Current European human rights protection system was established in the post-Second World War era following the establishment of the Council of Europe. Shortly after the start of the work of the Council, the most important European human rights instrument, the European Convention on Human Rights was adopted in 1950. The monitoring organ of the Convention, the European Court of Human Rights, started its work in 1959. Since then, the Court found a remedy to human rights violations occurred in 47 countries and thousands of cities ranging from Vladivostok to Lisbon and Nicosia to Reykjavik. During the last decade, the future of this trans-continental human rights protection system is under discussion. The presentation addresses main issues of debate and offers some solutions.

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