



## **The Economic and Social Council of the Principality of MONACO**

The Economic and Social Council is a Consultative Assembly which contributes to the Monaco Government's action by providing advice on economic and social activity in the Principality.

Members are appointed for renewable periods of three years and represent employers, employees and various other organizations.

The thirty-six members of this Constitutional body include residents of several nationalities and non-residents with employment or other economic ties to the Principality.

The Council allows members of Monaco's foreign communities and those who are actively involved in local economic affairs to express their views, based on their expertise and experience of economic and social developments in society.

The Assembly is thus consulted by the Government on draft primary and secondary legislation and makes proposals on issues of general interest impacting economic conditions in the country.

The work of the Assembly reflects an evolving society. In recent months, topics discussed have related to the environment, social conditions, and particularly the Principality's economic transformation strategy through digital technology. The impact of digital technology on working conditions and privacy, notably the right to disconnection, an extension of maternity leave from 16 to 18 weeks, remote working, the modernization of Sunday trading legislation, protection of assets and individuals, are all topics which are addressed regularly.

The Economic and Social Council participates in the preparation of public governance by giving its opinion to Government on proposed draft legislation relating, for example, to access to the Principality's courts and tribunals, occupational health, implementation of remote working rules and a Bill strengthening anti-money laundering controls. The National Parliament of elected representatives, which has exclusive legislative competence including for the State Budget, regularly seeks the views of the Economic and Social Council on draft bills and proposals. Several Statutes have been developed in close collaboration between the two entities.

By establishing the Youth Economic and Social Council in 2007 with input from the National Youth and Sports Directorate, and inviting High School pupils to share their experiences and establish dialogue and cooperation, the Assembly also wished to convey to the next generations the notions of open discussion and consensus which are essential to its function.

Every year since then, groups of young students have put forward their suggestions in connection with the environment, and more generally, related to their future, which we pass on to the Monegasque authorities. Over 50 proposals have been presented by these students to the Council sitting in plenary session.

As part of the Principality's commitment to the energy transition process, the Assembly contributed to the studies leading to implementation of the country's White Book in March 2017. Promoting renewable energies and energy efficiency are recurring themes of the work of the Council. The CES validated its own commitment by signing the National Pact for Energy Transition on June 13th, 2018.

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