

Delegate: Estonia

Committee: European Council

Agenda: Refugee Problem in Europe

The European Council was founded on May 5, 1949, and Estonia became a member in 1993. Ranking as the 132nd largest country globally, Estonia is a member of NATO and the EU. With the 99th largest economy based on GDP; Estonia appreciates the opportunity to refer the refugee problems in Europe. Considering it as a global humanitarian challenge, Estonia emphasizes the need for cooperation and effective solutions.

Europe accommodates a considerable share of the worldwide refugee population. According to UNHCR Global Report 2022 and Mid-Year Trends Report 2023, the global refugee count has doubled over the past seven years, reaching 36.4 million individuals by mid-2023. In Europe alone, the number of forcibly displaced and stateless people rose to 21.8 million by the end of 2022 including nearly 12.4 million refugees, 1.3 million asylum-seekers, 7.2 million internally displaced people (IDPs), and 474,000 stateless people. In Estonia, there are 209,984 refugees, and 85,301 of them are stateless individuals, many arrived after the Soviet Union Disintegration and began the process of providing Estonian citizenship.

Estonia stresses the importance of providing humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons, both in Europe and in regions of origin. We also support EU member states working together to share the responsibility of accommodating refugees and asylum seekers.

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