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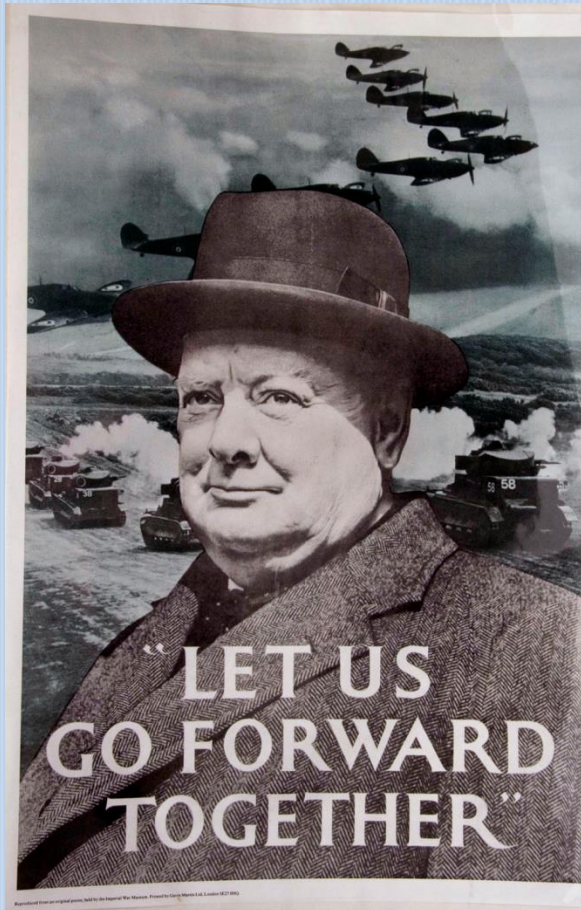
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The “Quasi-Federal” nature of Europe today.



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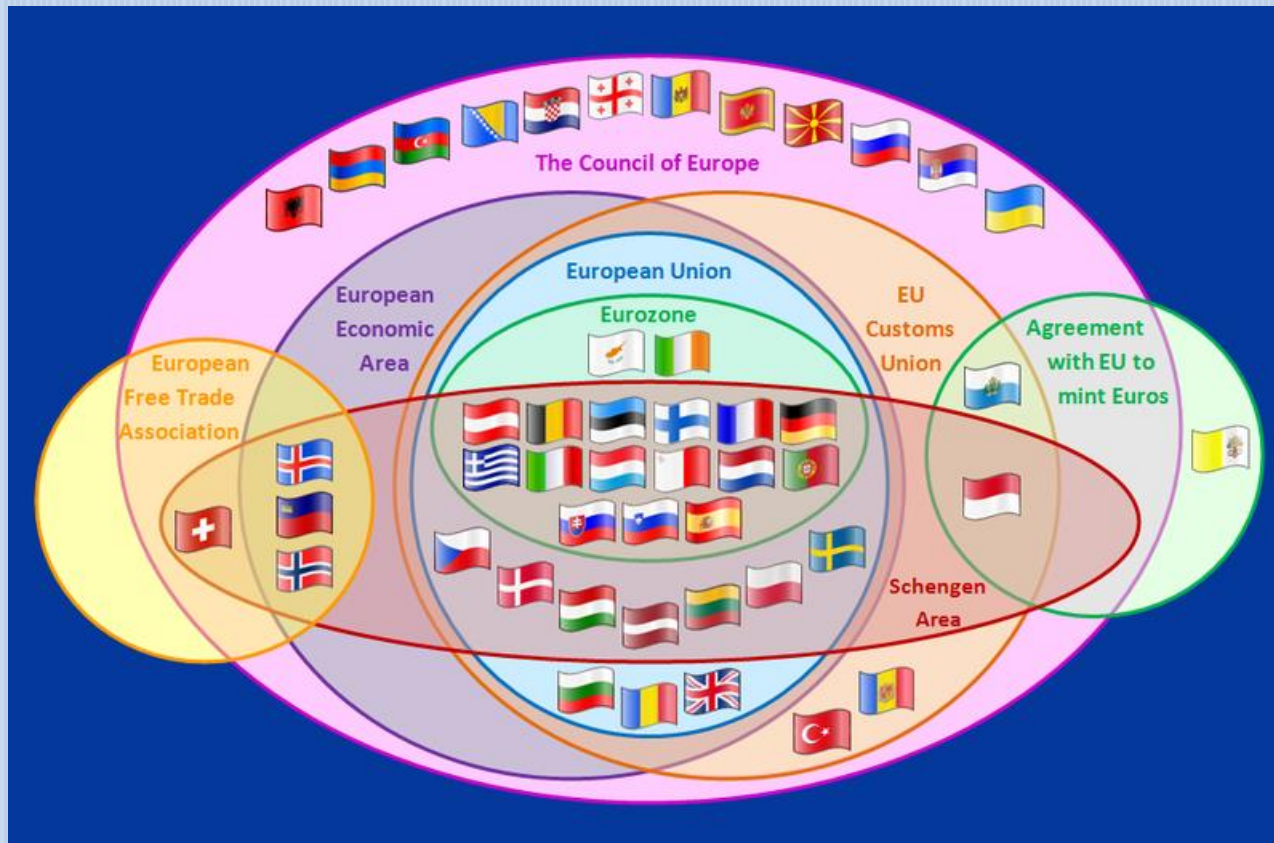
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Two principal inter-governmental organizations for modern Europe

Council of Europe	1949	Strasbourg, France.
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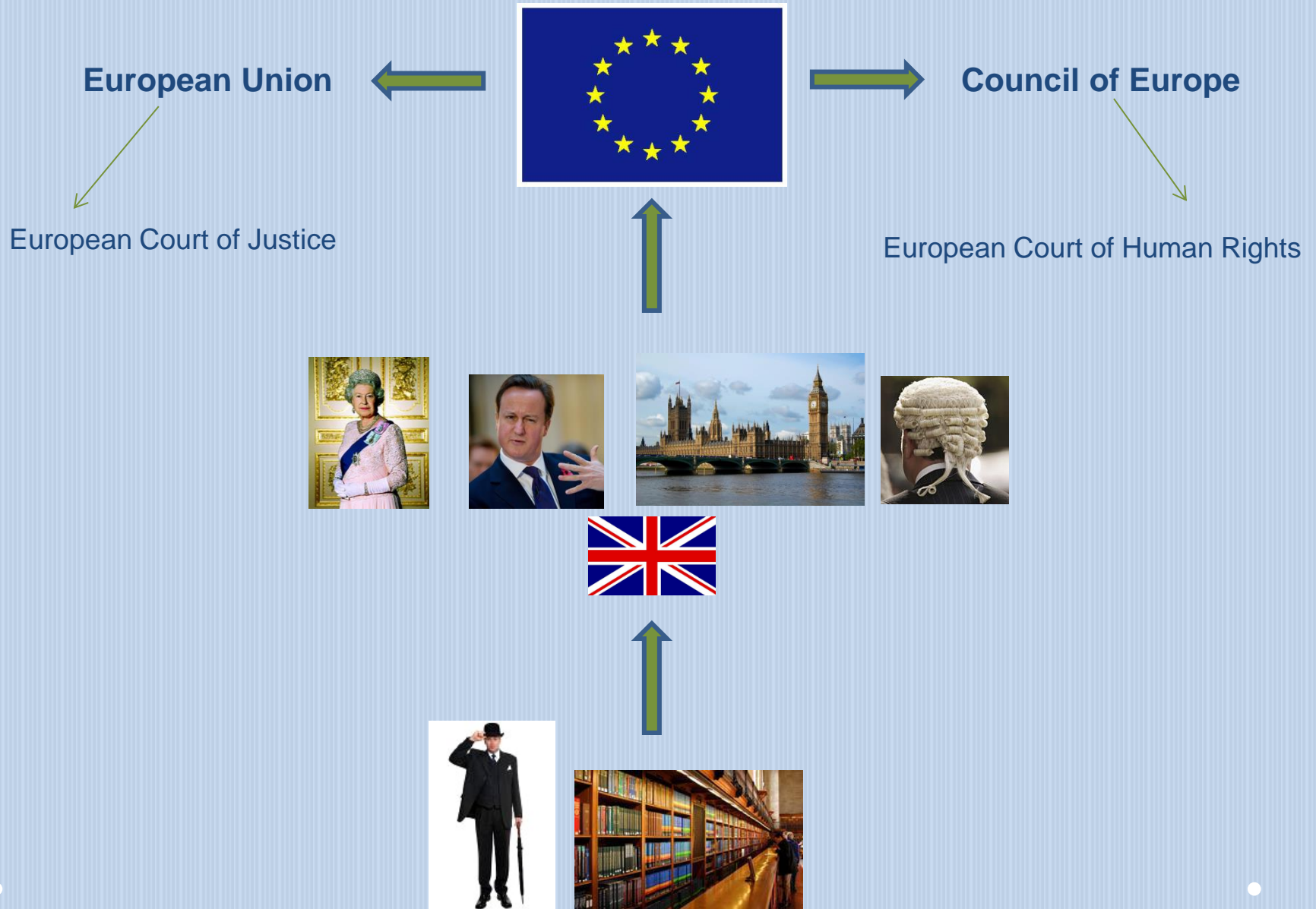
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Fighting impunity

Cases of impunity for violations of human rights are unfortunately not uncommon in Council of Europe member states, particularly as regard those committed by police and prison officers, or those directed against human rights defenders. Allowing such crimes to go unpunished demonstrates a lack of respect for human rights (often involving a human rights violation in its own right) and encourages repetition of those crimes, as perpetrators, and others, feel free to commit further offences, knowing they will be shielded from punishment.

Impunity erodes the rule of law. Furthermore, those who permit it are effectively condoning the crimes that are committed. It is therefore essential to eradicate impunity in the member states and encourage states outside Europe to do the same.

Following an initiative of the **Parliamentary Assembly**, the Committee of Ministers invited the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) to study the feasibility of guidelines on the impunity.

The CDDH agreed to contribute to the drafting of such an instrument, considering that guidelines "would send a clear signal of Europe's willingness to end impunity of human rights violations and would have a real added value, not only to member states of the Council of Europe but also beyond our continent".

Under the authority of the CDDH, the Committee of Experts on Impunity (DH-I) has met four times in order to draft the "Guidelines on the Eradication of Impunity for Serious Human Rights Violations". In preparing the draft, the Committee drew *on inter alia*, the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, and the work of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT).

The draft guidelines have been adopted by the CDDH (DH-I(2010)12 final) at its 71st meeting (2-5 November 2010) and the guidelines were adopted by the Committee of Ministers at their 1110th meeting on 30 March 2011 (see table).

DH-I Documents (Committee of Experts on Impunity)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Eradicating Impunity for Serious Human Rights Violations as adopted by the Committee of Ministers at their 1110th meeting (31 March 2011) 	CM decision Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference-texts for the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Eradicating Impunity for Serious Human Rights Violations, <i>final version</i> 	Reference texts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft reference-texts for the Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Eradicating Impunity for Serious Human Rights Violations 	DH-I(2010)09Rev
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Eradicating Impunity for Serious Human Rights Violations as adopted by the CDDH at its 71st meeting (2-5 November 2010) 	DH-I(2010)12 final
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th meeting of the Committee of experts on Impunity (DH-I) 28-30 September 2010, Strasbourg 	Meeting report

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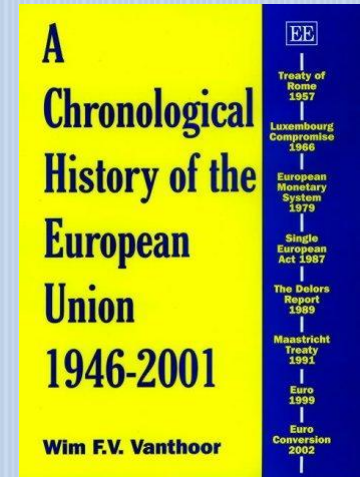
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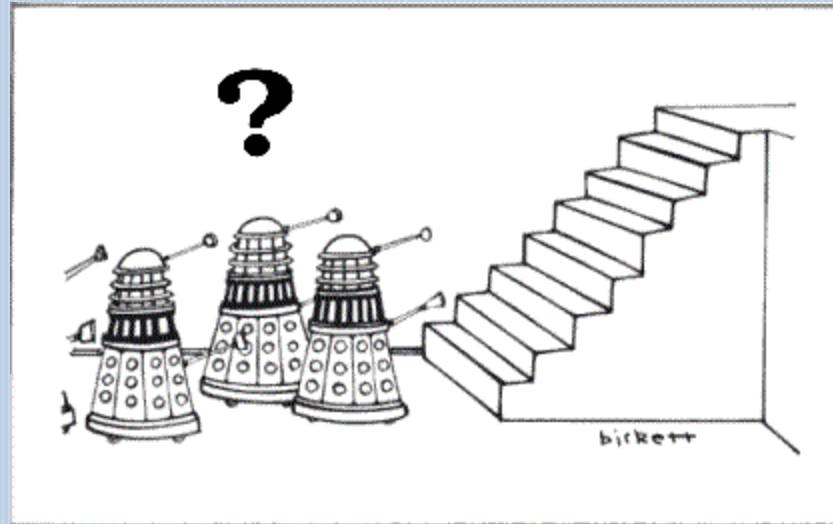
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