

Compulsory conscription and conscientious objection in E.U. ¹

| E.U. MEMBER STATE | COMPULSORY CONSCRIPTION | MILITARY SERVICE | ALTERNATIVE SERVICE | RIGHT TO C.O. | COMPETENT MINISTRY | PROCEDURE |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|--|----------------------------|
| Austria | Yes | 6 months | 9 months | Since 1974 | Interior | Typical - Only application |
| Belgium | No (since 1992) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bulgaria ** | No (since 2006) | - | - | - | - | - |
| France | No (since 2001) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Germany | Yes | 9 months | 9 months | Since 1949 | Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women & Youth | Typical - Only application |
| Denmark | Yes | 4 months | 6 months | Since 1917 | Interior | Typical - Only application |
| Greece | Yes | 12 months | 23 months | Since 1997 | National Defence | Application and interview |
| Estonia * | Yes | 8 months | 16 months | Since 1994 | National Defence | Application and interview |
| Great Britain | No (since 1960) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ireland | No (since always) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Spain | No (since 2001) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Italy | No (since 2004) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cyprus * | Yes | 25 months | 34 months | Since 2007 | National Defence | Only application |
| Letonia * | No (since 2007) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lithuania * | Yes | 12 months | 18 months | Since 1990 | National Defence | Only application |
| Luxemburg | No (since 1967) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malta * | No (since always) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Netherlands | No (since 1996) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hungary * | No (since 2004) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Poland * | Yes (until 2010) | 9 months | 18 months | Since 1988 | Labor | Application and interview |
| Portugal | No (since 2004) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rumania ** | No (since 2006) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Slovakia * | No (since 2005) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Slovenia * | No (since 2003) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sweden | Yes | 7,5 months | 7,5 months | Since 1920 | National Defence | Typical - Only application |
| Czech Republic * | No (since 2004) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Finland | Yes | 6/9/12 months | 13 months (under revision) | Since 1931 | Labor | Typical - Only application |

* New E.U. Member States following the enlargement of 1st May 2004

** New E.U. Member States following the enlargement of 1st January 2007

¹ This table was composed based on the report “The Right to Conscientious Objection in Europe”, Quaker Council for European Affairs, 2005, and was updated in October 2007 using internet sources, information of official governmental sources and the answers of the competent ministries to a questionnaire of the Greek Section of Amnesty International.