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# **ECPRD**

# **Priorities and Programme**

## **2022 – 2023**

The main objective of the ECPRD as laid down in its Statutes is to promote the exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe. For over 40 years, the ECPRD, a network of people, has been at the service of its stakeholders in the member parliaments. The almost daily flow of information and the exchange of best practise at the ECPRD seminars contribute to creating a European public sphere at the level of parliamentary administrations. Active input by all parliaments and services concerned is more than ever essential for the Centre to keep up this momentum.

Each chamber has appointed an ECPRD correspondent and deputy. The ECPRD also has an Executive Committee composed of five elected members, plus coordinators for four areas of interest. In most cases, those persons combine their ECPRD function with other jobs in their Parliament. The functioning of the ECPRD network is therefore dependent on sufficient staff time and resources being available for those roles in each Parliament.

It is essential for the functioning of the ECPRD that the European Parliament continues to provide the necessary technical, financial and human resources for the secretariat and the website of the ECPRD.

Considering the statutory objectives, the ECPRD priorities for the years 2022-2023 are proposed to be defined as follows:

## **Objectives**

1. To encourage further the involvement of all ECPRD Correspondents and their deputies in the full range of the Centre's activities and to improve the understanding of the ECPRD's work in national Parliaments, with the strong support from their respective Secretary General.
2. To encourage and support the ECPRD Coordinators of the Areas of Interest in their work to foster the information exchange on topical issues, in particular by organising seminars.
3. To encourage staff in parliaments to benefit from the opportunities offered by the ECPRD network and its website, in particular to retrieve information, as well as establishing contacts and cooperation with other ECPRD parliaments.
4. 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 encourage the requesting chambers to produce systematically final summary reports.
5. To strengthen the exchange of information in the 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 and Budgetary Affairs), in particular via the thematic spaces on the ECPRD website.
6. To further improve the mutual exchange of information on parliaments and the General Data Protection Regulation.
7. To continue to organise and host seminars for parliamentary staff on subjects of common interest, based on proposals made by national parliaments, allowing staff to participate and contribute to these events.

8. To build on the success of the ECPRD webinars, organised during the COVID-19 outbreak when travel limitations impacted on the organisation and holding of seminars, to consider developing further virtual forms of expert meetings beside the seminars with the requisite resources.
9. To provide regular updates to the parliamentary factsheets and the directory.
10. To use and update the ECPRD website as a continuously growing knowledge base, avoiding unnecessary requests and hence reduce the workload for correspondents and staff.
11. To foster contacts with other parliamentary exchange networks (e.g. IPEX, IFLA, IPU Parline and CIP) with a view to not only avoiding duplication of activities but also identifying potential fields of synergies and the sharing of experiences.

## EPCRD EVENTS IN 2022

EVENT	MEETING	PLACE	DATE
Meeting of the Executive Committee	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	March 2022
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	<b>Brussels</b> European Parliament	June 2022
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure	<b>TBC</b>	TBC
Budgetary autonomy and sovereignty of Parliaments	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs	<b>Berlin</b> Bundesrat in cooperation with the Bundestag Chişinău, tbc	TBC
'Parliaments on the Net 2022'	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments		Spring 2022
Meeting of the Executive Committee	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	July 2022
Meeting of the Executive Committee	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	September 2022
“Changing roles of parliamentary Research Services over the years: Looking back – Moving forward”	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	<b>Jerusalem</b> Knesset	Autumn 2022
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure		
Parliamentary involvement in the implementation of the national recovery and resilience plans	<b>Webinar</b> Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs	Rome	TBC
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments		
<i>“Cyber security and cloud based systems”</i>	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments	Sarajevo, tbc	Autumn 2022
<b>Annual Conference of Correspondents</b>	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	October 2022

## EPCRD EVENTS IN 2023

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Meeting of the Executive Committee	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	March 2023
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	<b>Brussels</b> European Parliament	June 2023
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure	<b>TBC</b>	TBC
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs	<b>TBC</b>	TBC
'Parliaments on the Net 2023'	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments	TBC	Spring 2023
Meeting of the Executive Committee	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	July 2023
Meeting of the Executive Committee	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	September 2023
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	Dublin	Autumn 2023
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure		
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs		
	<b>Seminar</b> Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments	TBC	Autumn 2023
<b>Annual Conference of Correspondents</b>	<b>Statutory Meetings</b>	TBC	October 2023