



# Central office of the European Council

**HISTORY**

Created in 1960, the European Council of Jewish Community Services is the result of the reconstructions of the European Jewish Congress, also known as the Tze, who previously organized services for the American Joint Distribution Committee due to the devastated circumstances after the Second World War.

The European Council was founded by the Conference of Jewish Representatives to the Standing Conference of European Jewish Communities (SCEJC) at the first stage of an indispensable consultation between the Jews and the communities of Europe. It was the report of the conference of the European Council that marked the renewal of Jewish life in Europe.

**Today the European Council includes :**

- 49 countries of Europe and Israel
- 1200 offices
- 1200 local groups
- 12000 voluntary organizations

**OBJECTIVES**

To ensure the continuity of the heritage and identity of the European Jewish communities.

To strengthen Jewish life in all its forms.

To develop the development of education and cultural activities.

To develop advisory, exchange and cooperation between the different Jewish communities in Europe.

To contribute to the improvement and reinforcement of services.

**GOVERNANCE**

The European Council is:

- a member of the European Parliament
- a member of:
  - the International Council on Jewish Voluntary Services
  - the International Council of Voluntary Agencies

**ACTIVITIES**

The European Council develops and carries out various cultural, educational and welfare activities.

**Concerned areas :**

- Through the Association of Jewish Communities, it works in partnership with the local agencies.
- The services of a pedagogical institution for the education of young people.
- The services through the European and regional networks of local community centers.
- The services of learning of community center professionals.
- The promotion and dissemination of educational materials and publications, including with the pedagogical services.
- Through the Social Services Committee:
  - Social services for elderly people, disabled persons, etc.
  - Home Education social services
  - Social services for women
  - Work centers
  - Services for disabled people
- Through the Association of High School Presidents:
  - The preparation of young ITT students
  - General education pedagogical services
- Through the Association of Community Foundations:
  - Exchange in planning and community organization
  - Cooperation
  - Training in administration, Exchange and Research, and representation of members
  - Organizational information on the European Community activities

**MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

Austria	: Israelitische Kultusgemeinde Wien
Belgium	: Centrale Opleiding Sociale Zaken (Brussels)
Denmark	: Det Mosaiske Trossamfund
Finland	: Central Council of Jewish Communities
France	: Fonds Social Juif Uni
Germany	: Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland
Great Britain	: Central Council for Jewish Social Service
Greece	: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece
Hungary	: Central Board of Hungarian Jews
Italy	: Unione delle Comunità Ebraiche Italiane
Luxembourg	: Comité Juif Luxembourgeois
Netherlands	: Det Moasjke Trossamfund
Norway	: Det Mosaiske Trossamfund
Portugal	: Comunidade Israelita de Lisboa
Romania	: Ministry of Jewish Communities of Romania
Spain	: Comunidad Israelita de Madrid
Soviet Union	: Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona
Switzerland	: Austria Pfarramtsgemeinde Centralrat
Yugoslavia	: Centralno Jevrejsko Instrukcijsko Svetoviteljstvo in Jugoslavija

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