

Role of civil registration from an OSCE perspective

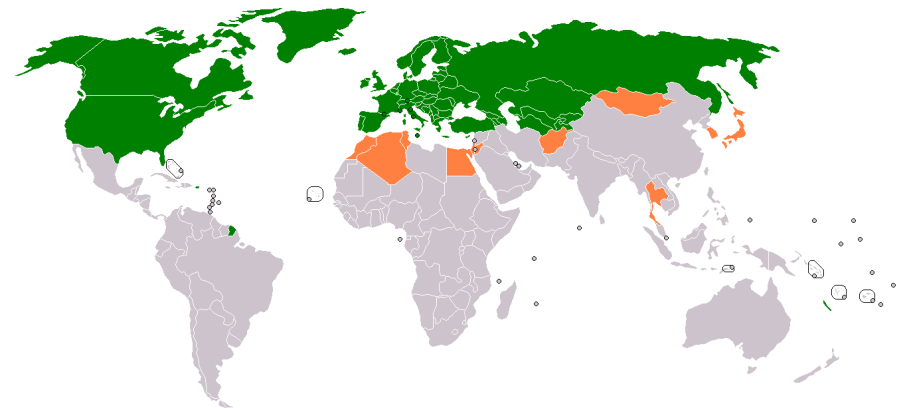
- **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe**

- The world's largest regional security organization
- 56 participating States

- **Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights**

- The oldest OSCE institution
- Based in Warsaw, Poland, and is active throughout the OSCE area in the fields of election observation, democratic development, human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination, and rule of law

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Population Registration

- Framework for observance and protection of the human rights
- Freedom of movement
- Free choice of place of residence
- Property and privacy rights
- Social services from the state



Guidelines on Population Registration

- **Objective:**
 - **Developing political commitment to creation, modernization and/or maintenance of functional national population registers**
 - **Basis for the provision of expertise by the ODIHR to participating States in developing or reviewing national population registration strategies.**
 - **Reference tool for assessing the efficiency of, and where necessary reforming, national system of population registration**
- **Expert panel consisting of six experts coming from: Germany, Finland, Armenia, Lithuania, Denmark and Bosnia and Herzegovina**



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- **Benefits**

- **Major components of population registration**

- Vital events including citizenship
 - Residency, foreign residents, residents living abroad
 - Address registration
 - Updating of population registers

- **Legislative framework**

- **Characteristics:**

- Procedures
- Register once-multiple use
- Data protection
- Citizen access
- Unique identifiers

- **Integration of (existing) registries**

- **Good practices**



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- Launch of publication - Beginning 2009