

History

After World War II, Rotarians from France and Germany decided to create **the first Intercountry Committee** between their two countries. The idea was to launch an association of clubs to re-establish international friendship and promote Peace.

Based on this example, a whole network of ICCs emerged in Europe and throughout the world that later laid **the foundation for multidistrict activities** across boundaries and borders.

What began with the twinning of clubs in different countries led to increased international contacts among Rotarians, promoting a spirit of tolerance and understanding.



By 1958, the program's success in Western Europe demanded a more structured, global organization: the **Executive Council**.

Intercountry Committees have contributed to the development of Rotary over the past 30 years: when the Berlin Wall fell, ICCs had significant role in the reintroduction of Rotary clubs in many eastern European countries.

Establishing a new ICC

People from all over both countries can join forces and create long standing bridges across borders and cultures.

ICC section founders (and members) are usually Rotarians with strong ties to the country they'll be partnering with: business people who travel a lot, expatriates, people with a spouse from abroad... or simply people with a genuine interest for the other country's culture.

Two ICC Sections form a complete ICC: one cannot exist without the other. All sections are autonomous in their management as long as they follow the basic guidelines of ICCs.



While only districts may form and join Intercountry Committees, individual Rotarians and Rotaractors, their partners and friends, and Rotary and Rotaract clubs may participate in their activities. By representing their country, members of an individual ICC are individual ambassadors of peace and mutual understanding.

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Purpose and activities

The simple and flexible structure of ICCs allows for strong ties between partnering countries, creating a valuable network of contacts for clubs and districts.

By sharing expertise and resources, Rotarians involved in ICCs help address the needs of partner countries, bringing their unique professional experiences to the table.

This collaborative spirit not only strengthens social, economic, political, and cultural relations but also ensures **continuity in developing long-term positive relationships**.



Rotary works with the **Institute for Economics and Peace**, a leader in the study of peace and conflict, to address the causes of conflict and create conditions that foster peace. The partnership focuses on education and training about Positive Peace. On several occasions, ICCs have teamed up with IEP to co-organize seminars.

Our Mission

The mission of Intercountry Committees (ICCs) is to foster global peace, international understanding, and goodwill through **cross-cultural collaboration and friendship**.

As a vital component of Rotary's international service, ICCs connect districts and clubs from different countries, encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to engage in meaningful exchanges.

By visiting each other's countries and homes, Rotarians build lasting relationships that transcend borders and cultural differences.

ICCs facilitate International Service Projects by creating strong ties between partnering countries. Their network of contacts is a very valuable asset for clubs and districts to find partners for projects, share expertise, and gain knowledge about other countries.

ICC Leadership

The ICC Executive Council is a resource for districts and countries wishing to **get involved** in the activities of Intercountry Committees.

The ICC Executive Council is a **diverse, international group of dedicated Rotarians**, supporting hundreds of Intercountry Committee Sections to increase their reach, and helping Rotarians who want to create new Intercountry Committees. The President leads the ICC Executive Council and Board and is elected to a two-year term. They serve as the liaison between Intercountry Committees and Rotary International.



Today, **over 750 ICC sections** all over the world provide significant support to all programs of Rotary and its Foundation. They help increase the effectiveness and reach of international service within our seven areas of focus.