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# **ECPRD Priorities and Programme**

**2010 – 2011**

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## 1. ECPRD Priorities 2010 – 2011

According to the ECPRD Statutes, the institution's main objective is to promote the exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe. The ECPRD network provides a unique forum for making requests and receiving answers on issues of common and comparable concern to parliaments and their members throughout Europe. Correspondents must contribute to this joint effort to exchange information among national parliaments, since this is in a way the ECPRD's very *raison d'être*. An active input by all parliaments and services concerned is essential for the Centre to be able to carry out its mission. Taking the statutory objectives into account, the ECPRD priorities for the years 2010-2011 could be defined as follows:

### Objectives

1. To develop further the exchange of information via the procedure of comparative requests, and this in full respect of existing guidelines, and more particularly:
  - i. to maintain a high readiness to respond to requests;
  - ii. to continue in increasing the number of comparative summary reports produced by requesting chambers;
  - iii. to pursue the timely publication of replies and summary reports on the ECPRD website.
2. To strengthen the exchange of information in four Areas of Interest where Coordinators have been nominated (Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives; Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments; Parliamentary Practice and Procedure; Economic Research), in particular via thematic pages and "Forums" on the ECPRD website.
3. To continue to organise seminars for parliamentary staff on subjects of common interest on the basis of proposals made by national parliaments. To ensure timely publication of reports from seminars.
4. To develop further the ECPRD website so that it remains a user friendly environment on which parliamentary information (on legislation, studies, administration, ICT, best practice, etc.) can be easily found and used.
5. To encourage the involvement of all ECPRD Correspondents and their deputies in the full range of the Centre's activities; and improve the understanding of ECPRD's work in national Parliaments.
6. To co-operate with other networks dealing with the exchange of parliamentary information (e.g. IPEX) with a view to avoiding duplication of activities.

## 2. Programme of seminars and meetings

Several seminars and meetings will be organised in the years 2010 and 2011. The detailed list of seminars can be found below.

### a. *ECPRD Draft Programme 2010*

Title	Place	Date
<b>Seminars</b>		
Seminar "Lessons from the Current Financial and Economic Crisis: A Parliamentary Research Stock-Taking" ( <i>Area of Interest : Economic Research</i> )	Paris	26 March
Seminar "Parli@ments on the net VIII – On the brink of the third generation " ( <i>Area of Interest : ICT in Parliaments</i> )	The Hague	6 - 7 May
Seminar "Opposition rights and responsibilities" ( <i>Area of Interest : Parliamentary Practice and Procedure</i> )	Oslo	20 - 21 May
Seminar "Services provided to the General Public by Parliamentary Libraries and Archives" ( <i>Area of Interest : Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives</i> )	Athens	28 - 29 May
Seminar IT in Parliaments ( <i>Area of Interest : ICT in Parliaments</i> )	Bucharest	18 - 19 November
<b>Statutory Meetings</b>		
Meeting of the Executive Committee and Coordinators	Rome	5 March
Meeting of Secretaries General of Parliament ( <i>in the framework of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament</i> )	Limassol, Cyprus	12 June
Meeting of the Executive Committee and Coordinators	Vienna	17 September
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Ankara	14 - 16 October

### b. *ECPRD Draft Programme 2011*

Title	Place	Date
<b>Seminars</b>		
Seminar on parliamentary history ( <i>Area of Interest : Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives</i> )	Berlin	Spring
Seminar IT in Parliaments ( <i>Area of Interest : ICT in Parliaments</i> )	Athens	Autumn
<b>Statutory Meetings</b>		
Meeting of the Executive Committee and Coordinators	open	March
Meeting of the Executive Committee and Coordinators	open	September
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Stockholm	13 - 15 October