

# European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations

The **European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations** (CEPT) was established on June 26, 1959, by nineteen European states in Montreux, Switzerland, as a coordinating body for European state telecommunications and postal organizations. The acronym comes from the French version of its name *Conférence européenne des administrations des postes et des télécommunications*.

CEPT was responsible for the creation of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) in 1988.

## Organization

CEPT is organised into three main components:

- Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) - responsible for radiocommunications and telecommunications matters and formed by the merger of ECTRA (European Committee for Telecommunications Regulatory Affairs) and ERC (European Radiocommunications Committee) in September 2001<sup>[1]</sup>
  - The permanent secretariat of the ECC is the European Communications Office (ECO)
- European Committee for Postal Regulation (CERP, after the French "*Comité européen des régulateurs postaux*") - responsible for postal matters
- The committee for ITU Policy (Com-ITU) is responsible for organising the co-ordination of CEPT actions for the preparation for and during the course of the ITU activities meetings of the council, Plenipotentiary Conferences, World Telecommunication Development Conferences, World Telecommunication Standardisation Assemblies

## Member countries

As of March 2022: 46 countries. <sup>[2]</sup>

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<b>Membership</b>	46 countries
<b>Co-presidency</b>	The Chairman of ECC, The Chairman of CERP and the Chairman of Com-ITU
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cept.org">www.cept.org</a> ( <a href="https://www.cept.org/">https://www.cept.org/</a> )

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City. The Russian Federation and Belarus memberships were suspended indefinitely on March 17, 2022.<sup>[3]</sup>

## See also

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- Europa postage stamp
- CEPT Recommendation T/CD 06-01 (standard for videotex)
- E-carrier (standard for multiplexed telephone circuits)
- International Telecommunication Union
- LPD433
- PMR446
- SRD860
- Universal Postal Union
- WiMAX
- African Telecommunications Union (ATU)
- Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)
- Caribbean Postal Union (CPU)
- Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU)
- Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)
- Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal
- List of members of the Universal Postal Union

## Notes

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1. "CEPT.ORG - ECC - About ECC - What we do" (<https://www.cept.org/ecc/what-we-do>). *www.cept.org*. 24 May 2017. Retrieved 19 June 2017.
2. "CEPT Membership and Observers (2023)" (<https://www.cept.org/cept/membership-and-observers>).
3. "CEPT.ORG-CEPT-News Storage-Suspension of the Russian Federation and Belarus from CEPT Membership" (<https://www.cept.org/cept/news/suspension-of-the-russian-federation-and-belarus-from-cept-membership/>). *www.cept.org*. Retrieved 17 March 2022.

## External links

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- Official website (<https://www.cept.org/>) 
  - ECC website (<http://www.cept.org/ecc>)
  - ECO website (<http://www.cept.org/ECO>)
  - CERP website (<http://www.cept.org/CERP>)
  - Com-ITU website (<http://www.cept.org/Com-ITU>)
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