

Working methods

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The Economic, Social and Environmental Council has 175 members, all active stakeholders in civil society, appointed for a term of five years. Members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The ESEC meets year-round and has working methods similar to those of parliamentary assemblies.



The 175 Council members hold plenary meetings twice a month to vote on opinions submitted by the [sections](#). The agenda is set by the [Bureau](#). Ministers are informed of relevant opinions, attend plenary sessions and take part in debates.

ESEC working groups include [sections](#), [delegations](#) and [temporary commissions](#). Each is tasked with preparing studies and draft opinions within their respective field as established by decree.