

Protection of minorities



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European Union

- ❖ *Article 2 Treaty on European Union*
- ❖ *Article 21 "non-discrimination" Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union*
- ❖ *Copenhagen criteria for membership of the European Union*



Council of Europe

Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM)

Adopted 10 November 1994 by the Committee of Ministers and it entered into force on 1 February 1998. It has 39 States parties.

Other Council of Europe texts

- ❖ *The European Convention on Human Rights*
- ❖ *The European Social Charter*
- ❖ *The Council of Europe's European Commission against Racism and Intolerance*



OSCE

❖ *OSCE Human Dimension Commitments*

Other guidance documents

Council of Europe

- ❖ *Thematic commentaries of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities*
- ❖ *Compilation of Opinions of the Advisory Committee article by article*

OSCE

- ❖ *Guidelines and Recommendations of the High Commissioner on National Minorities*



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