



“But what is capital execution if not the most premeditated of murders to which no crime, as calculated as it may be, can be compared.”

Albert Camus.
Extract from
Reflections on the Guillotine



Created in 2000, ECPM (Together Against the Death Penalty) is a not-for-profit organisation with a Board of Directors, full-time staff, volunteers and activists carrying out and supporting activities in France and abroad to fight against the death penalty and promote its universal abolition. On a larger scale, it works to support human rights and fundamental freedoms. ECPM is a founding member of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, and the initiator and organiser of the World Congresses Against the Death Penalty.

OUR VISION

We believe in a world that is conscious of the uselessness of capital punishment in the legal system and aware of the barbarism it generates and sustains in society. We believe in a world that will be able to reject the radical and erroneous aspects of the mere principle of justice, in a world where all citizens, politicians, men and women of law and religion, will stand together as one and say “No” to the death penalty.

OUR MISSION

We aim to bring together, unite, and strengthen all actors – civil society working in support of human rights, politicians and those in the legal field – and work towards a political change which will lead, both locally and globally, to abolition of the death penalty. As a final point, we consider that teaching and raising public awareness on the death penalty, in both retentionist and abolitionist countries, lies at the heart of our mission.

OUR VALUES

Working together for all humans towards audacious activism that will lead to universal abolition.

— **TOGETHER** As expressed in the organisation’s name, ECPM deems it necessary to have its work carried out with and by local actors who are directly involved on behalf of and for the sake of the collective interest.

— **HUMANISTIC** Human life is a universal value and respect for its dignity transcends all cultural and religious specificities.

— **JUSTICE** The first fundamental human right is the right to live in dignity. This right derives from the equality of all before justice. Universal abolition can only be achieved through the recognition of universal justice.

— **COMMITMENT** ECPM believes that reaching a point where societies are more respectful of human dignity is possible. The organization pledges to work impartially and independently from any government, political, social, or moral authority.

— **AUDACITY** ECPM places at the heart of its work its ability to innovate, take risks and preserve its reactivity and dynamism in the face of pressure in the fight against the death penalty.