

# Belgium



*The Europa building has a lantern shaped interior enclosed within an exterior building. It houses European Council and Council of Ministers formal meetings (author's photo)*

# France

*The house is increasingly a venue for informal meetings, including between EU leaders, as seen in these photos, and with non-EU parliamentarians and politicians, notably from Ukraine in the context of the Jean Monnet Dialogues for Peace and Democracy, inspired by Monnet's preference for low profile networking as a way of seeking consensus.*



*The three presidents view exhibits.  
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*Presidents of the EU institutions arriving at the Jean Monnet House for a retreat on "preparing the future" at the end of January 2020. Left to right: Ursula von der Leyen (Commission), David Sassoli (Parliament, died in office 11 January 2022), Charles Michel (European Council). Photo © European Union.*

*Conference room next to Jean Monnet House in Bazoches (author's photo)*



# Italy



*View over the gardens of Villa la Collina to Lake Como (author's photo)*

## Lake Como: Loveno di Menaggio, Villa Vigoni



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Close to Villa la Collina, in Loveno above Menaggio, are two adjacent villas with beautiful gardens looking out over Lake Como, Villa Mylius-Vigoni and Villa Garovaglio-Ricci. These are the home of the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue. The centre organises conferences and seminars in the fields of research,

culture and politics, and publishes the Vigoni Papers on Italian, German and European themes. It also operates in Bonn. The main villa contains a large library and historical archives as well as numerous works of art and the extensive Romantic gardens contain a rare collection of orchids.

# Luxembourg

## Council of Ministers



*The European Convention Center, Luxembourg where Council of Ministers meetings take place in April, June and October. Photo courtesy European Convention Center Luxembourg.*

The Council of the European Union is based in Brussels and normally holds its meetings there but meets in Luxembourg in April, June and October. It used to meet in a building right

next to the European Parliament's Tower Building (see below) but now rents the European Convention Center in the Place de l'Europe from the Luxembourg government

## Court of Justice of the European Union



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The European Court of Justice (ECJ) was established in 1952. Now known formally as the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), it constitutes the judicial authority of the European Union. The CJEU reviews the legality of the acts of the institutions of the European Union, ensures that the Member States comply with their obligations under the Treaties, and also interprets European Union law at the request of the national courts and tribunals.

The Court has been based in Luxembourg since it was founded. It actually consists of two

courts: the Court of Justice and the General Court, which was set up in 1988. The former deals with requests for preliminary rulings from national courts, certain actions for annulment and appeals and the latter deals mainly with competition law, State aid, trade, agriculture and trade marks.

The Court of Justice is composed of one judge for each Member State plus 11 Advocates-General whereas the General Court has two judges per Member State. The CJEU is the most multilingual court in the world since each