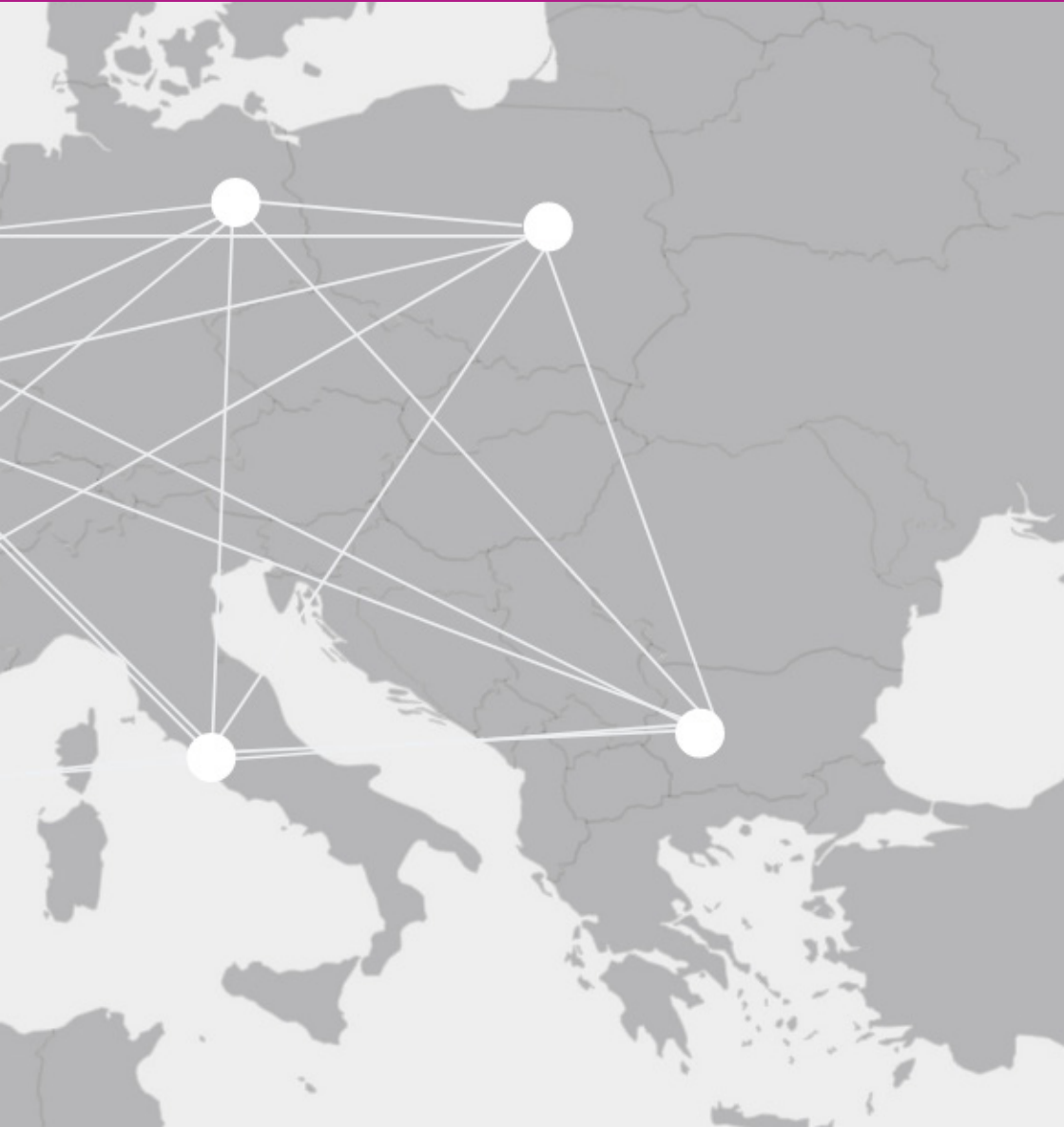




ECFR Council Membership



The Council

The ECFR Council is a growing community of over 300 members committed to promoting an effective and values based European foreign policy.

There are many areas and ways in which you can be actively engaged depending on your interests, expertise, experience and available time.

We will facilitate your involvement in ECFR's work as best we can.

In the seven countries where we have offices, we are able to engage with members and provide a high level of personal support. Elsewhere in Europe we are equally committed to finding opportunities for members to be involved in our activities with support from ECFR's Council engagement team.

In this brochure you will find some concrete suggestions as to how you can make the most of ECFR Council membership.

We would be happy to discuss how this might be tailored to your particular circumstances and interests.

Message from the Co-Chairs



The Council is the strongest and most visible expression of ECFR's pan-European identity. In joining the Council, you become a member of a strategic European community composed of over 300 of Europe's most distinguished politicians, business leaders, civil society representatives, and thinkers. As a collective, the ECFR Council act as ambassadors for ECFR's ideas within their networks and help rebuild the consensus for a common European foreign and security policy.

Norbert Röttgen, Lykke Friis, Carl Bildt



“Bringing together policy experts and leaders from across Europe, the ECFR has established itself as an important intellectual and political force, standing up for European values and interests at these challenging times. It continues to provide a unique platform for some of the most prominent Europeans to interact and exchange their views and, through its advocacy work, brings these views closer to the European public, bridging the gap between European policy makers and the people.”

Sylvie Kauffmann

Board Member and Chair of the Board's Membership Committee

Benefits of ECFR Council Membership



Network

Network with prominent Europeans: In joining the ECFR Council you become part of a unique strategic community of over 260 members with whom you will share a number of common policy interests.

Participate in ECFR's Annual Council Meeting: An honest, interactive, no-holds-barred discussion about the future of Europe and its role in the world with ECFR policy experts and high-level guest speakers from around the world.

Make the most out of our national office network in seven European capitals: get in touch with us if you are travelling to Berlin, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Sofia or Warsaw and enjoy exclusive 'Views from the Capitals' briefings on most important national political developments with ECFR Heads of Offices.



Exclusive Briefings & Events

Take part in ECFR's study trips to gain a better understanding of policy debates and trends in countries our policy team is working on, which in the past have included: Ankara, Beijing, Kiev, Istanbul, Moscow, Mumbai, New Delhi, Riyadh and Tehran. These are usually small high-level missions with packed agendas of meetings with key government and civil society interlocutors.

Participate in ECFR events: we organise some 200 events a year across Europe, from public debates to closed-door high-level workshops, where we always invite our Council Members to act as panellists or discussants.

Receive exclusive debriefings on current affairs: participate in our Council telephone briefings, where our experts provide up-to-the-minute and in-depth analysis on breaking news developments.

Get monthly updates on most relevant ECFR publications, activities and campaigns that will keep you up to speed with the organisations strategic thinking and key priorities.

Benefits of ECFR Council Membership



More Impact

Join our Strategy Groups which work on furthering relations with Europe's neighbours by providing intellectual input into our policy and advocacy agenda.

Share your views on ecfr.eu:

contribute your analysis on key foreign policy issues by writing a commentary for ECFR's website, joining ECFR podcasts, or by participating in exclusive Council member interviews and Council member statements.



Commitments of ECFR Council Membership



Sustainability

Support our fundraising efforts: as a not-for-profit organisation, we are solely dependent on grants and voluntary donations. Council Members can be invaluable in helping us with expanding our growing base of supporters. You can help us by making introductions to potential new supporters –be they individuals, corporates, foundations or governments –or by supporting us in your own right. Your recommendations and contributions are highly appreciated and will significantly help to make ECFR more sustainable.



Connect

Work with ECFR leaders, experts and fellow Council Members to engage with senior policy-makers in your country and promote ECFR's analysis and policy recommendations. We also encourage Council Members to work with us on an individual basis on areas of particular mutual interest at both national and European level.

Promote ECFR to your networks: we encourage Council Members to use their social media networks to help us disseminate our work to as broad a network as possible. We can provide tailored communications support in the form of suggested tweets and media messages.



Build the Council

Help us build the ECFR Council: once a year, nominate prominent peers and rising foreign policy stars from your networks across Europe for Council Membership.



” It takes resources to be the intellectual frontrunner that Europe needs right now. ECFR has good ideas and donors can help us get out our message in these critical times. ”

Ana Palacio
Council Member

Views from the Council

ECFR's Council Members regularly contribute their opinions and analyses on events and foreign policy trends that shape the world.



Why members join the Council

“My hope in joining ECFR as a Council Member in this as well as in other initiatives is to contribute to a strong, clear and united European voice in the world. This is becoming increasingly important, not least because in these times of economic crisis, populism, nationalism and the return of authoritarianism risk undermining the liberal world order, thus human rights and democratic development.”

Daniel Sachs

“I am looking forward to contributing to the analysis of Europe’s challenges today. I am also honoured to join conversations with the other members, including ministers and NGOs and happy to be able to discuss my new research on diplomacy in the information age. The ECFR has a broad network with offices across Europe, in Brussels, Berlin, London, Madrid, Paris, Sofia and Warsaw, which is valuable for our ability to analyse the political dynamics in the EU.”

Rebecca Adler-Nissen

“ECFR has already established itself as an intellectual and political force in Europe. In joining the board I want to help strengthen its voice as an increasingly important player bringing European perspectives to Berlin.”

Norbert Röttgen

Community of leaders

19 Heads of State and Govern- ment	35 Prominent European Officials	43 Business Leaders	72 Civil Society Leaders
11 Senior IO Officials	26 Foreign Ministers	8 Government Ministers	19 Ambassadors
44 Parliament- arians	4 European Commissioners	28 Academics	24 Journalists and Influencers



“ECFR can push for more transparency. Analyses of global issues are very valuable for policymakers, but need to be clearer to make them more meaningful for people.”

Valerie Amos
Council Member

Annual Council Meeting

The ECFR's Annual Council Meeting is the leading annual gathering on European foreign and security policy. The Council meeting has retained the intimacy of a private club, allowing a safe space for high-level speakers from across the world to think creatively and practically about how Europe can strengthen its role as a global power.

The Annual Council Meeting follows the energy of the debate to different European cities every year. Past meetings have gathered memorable insights from high profile speakers, such as George Soros, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, Filippo Grandi, Martti Ahtisaari, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Catherine Ashton, and other.



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