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# GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION (GEC) 

Monitoring of Council of Europe
RECOMMENDATION REC(2003)3 ON BALANCED PARTICIPATION OF
WOMEN AND MEN IN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC DECISION-MAKING

## I. Respondent Details



[^0]| 5> | Specify the electoral system ${ }^{2}$ <br> a Plurality-majority system: simple majority or first past the post <br> b Plurality-majority system: absolute majority (two round system) <br> c Proportional representation system <br> i Open Lists <br> ii Closed Lists <br> iii Other, please specify $\qquad$ <br> d Semi-proportional representation system <br> i Open Lists <br> ii Closed Lists <br> iii Other, please specify $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{ll}0 & \\ 0 & \\ 0 & \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ 0 & \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0\end{array}$ | Open <br> Closed <br> Other <br> Open <br> Closed <br> Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6> } \\ & \text { 7> } \end{aligned}$ | Is the President of the Single/Lower House a woman or a man? <br> $>$ And the Deputy Speaker? | Woman <br> Woman | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Man O } \\ & \text { Man } O \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8> } \\ & \text { 9> } \end{aligned}$ | Number of presidencies of parliamentary committees <br> $>$ Number of vice-presidencies of parliamentary committees | a. Women <br> a. Women | b. Men <br> b. Men |
| 10> | Is there a specific parliamentary committee or other standing body on women's rights and/or equal opportunities or gender equality? If yes, please specify: | Yes O | No O |
| 12> | Has the country adopted any legislative and/or administrative measures to ensure that timetables and working methods in the Lower house ensure that elected representatives of both sexes can reconcile their work and family time? | Yes O | No O |
| 13> | If yes, <br> please specify these legislative and/or administrative measures: |  |  |

COMMENTS:

|  | Upper House - to be completed only by bicameral parliamentary States <br> Federal States should refer to the House which represents the interests of the component States of the Federation (ie German Bundesrat) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14> | Are the members of the Upper House elected or appointed? If elected, please answer the following questions: <br> > Date of last elections |  |  |
| 16> | Periodicity of elections | Every__ years |  |
| 17> | Total number of seats |  |  |
| 18> | Number of women and men after the election results | a. Women | b. Men |

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COMMENTS:

Please answer the following questions for the five parties with the highest seat share in Lower House elections

|  | Political party | Reduced executive body* | Membership | Party leader | Party spokesperson Lower House | Party spokesperson Upper House |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30. Political party 1 | a. Name | b. Women <br> c. Men | d. \%Women <br> e. \% Men | f. Woman O Man | ```g. Woman O Man``` | h. Woman O Man O Not applicable |
| 31. Political party 2 | a. Name | b. Women <br> c. Men | d. \%Women $\qquad$ <br> e. \% Men $\qquad$ | f. Woman O Man O | $\begin{aligned} & \text { g. Woman O } \\ & \text { Man } O \end{aligned}$ | h. Woman O Man O Not applicable |
| 32. Political party 3 | a. Name | b. Women <br> c. Men | d. \%Women $\qquad$ <br> e. \% Men | ```f. Woman O Man O``` | $\begin{aligned} & \text { g. Woman O } \\ & \text { Man } O \end{aligned}$ | h. Woman O Man O Not applicable O |
| 33. Political party 4 | a. Name | b. Women <br> c. Men | d. \%Women <br> e. \% Men | f. Woman O Man O | ```g. Woman O Man``` | h. Woman O Man O Not applicable |
| 34. Political party 5 | a. Name | b. Women <br> c. Men | d. \%Women $\qquad$ <br> e. \% Men $\qquad$ | f. Woman O Man O | ```g. Woman O Man O``` | h. Woman O Man O Not applicable |

* This governing body is in charge of the daily operation of the party. It is usually integrated by the party leader and deputy leaders, as well as by party officials who manage thematic areas (e.g. 'secretary of public relations', 'secretary of organisation', etc.)

|  | Political party | Candidates Lower house | Representatives Lower house | Candidates Upper house | Representatives Upper house |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 35. Political party 1 | a. Name | b. Women <br> c. Men $\qquad$ | d. Women <br> e. Men $\qquad$ | f. Women $\qquad$ <br> g. Men $\qquad$ | h. Women $\qquad$ <br> i. Men $\qquad$ |
| 36. Political party 2 | a. Name | b. Women $\qquad$ <br> c. Men $\qquad$ | d. Women $\qquad$ <br> e. Men $\qquad$ | f. Women $\qquad$ <br> g. Men $\qquad$ | h. Women $\qquad$ <br> i. Men $\qquad$ |
| 37. Political party 3 | a. Name $\qquad$ | b. Women $\qquad$ <br> c. Men $\qquad$ | d. Women $\qquad$ <br> e. Men $\qquad$ | f. Women $\qquad$ <br> g. Men $\qquad$ | h. Women $\qquad$ <br> i. Men $\qquad$ |
| 38. Political party 4 | a. Name $\qquad$ | b. Women $\qquad$ <br> c. Men $\qquad$ | d. Women $\qquad$ <br> e. Men $\qquad$ | f. Women $\qquad$ <br> g. Men $\qquad$ | h. Women $\qquad$ <br> i. Men $\qquad$ |
| 39. Political party 5 | a. Name $\qquad$ | b. Women $\qquad$ <br> c. Men $\qquad$ | d. Women <br> e. Men $\qquad$ | f. Women $\qquad$ <br> g. Men $\qquad$ | h. Women $\qquad$ <br> i. Men $\qquad$ |
|  | COMMENTS (please provide further information in case the parties listed above are integrated in parliamentary coalitions) |  |  |  |  |

Regional Parliaments ${ }^{3}$ - only to be completed by States whose regions have a real legislative power

| 40> | Total number of Regional Parliaments |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41> | Number of women and men sitting in Regional Parliaments on 1 January 2016 (Given that regions might not hold elections the same day, this date provides for a common date) <br> > c. Please provide the total number of seats in all Regional Parliaments so that the answers to the question above can be put into context: | a. Women $\qquad$ $\qquad$ | b. Men |

## COMMENTS:

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## IV. QUOTA RULES APPLIED TO ELECTIONS

## Gender quotas

| $1>$ | Do any gender quotas exist by operation of law? | Yes O | No O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2>$ | If yes <br> please specify the elections these gender quotas are applied to: <br> a. Lower/Single House <br> b. Upper House <br> c. Regional elections (all / some) <br> d. Local elections | ```O Yes O No O Yes O No O N/A O all O Some ONo ON/A O Yes O No``` |  |
| $3>$ | Are the same quota rules used for all elections where they apply? <br> $>$ If yes, only answer the following questions for the lower house. If no, also answer the questions for the elections whose quota rules differ. | Yes O | No O |
| 4> | Is there any governmental body that monitors the implementation of these quotas? | Yes O | No O |
| 5> | If yes, please specify which body and who it reports to: <br> a. which body $\qquad$ <br> b. who it reports to $\qquad$ |  |  |

COMMENTS:

|  | Single/Lower House |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6> | Quota percentage | a. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> b. Either sex <br> i minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii maximum $\qquad$ \% |  |
| 7> | Are there any sanctions for non-compliance? | Yes O | No O |
| 8> | If yes, <br> please specify the sanction for non-compliance <br> a. financial penalty for parties or political groupings <br> b. electoral authorities do not accept lists that do not comply with the quota requirements <br> c. other, please specify |  |  |
| 9> | Are there any rules about the rank order of the candidates in the quota law? | Yes O | No O |
| 10> | If yes <br> please specify <br> a. the zipping system, i.e. alternating women and men on the electoral list <br> b. other, please specify | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |


|  | Upper House |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11> | Quota percentage | a. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> b. Either sex <br> i minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii maximum $\qquad$ \% |  |
| 12> | Are there any sanctions for non-compliance? | Yes O | No O |
| 13> | If yes, <br> - please specify the sanction for non-compliance <br> a. financial penalty for parties or political groupings <br> b. electoral authorities do not accept lists that do not comply with the quota requirements <br> c. other, please specify | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { 吕 } \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |


| 14> | Are there any rules about the rank order of the candidates in the quota law? | Yes O | No O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15> | If yes, <br> - please specify <br> a. the zipping system i.e. alternating women and men on the electoral list <br> b. other, please specify $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Regional level/Federal States |  |  |
| 16> | Quota percentage (please provide information per region / federal state) | a. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> b. Either sex i minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii maximum $\qquad$ \% |  |
| 17> | Are there any sanctions for non-compliance? | Yes O | No |
| 18> | If yes, <br> - please specify the sanction for non-compliance <br> a. financial penalty for parties or political groupings <br> b. electoral authorities do not accept lists that do not comply with the quota requirements <br> c. other, please specify | $\begin{aligned} & \square \\ & \square \\ & \square \\ & \square \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 19> | Are there any rules about the rank order of the candidates in the quota law? | Yes O | No |
| 20> | If yes, <br> - please specify <br> a. the zipping system, i.e. alternating women and men on the electoral list <br> b. other, please specify $\qquad$ | O |  |

COMMENTS: Please provide the above information per region / federal state with quota rules

|  | Local elections |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21> | Quota percentage please explain if they are applied to all municipalities or just some? | a. Minimum \% women |  |
| 22> | On what basis? | b. Either sex i minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii maximum $\qquad$ \% |  |
| 23> | Are there any sanctions for non-compliance? | Yes O | No O |
| 24> | If yes <br> - please specify the sanction for non-compliance <br> a. financial penalty for parties or political groupings <br> b. electoral authorities do not accept lists that do not comply with the quota requirements <br> c. other, please specify |  |  |
| 25> | Are there any rules about the rank order of the candidates in the quota law? | Yes O | No O |
| 26> | If yes, <br> please specify <br> a. the zipping system, i.e. alternating women and men on the electoral list <br> b. other, please specify |  |  |


| Political parties (party quotas) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 27> | Does the legal framework for political parties provide for gender equality? | Yes O | No O |
| 28> | If yes, please specify: |  |  |
| 29> | Does the law on public funding of political parties include rules on gender equality? | Yes O | No O |
| 30> | If yes, <br> please specify: <br> a. Gender balance in party bodies <br> b. Elaboration of equality plans <br> c. Providing training for women candidates <br> d. Other | $\begin{aligned} & \square \\ & \square \\ & \square \\ & \square \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 31> | Are there other national or federal policy measures to promote gender equality? | Yes O | No O |
| 32> | If yes please specify: |  |  |
| 33> | Are there any gender quota/rules/regulations created by political parties for elections? | Yes O | No O |
|  | $>$ If yes: provide this information per party (see questions 37 to 40) |  |  |
| 34> | Are there any gender quota/rules/regulations created by political parties for party bodies? | Yes O | No O |
|  | $>$ If yes: provide this information per party (see questions 37 to 40) |  |  |
| 35> | Are there other policy measures by political parties to promote gender equality? | Yes O | No O |
| 36> | If yes, <br> please specify: <br> a. Gender balance in party bodies <br> b. Elaboration of equality plans <br> c. Providing training for women candidates <br> d. Other | $\begin{aligned} & \square \\ & \square \\ & \square \\ & \square \end{aligned}$ |  |

## COMMENTS:

For political parties using party quotas please provide the following information - Only for the five parties with the highest seat share in the Lower/Single House elections

|  | Gender quotas |  | Ethnic minority women / women migrants quotas |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Political party | Elections | Internal party structures | Elections | Internal party structures |
| 37. <br> Political party 1 <br> a. Name: $\qquad$ | b. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> c. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> d. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ No If yes, <br> e. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - f. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - g. Upper house elections <br> - h. Regional elections <br> - i. Local elections $\square$ | j. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women k. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% | I. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women m. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> n. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ No O If yes, <br> o. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - p. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - q. Upper house elections $\square$ <br> - r. Regional elections <br> - s. Local elections $\square$ | t. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> u. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% |
| 38. Political party 2 <br> a. Name: $\qquad$ | b. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> c. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ <br> d. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ \% <br> If yes, <br> e. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - f. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - g. Upper house elections $\square$ <br> - h. Regional elections <br> - i. Local elections $\square$ | j. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women k. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% | I. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women m. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> n. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ No O If yes, <br> o. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - p. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - q. Upper house elections $\square$ <br> - r. Regional elections <br> - s. Local elections | t. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> u. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% |
| 39. <br> Political party 3 <br> a. Name: $\qquad$ | b. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> c. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> d. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ O If yes, <br> e. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - f. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - g. Upper house elections $\square$ <br> - h. Regional elections $\square$ <br> - i. Local elections | j. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women k. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% | I. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women m. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> n. Rank orders: Yes O No O If yes, <br> o. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - p. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - q. Upper house elections $\square$ <br> - r. Regional elections $\square$ <br> - s. Local elections $\square$ | t. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> u. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% |


| 40. Political party 4 <br> a. Name: $\qquad$ | b. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> c. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> d. Rank orders: Yes <br> O No <br> If yes, <br> e. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - f. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - g. Upper house elections <br> - h. Regional elections $\square$ <br> - i. Local elections | j. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women k. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ _\% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% | I. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women m. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> n. Rank orders: Yes O No No O If yes, <br> o. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - p. Lower house elections <br> - q. Upper house elections <br> - r. Regional elections <br> - s. Local elections $\square$ | t. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> u. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41. <br> Political party 5 <br> a. Name: $\qquad$ | b. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women <br> c. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> d. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ O <br> If yes, <br> e. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - f. Lower house elections $\square$ <br> - g. Upper house elections <br> - h. Regional elections $\square$ <br> - i. Local elections | j. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women k. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ _\% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% | I. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women m. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% <br> n. Rank orders: Yes $\qquad$ No O If yes, <br> o. please specify: $\qquad$ <br> Applied to: <br> - p. Lower house elections <br> - q. Upper house elections <br> - r. Regional elections <br> - s. Local elections $\square$ | t. Minimum $\qquad$ \% women u. Either sex <br> i. minimum $\qquad$ \% <br> ii. maximum $\qquad$ \% |

## V. Executive Power

National Governments
Head of State - to be completed by all member States


Equality policies

| 10> 11> | Do quotas exist for the composition of the national government? If yes, specify the quota percentage/range: | Yes O <br>  <br> $\%$ | No O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12> | Does the national government include a Ministry in charge of gender equality issues? | Yes O | No O |
| 13> | Please specify what ministry or body is responsible for women's rights and equal opportunities between women and men: |  |  |

COMMENTS:
(*) Senior ministers: members of government who seat on the cabinet or council of ministers
Junior ministers: members of government who do not a seat on the cabinet. The names of the positions covered vary between countries and even between ministries in the same country (for information, you can see http://ec.europa.eujiustice/genderequality/files/database/005b map.pdf)

Regional Governments ${ }^{4}$ - to be completed only by member States whose regions have a real executive power

14 $>$ Heads of Regional Governments
15> Number of women and men Heads of Regional Government
16> Is the Head of a Regional Government elected by the citizens?
17> Is the Head of the Regional Government elected by the Regional Parliament?
18> If no,

- specify who appoints the Head of the Regional Government:
a. Head of State
b. Other, please specify $\qquad$
19> Regional Governments' members
20> Number of women and men members of regional governments
21> Are the members directly elected by the citizens?
22> Are the members appointed? If yes,
23> specify who appoints them:
a. Head of Regional Government
b. Other, please specify


## N/A $\square$

a. Women $\qquad$ b. Men $\qquad$

Yes O No O
Yes O No O
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## VI. JUdicial Power

- The High/Supreme Court in some countries is the highest court in that jurisdiction and functions as a court of last resort whose rulings cannot be appealed. Its rulings are binding on all other courts.
- The Constitutional Court is a high court found in many countries which deals primarily with constitutional law. Its main authority is to rule on whether or not challenged laws are in fact unconstitutional, and conflicting with constitutionally established rights and freedoms.
- Member States whose High/Supreme Courts also have jurisdiction on questions of a constitutional nature should provide information only on the High/Supreme Court.

1. High/Supreme Courts - to be completed by all member States N/A口

2. Constitutional Courts - Member States whose High/Supreme Courts also have jurisdiction on questions of a constitutional nature should not complete this section. N/Aロ

| $9>$ | Number of women and men judges in the Constitutional Court | a. Women | b. Men |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10$\rangle$ | Can judges access the Constitutional Court purely by seniority? | Yes O | No O |
| $11>$ | Are judges appointed to the Constitutional Court? | Yes O | No O |
| $12>$ | If yes, specify who appoints them: <br> a. Head of State | $\square$ |  |
|  | b. Head of Government <br> c. Superior Council of the Magistracy <br> d. Other, please specify | $\square$ | $\square$ |

COMMENTS:

[^3]14. High Council of the Judiciary N/A $\square$

| $15>$ | Number of women and men judges in the High Council of the <br> Judiciary | a. Women __ | b. Men |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $16>$ | Can judges access the High Council of the Judiciary purely by <br> seniority? | Yes O | No O |
| $17>$ | Are judges appointed to the High Council of the Judiciary? | Yes O | No O |
| $18>$ | If yes, <br> specify who appoints them: <br> a. Head of State <br> b. Head of Government <br> c. High Council of the Judiciary <br> d. Other, please specify | $\square$ |  |
| $19>$ | Is the President of the High Council of the Judiciary a woman or a <br> man? | Woman O |  |

COMMENTS:

Public Prosecutor (National-level only)
20> Is the Chief Public Prosecutor a woman or a man?
Woman O
Man O

## VII. Diplomatic Service

Number of women and men - officially recognised categories

1. Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
2. Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary
3. Minister Counsellors
4. General Consuls
a. Women $\qquad$ b. Men $\qquad$
a. Women $\qquad$ b. Men $\qquad$
a. Women $\qquad$ b. Men $\qquad$
a. Women $\qquad$ b. Men

## VIII. FINAL COMMENTS

Limit of 3000 characters


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Please note that the answers to this questionnaire must take into account two timeframes: the time of the last legislative elections (for questions about legislative power, data should refer to the data at the time of the election results) and 1 January 2016 as a common timeframe for all member states for all the other questions.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Electoral systems:

    - Plurality-majority system: simple majority or first past the post: This system occurs when a candidate who wins the largest number of vote is elected. This means that even if a candidate only obtains a fairly low level of the overall vote she/he is elected as long as she/he receives the largest number of votes. Example: United Kingdom
    - Plurality-majority system: absolute majority (two-round system): To be elected in the first round a candidate needs to win the absolute majority of the votes. If no candidate receives an absolute majority in the first round, then a second round of voting is conducted between the highest-polling candidates from the first round and the candidate who wins the simple majority of the votes is elected. Example: France
    - Proportional representation system: Under typical proportional system a party/list shall receive the number of representative offices proportional to the number of votes cast. The seats allocated to a party/list correspond to the proportion of votes gained by it. This system can operate with open or closed lists (open: voters can specify their favoured candidate(s) within a given party/list, closed lists: voters can only vote for a party/list without influencing which candidates are elected). Example: Sweden.
    - Semi-proportional representation system: This system attempts to combine the positive attributes of both majoritarian and proportional electoral systems: a proportion of the parliament is elected by plurality-majority system while the remainder is elected by proportional representation system. This system can operate with open or closed lists (open: voters can specify their favoured candidate(s) within a given party/list, closed: voters can only vote for a party/list without influencing which candidates are elected). Example: Germany

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ The term "region" refers to an autonomous territory with special powers of self -rule. For example, Austria: Bundesländer; Germany: Länder; Russian Federation: autonomous republics and territories; Spain: autonomous communities; Switzerland: cantons; UK: devolved parliamentary assemblies. A Regional Parliament is the legislative assembly of a regional political unit. It has the highest legislative powers at regional level.

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ High Council of the Judiciary is the self-governing body of the judges. It issues orders for the appointment, assignment, transfer and promotion of magistrates (judges and public prosecutors) together with having responsibility for disciplinary matters.

