## Contents

List of acronyms and abbreviations	7
Foreword	9
General introduction	13
Part One – From inception to the Greek crisis (1949-1969)	17
Introduction to Part One	19
1. The setting up of the Council of Europe	
The Hague Congress, May 1948	
The Treaty of London, 5 May 1949	
Federalist beginnings: the Assembly starts work	
First new members: Greece, Turkey, Iceland and the FRG	
2. Co-operation gets under way in key areas	
Human rights: Convention and Court	
Cultural co-operation	
The European Conference of Local Authorities	
Towards a European Social Charter	
The European Pharmacopoeia	
3. The Six consolidate: the Council of Europe's response	
From Schuman to Eden: plans for the Council	
Establishment of the EEC and EFTA: the Assembly follows	
developments	51
Efforts to rationalise the European institutions	53
Unifying Europe: the Council of Europe's bid to orchestrate	
the process	
The response to the UK's applications for EEC membership	
4. The Council of Europe: a player on the international stage?	
The admission of two neutral states: Austria and Switzerland.	
New Mediterranean members: Cyprus and Malta	59
Relations with international and non-governmental organisations	60
Relations with non-member countries	
The Council of Europe's response to international crises	
The Greek crisis	
Conclusion to Part One	

Part Two - Seeking a distinct identity (1969-1989)69
Introduction to Part Two71
1. Competition with the Community
The Council of Europe and enlargement of the EEC72
Efforts to become a forum for European policy debate
Seeking a modus vivendi with the EEC78
2. Launching co-operation in new areas
The European Youth Centre and European Youth Foundation 83
Promoting education, culture and sport for all
A European anthem
Eurimages
Legal co-operation 89
Environmental and heritage conservation
3. Defending fundamental values
The Court steps up its activity
Advances in social rights
Co-operation between local and regional authorities
Conferences on parliamentary democracy
4. Crisis management and enlargement
The re-admission of Greece and southward enlargement
(Portugal and Spain)
Crises in the Mediterranean: Cyprus, Malta and Turkey 112
EUR-OPA and the setting up of the North-South Centre
111 Lisbon
The accession of two micro-states and Finland 118
5. The Council of Europe looks eastwards
Gradual opening up to communist countries 121
introduction of special-puest status
Gorbachev addresses the Assembly: the common European
home
Conclusion to Part Two
Part Three - The renaissance of the Council of Europe
as a pan-European organisation (1989-2009)
Introduction to Part Three
1 Waves of accessions after the fall of the Wall
The accession of Slovenia and the Baltic states
The conundrum of Russia's accession
Admission of the other former Soviet republics

Admission of the former Yugoslav republics and Albania	5
and Monaco	9
2. New tools for co-operation	1
The Venice Commission	
The Youth Centre in Budapest and the Centre for Modern	
Languages in Graz15	2
A profusion of decentralised bodies	4
The advent of monitoring15	6
Establishment of the Congress of Local and Regional	
Authorities	7
3. The Council of Europe Summits	
The Vienna Summit, 1993 16	
The Strasbourg Summit, 1997	
The Warsaw Summit, 200516	
4. Pilot co-operation projects16	
Protection of national minorities	
The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance 169	
Innovative cultural co-operation projects	
New tools of legal co-operation 173	
Protection of human rights in biomedicine	.)
response	4
5. Reform of the human rights protection machinery	
Revision of the Social Charter	
First reform: establishment of the single Court	
The Commissioner for Human Rights	
Broadening the scope of the European Convention on Human	
Rights	
Second reform: Protocol No. 14	
Towards a third reform of the Court189	
6. The Council of Europe's place in the European architecture 190	
Introduction of observer status and NGO participatory status 190	
The Council of Europe's contribution to peace-keeping	3
Relations with the CSCE/OSCE: between rivalry	
and co-operation	
Conclusion to Part Three	
General conclusion 205	
Chronology of events 209	j
List of agreements, charters and conventions	)

## History of the Council of Europe

Lists of prominent personalities	237
List of secretaries general of the Council of Europe	237
List of presidents of the Assembly	237
List of presidents of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities	238
List of presidents of the European Court of Human Rights	
List of commissioners for human rights	238
Bibliography	239