PERCO

- Launched: Copenhagen, August 1997

- Members: EU member states
  EFTA member states
  EU accession states
  EU stabilization on an associate process (SAP)

- Observer NS

- Permanent Observers (ICRC, IFRC, EU office)

PERCO objectives:

✓ to provide a framework to facilitate cooperation and networking among European National Societies (NS);
✓ to strengthen the advocacy role of European NS in order to influence national and European policies and developments in the field of asylum and migration;
✓ to improve the capacity of the European NS and the IFRC in their work with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants;
✓ to promote tolerance and fight against racism, xenophobia and social exclusion.
Current Developments:

- Working Groups: Irregular Migrants, Return, Anti-trafficking (procedures, questionnaires on RC assistance)
- Advocacy (position papers) Examples from ENPS?
- Migration Policy
- Return under the Dublin II Convention (Return to Greece - NS advocacy, example of DRC advocacy towards EU based on a psychological screening on all newly arrived families 2009/2010)
- How we as European NS could become more supportive to the NS in countries in need of assistance – comparison to other emergency response units within RC/RC
- EU Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors

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