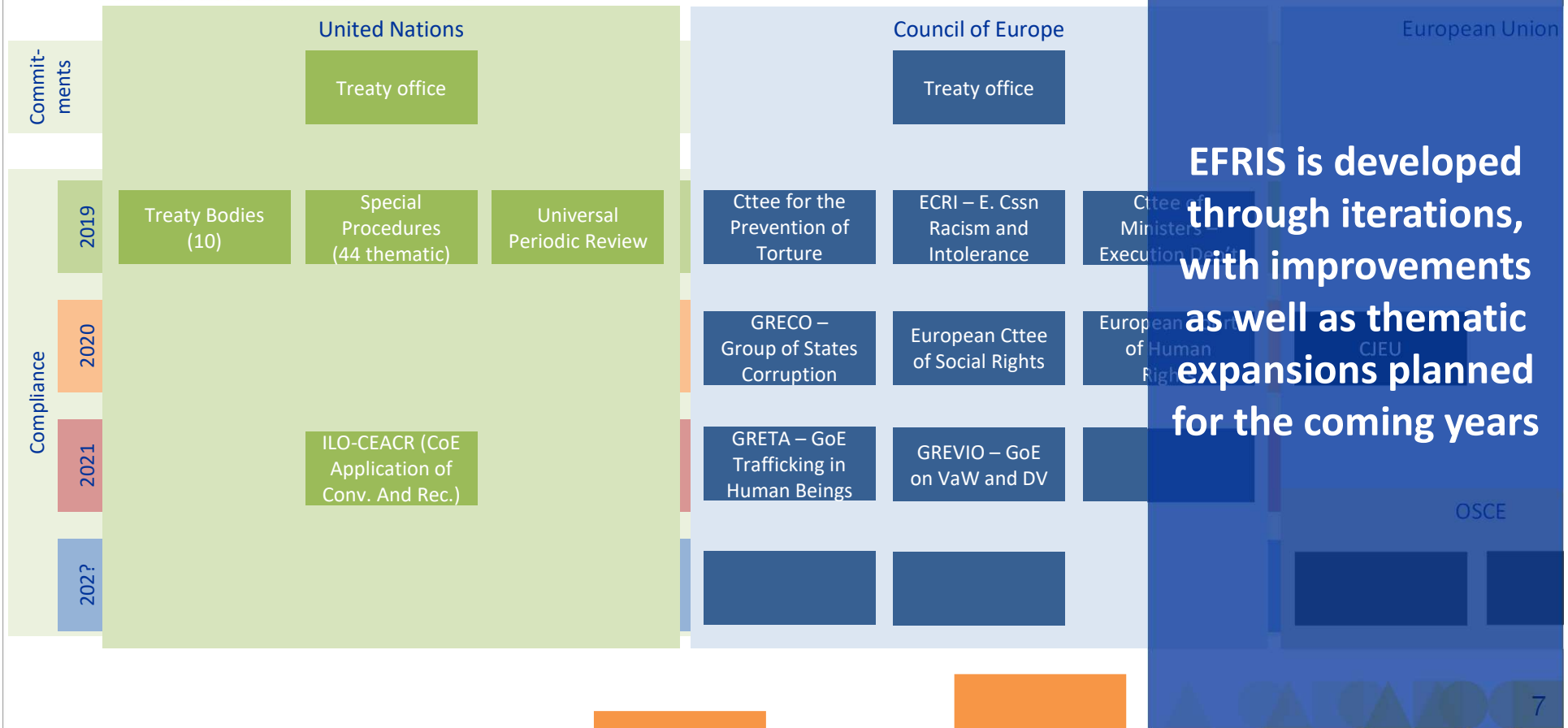


- European Court of Human Rights
- European Committee of Social Rights
- ECRI – E. Csn Racism and Intolerance
- Cttee for the Prevention of Torture
- ...



**EFRIS is an interface to a number of existing databases; it uses so called web-services, automatic data transfers**





## What remains to be done?

- A lot!
- Adjustments / corrections / clarifications
- Refinements
  - Detailed selection of relevant treaties and mechanisms ('full-text search')
    - Including discrimination grounds, not only at 'rights-level'
  - Guidance to specific location in documents
  - Relevance of a document depending on frequency of words, closeness of concepts in texts, etc – weighting (machine learning)
  - Thematic 'buttons' (rule of law?)
- User-testing and adjustments
- Dissemination and awareness – targeted
- Expansion (CJEU, ILO, NHRIs?, etc)
- ...

**A lot remains to be done, but it is a good start**



This is the European Union Fundamental Rights Information System (EFRIS). It brings together monitoring mechanisms with a human rights remit from, predominantly, the Council of Europe, and the European Union. EFRIS shows commitment to international human rights obligations as well as the compliance, as assessed by existing mechanisms.

COMMITMENTS

COMPLIANCE

SEARCH BY:

INSTRUMENT  RIGHTS AREAS

Instrument

- All instruments -

Country

- All countries -

Rights areas

- All Rights areas -

Sustainable  
Development Goal(s)

- No Sustainable Development Goal(s) available -

Reference period

- All years -



- Select start date -



- Select end date -

**Commitments is  
about states'  
obligations under  
international human  
rights law;**

**Compliance is about  
monitoring  
mechanisms**

Acceptance of Council of Europe treaties (including reservations) by country

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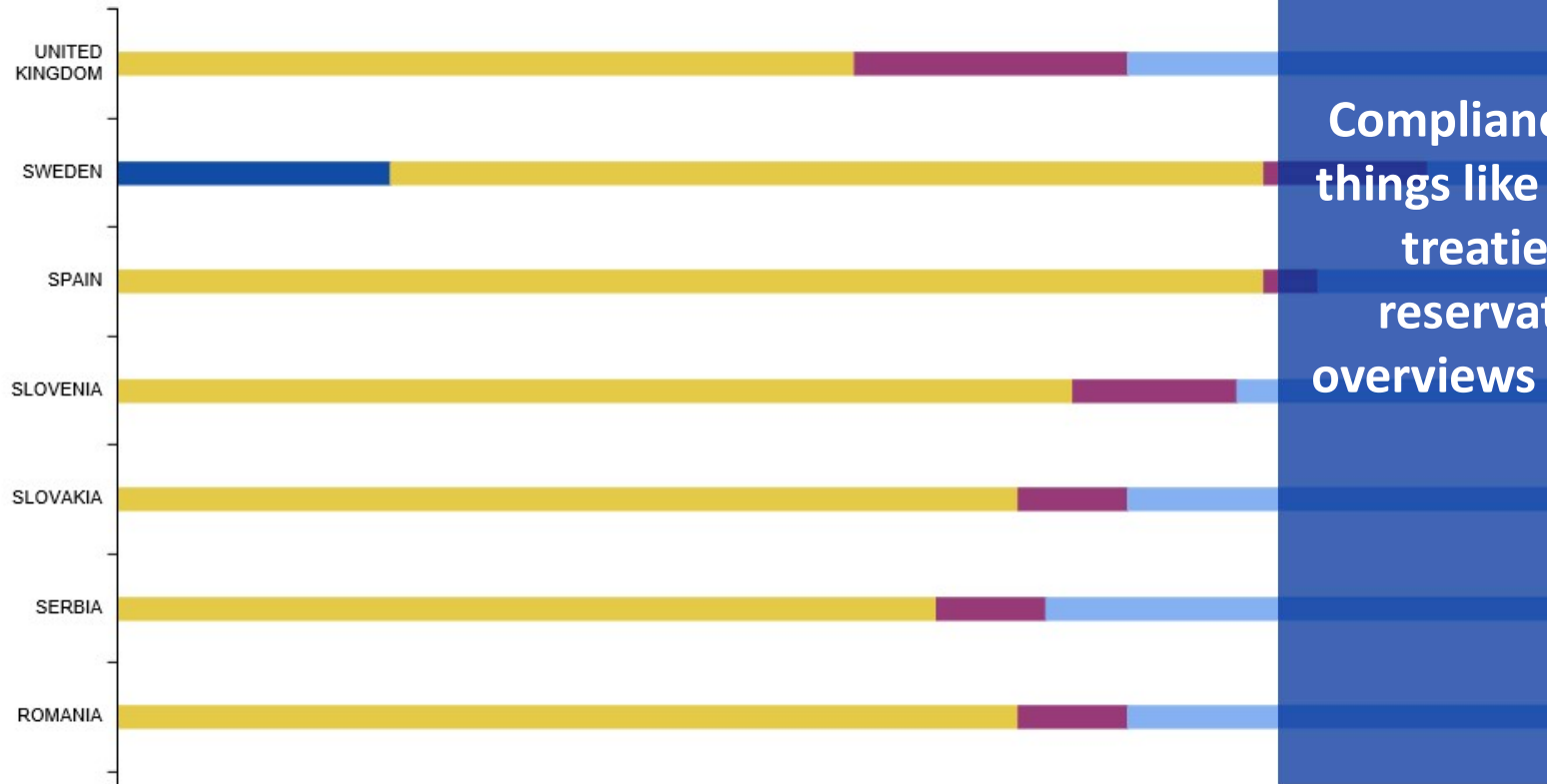


Accepted With Reservations

Accepted

Signed

Still Open



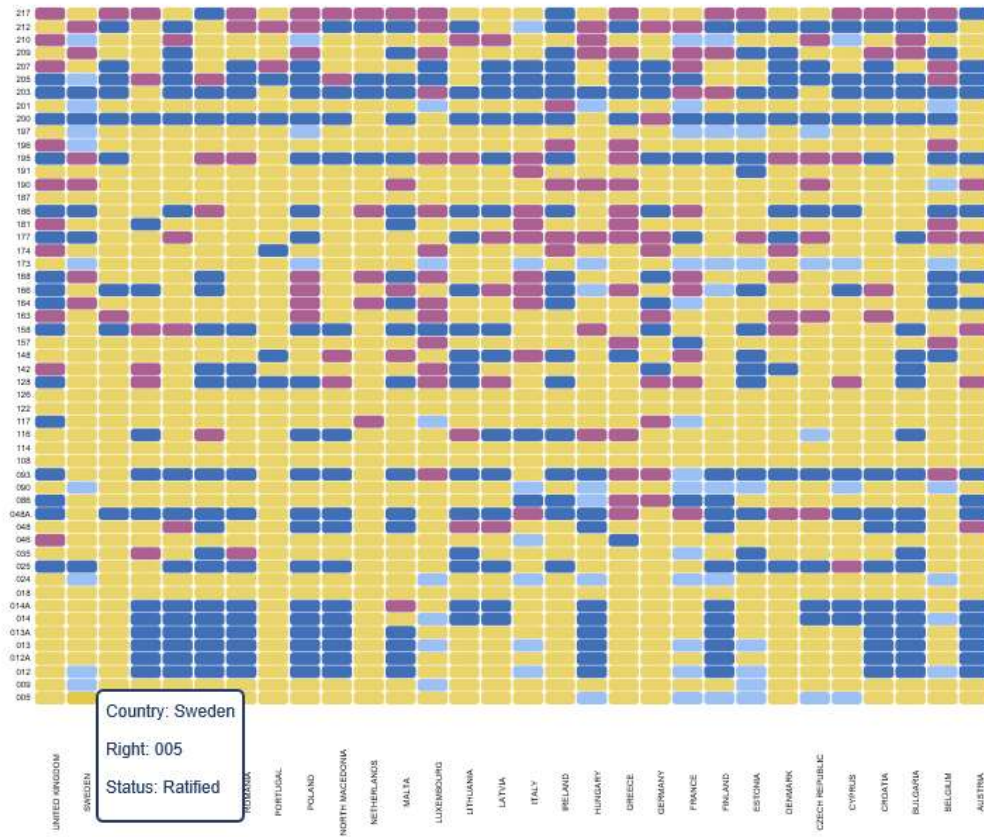
Compliance shows things like accepted treaties and reservations – overviews or details

▼ Status of acceptance of Council of Europe treaties (including reservations) by country and by Treaty

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... or even more comparatively

This is the European Union Fundamental Rights Portal, created by the European Council of Europe, and the European Union. It provides access to the European Union Fundamental Rights Portal, which is the main point of contact for the public and stakeholders.

COMMITMENTS

COMPLIANCE

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MECHANISMS

Mechanism

- All mechanisms

Country

- All countries

Rights areas

- All rights areas

Sustainable Development Goal(s)

- All Sustainable Development Goals

Reference period

- All years -

## LIST OF MECHANISMS

- All instruments
- Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe
- (CPT) European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Council of Europe
- (ECRI) European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
- United Nations Treaty Bodies
- State report deadlines under United Nations treaties
- Jurisprudence, United Nations Treaty Bodies
- Universal Periodic Review, United Nations Human Rights Council
- United Nations Special Procedures

It is possible to  
select / deselect  
mechanisms

Ok

### LIST OF COUNTRIES COVERED

- All countries
- EU 28
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece

... and countries

This is the European Union Fundamental Rights...  
Council of Europe, and the European Union. E...

COMMITMENTS

COMPLIANCE

SEARCH BY:

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Mechanism

Select...

Country

Select...

Rights areas

Select...

Sustainable  
Development Goal(s)

Select...

Reference period

- All ye...

## LIST OF RIGHTS AREAS

- All Rights areas
- Dignity
- Right to the integrity of the person
- Non-discrimination
- Life, liberty, security of person
- Slavery and servitude
- Torture, cruel, inhuman, degrading treatment
- Recognition as a person before the law
- Equality before the law and equal protection without discrimination
- Effective remedy
- Arbitrary arrest, detention or exile
- Fair and public hearing by independent and impartial tribunal for rights and obligations and any criminal charge
- Presumption of innocence and non-retroactivity

And rights can be  
selected / deselected

Search

## RESULTS

JUDICIAL EXPERT N/A GOVERNMENT

COE EXEC

COE CPT

COE ECRI

UN TREATY BODIES

STATE REPORT DEADLINES UN TREATIES

JURISPRUDENCE UN TREATY BODIES

UN UPR

UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES

▼ Latest report with concluding Observations by UN Treaty Body of EU Member States

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Searching generally  
or with selected  
delimitations  
provide a tab for  
each mechanism

# RESULTS

Expert: United Nations Treaty Bodies

JUDICIAL EXPERT N/A GOVERNMENT

- COE EXEC
- COE CPT
- COE ECRI
- UN TREATY BODIES**
- STATE REPORT DEADLINES UN TREATIES
- JURISPRUDENCE UN TREATY BODIES
- UN UPR
- UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES

Selecting a tab provides an overview of, in the case of treaty bodies, the most recent concluding observations

## Latest report with concluding Observations by UN Treaty Body of EU Member States

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	Committee against Torture	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	Committee on Enforced Disappearances	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Committee on the Rights of the Child	Human Rights Committee	Optional Protocol on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict	Optional Protocol to the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography
UNITED KINGDOM	2013	2016	-	2013	2016	-	2016	2015	2008	2014
SWEDEN	2014	2016	-	2016	2015	2014	2015	2016	2007	2012
SPAIN	2015	2012	2013	2015	2016	2011	2010	2015	2007	2007
SLOVENIA	2011	2014	-	2015	2016	-	2013	2016	2009	2009



› Latest report with concluding Observations by UN Treaty Body of EU Member States

▼ The Human Rights Committee (CCPR)

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	Access to health-care (general)	Access to sexual and reproductive health and services	Administration of justice & fair trial	Advancement of women	Arbitrary arrest and detention	Business & Human Rights	Children: Juvenile justice	Children: definition; general principles; protection	Children: family environment and alternative care	Children: protection against exploitation	Civil & political rights: general measures of implementation	Conditions of detention	Cultural	Di
UNITED KINGDOM	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	
SWEDEN	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	
SPAIN	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	
SLOVENIA	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	
SLOVAKIA	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	
SERBIA	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	
PORTUGAL	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	

Or in more detail the issues a report covers

## RESULTS

Expert: Jurisprudence, United Nations Treaty Bodies

COE EXEC COE CPT COE ECRI UN TREATY BODIES STATE REPORT DEADLINES UN TREATIES JURISPRUDENCE UN TREATY BODIES UN UPR

UN SPECIAL PROCEDURES

JUDICIAL EXPERT NA GOVERNMENT

### Complaints, by UN Treaty Body

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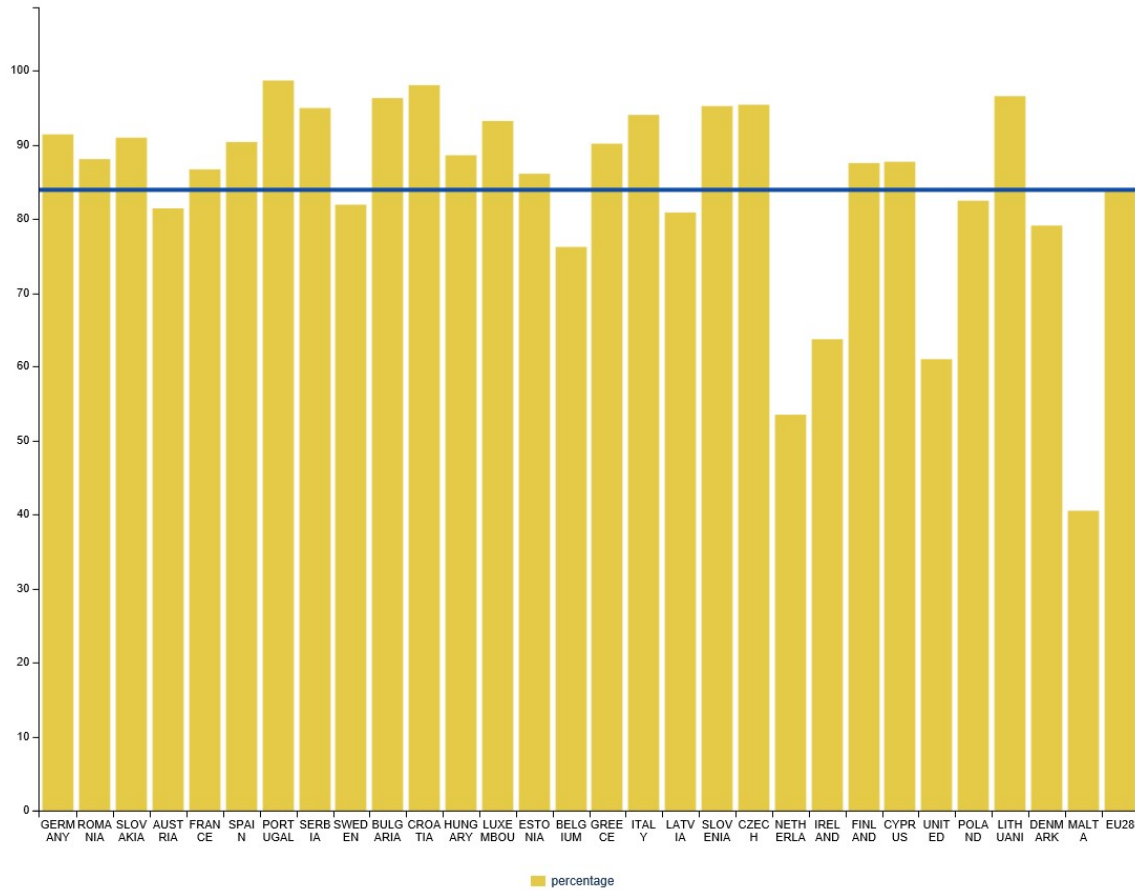


Jurisprudence (communications / individual complaints) to the treaty bodies can be viewed



Number of recommendations received and accepted by country

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UN's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) can be viewed in terms of percentage of accepted recommendations

▼ Main thematic areas of UPR Recommendations by country

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GERMANY	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
ROMANIA	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
AUSTRIA	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NETHERLANDS	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SWEDEN	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
FRANCE	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLOVAKIA	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SPAIN	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
BELGIUM	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
SERBIA	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
HUNGARY	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

It is also possible to see what issues the recommendations in the UPR covers

UN Special Procedures (civil and political rights) overview of visits to countries

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	Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity	Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights	Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights	Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences	Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights	Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	Special Rapporteur on minority issues	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
UNITED KINGDOM	-	-	-	-	2013	1995	-	-	2007	-	-	2009
SWEDEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPAIN	-	-	-	-	2006	2013	-	-	-	-	-	2003
SLOVENIA	-	-	2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	2018	-	-
SLOVAKIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SERBIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2009	-	2013	-	-
ROMANIA	-	-	-	-	2002	1999	2010	2015	2003	-	-	2009
PORTUGAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1998	-	-	-	-

Selecting UN Special Procedures reveal latest report from country visit

Complaints, by UN Treaty Body

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	CAT	CCPR	CEDAW	CERD	CESCR	CRC	CRPD
SPAIN	11	111	3	-	19	13	-
DENMARK	24	86	20	21	-	2	1
NETHERLANDS	26	102	5	2	-	-	-
SWEDEN	93	13	-	2	-	-	5
FRANCE	13	71	2	3	-	-	-
CZECH REPUBLIC	-	56	-	-	-	-	-
FINLAND	3	30	1	-	-	1	-
AUSTRIA	3	22	4	-	-	-	2
GERMANY	4	20	1	2	-	1	1
ITALY	1	13	1	-	1	-	1
HUNGARY	2	10	2	-	-	-	2

All graphs are also available as tables

Complaints, by UN Treaty Body

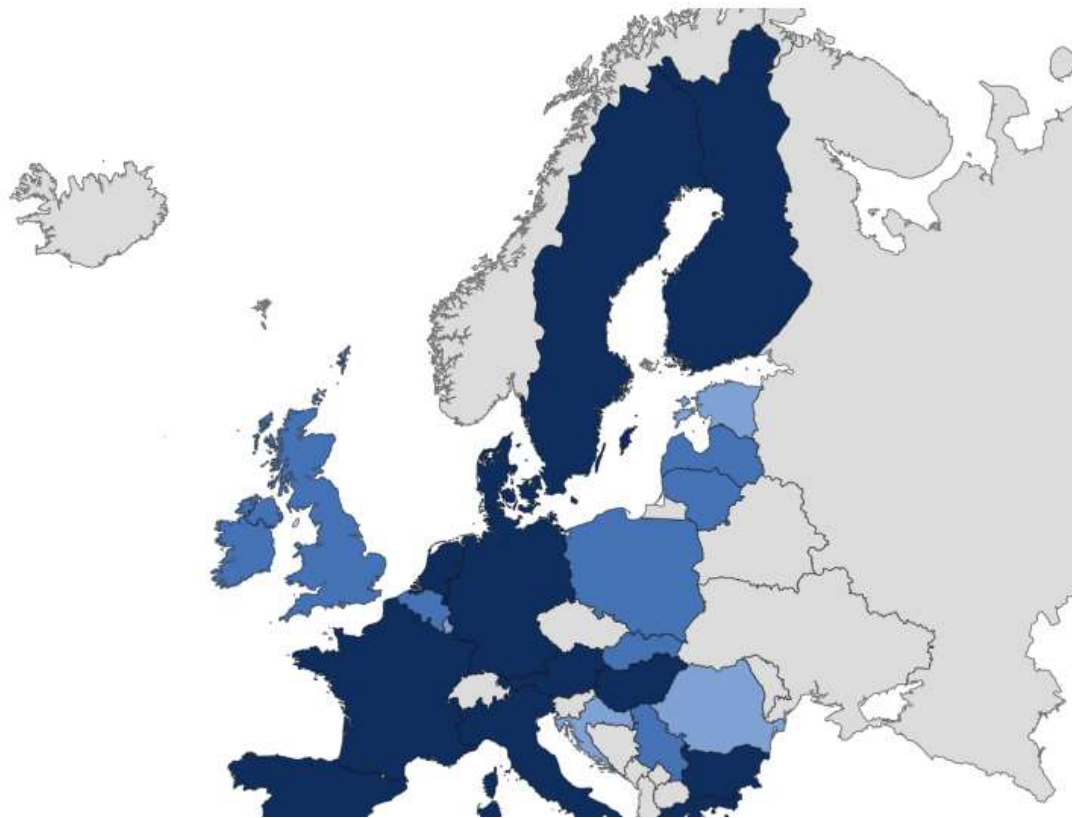
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## Why FRA develops EFRIS?

- Improving human rights
- Filling a gap – positive response to FRA proposal
  - European Parliament resolutions
  - European Commission Opinion on FRA’s Work Programme
  - Council of the EU’s secretariat / Presidencies interest
  - CSOs, NHRIs, etc
- Reinforcing EU’s joining up human rights
- Reducing complexity, making more use of existing work
- ...

Why EFRIS

## EU institutions and EFRIS

- European Parliament, 2016 Resolution on an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights
  - “The **European DRF Report shall be drawn up using** a variety of sources and the existing tools for assessment, reporting and monitoring of Member States’ activities, including [...] the FRA, **in particular the EFRIS instrument**”
- Council of the EU – Romanian Presidency, 2019
  - Invitation to present EFRIS in the Working Party on Fundamental Rights, ...
- European Commission, 2019, Communication on strengthening the rule of law
  - “[FRA] whose remit covers **rule of law**-relevant rights such as that to effective judicial remedy, has developed **the EU Fundamental Rights Information System (EFRIS) to facilitate access to relevant existing information and reports** concerning the situation in the Member States. This variety of sources of information could be better used, brought together and complemented more effectively than it is the case today.”

(emphasis added)

