



Recommendation 2207 (2021)¹

For a European policy on diasporas

Parliamentary Assembly

1. Referring to its [Resolution 2388 \(2021\)](#) “For a European policy on diasporas”, the Parliamentary Assembly emphasises the importance of providing support to European States in order to develop effective diaspora engagement policies by creating a European institutional and political framework for co-operation between governments and diasporas.

2. The Assembly considers that the Council of Europe could play a major role in formulating a European policy on diasporas, taking into account the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, and the newly established Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), and by bringing together the multiple actors that shape national diaspora policies, namely parliaments, governments, diaspora associations, non-governmental organisations, the media and research institutions. In this context it invites the Committee of Ministers to:

- 2.1. draft a White Paper on good practices for diaspora engagement within member States;
- 2.2. design a methodology for mapping diasporas and carrying out an evaluation of diaspora engagement strategies, in the light of Council of Europe standards for integration and inclusion;
- 2.3. establish a European forum of diasporas as a platform for international exchanges between different diaspora communities;
- 2.4. encourage the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe to consider the role of local and regional authorities in engaging and co-operating with diaspora members in devising and implementing measures aimed at promoting integration and avoiding exclusion, xenophobia, radicalisation and extremism.

1. *Assembly debate* on 24 June 2021 (21st sitting) (see [Doc. 15250](#), report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, rapporteur: Mr Paulo Pisco). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 24 June 2021 (21st sitting).

