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Draft ECPRD Priorities and Programme 2012 – 2013

1. ECPRD Priorities 2012 – 2013

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 contribute with strong commitment 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 more than ever essential for the Centre to be able to carry out its mission. Taking the statutory objectives into account, the ECPRD priorities for the years 2012-2013 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 encourage the requesting chambers to produce more final summary reports
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 and Budgetary Affairs), in particular via the thematic pages 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 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 by means of a strong support by their Secretary General.
6. To co-operate with other networks dealing with the exchange of parliamentary information with a view to avoid duplication of activities with other parliamentary exchange networks (e.g. IPEX).

2. Programme of seminars and meetings 2012-2013

Several seminars and meetings have taken place or are planned for 2012 and 2013. The detailed list of seminars can be found below.

Event	Place	Date
Seminars		
2012		
Seminar 'Parli@ments on the Net X - Mobility, transparency and open parliament: best practices in Parliaments' web pages' (Area of Interest ICT in parliaments)	Madrid	31 May - 1 June 2012
Seminar 'The European Economic and Financial Crisis and the Role of Parliaments' (Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs)	Rome	7-8 June 2012
Seminar 'Members' use of information and changing visions of the Parliamentary Library' (Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives)	Copenhagen	14-15 June 2012
Seminar 'Building for parliament' (Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives)	The Hague	6-7 September 2012
Seminar 'Parliamentary control of the Government in the Legislative Process' (Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)	Germany, Bundesrat	13-14 September 2012
Seminar 'IT in Parliaments' (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	Budapest	autumn 2012
2013		
Seminar 'Parliamentary Libraries and Archives and their role in the preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural heritage of their countries (Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives)	Paris	31 May - 1 June 2013
Seminar 'Procedures and practices for debating and approving long term national strategies in parliaments' (Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)	Tallinn	30 May - 31 May 2013
Seminar (Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure) (exact topic to be defined)	Skopje	autumn 2013
Seminar 'Parli@ments on the Net XI' (Area of Interest ICT in parliaments)	NN	NN
Seminar 'IT in Parliaments' (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	NN	NN
Seminar 'The Recent Evolution in National Fiscal Frameworks' (Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs)	NN	NN
Statutory Meetings		
2012		
Meeting of the Executive Committee and Coordinators	Brussels	22-23 March 2012
Meeting of Secretaries General of Parliaments (in the framework of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament)	Strasbourg	20-21 September 2012
Meeting of the Executive Committee and Coordinators	Rome	16-17 September 2012
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Athens	18-20 October 2012
2013		
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Warsaw	October 2013

