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ECPRD Priorities and Programme 2024 – 2025

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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 2024-2025 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 and hosting 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:
 - to maintain a high readiness to respond to requests;
 - 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. Although the ECPRD is a network which as such requires human interpersonal relationships, 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, it considers continuing organising regular virtual forms of expert meetings with the requisite resources as a complement to face to face seminars.
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.

ECPRD EVENTS IN 2024

EVENT	MEETING	PLACE	DATE
Meeting of the Executive Committee	Statutory Meetings	Brussels on the web European Parliament	March 2024
Seminar	Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	Brussels EPRS EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	Spring 2024
Seminar	Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure	TBC	TBC
Seminar	Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs	TBC	TBC
Seminar 'Parliaments on the Net 2024'	Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments	Oslo Stortinget	TBC
Meeting of the Executive Committee	Statutory Meetings	Madrid Congreso de los Deputados	June 2024
Meeting of the Executive Committee	Statutory Meetings	Brussels on the web European Parliament	September 2024
Seminar	Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives		
Seminar	Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure		
Seminar	Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs		
Seminar	Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments		
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Statutory Meetings	Dublin Houses of the Oireachtas	14-15/11/24

ECPRD EVENTS IN 2025

EVENT	MEETING	PLACE	DATE
Meeting of the Executive Committee	Statutory Meetings	Brussels on the web European Parliament	March 2025
Seminar	Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	Dublin Houses of the Oireachtas	TBC
Seminar	Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure	TBC	TBC
Seminar	Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs		TBC
Seminar 'Parliaments on the Net 2025'	Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments	TBC	TBC
Meeting of the Executive Committee	Statutory Meetings	TBC	June 2025
Meeting of the Executive Committee	Statutory Meetings	Brussels on the web European Parliament	September 2025
Seminar	Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives	TBC	TBC
Seminar	Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure	TBC	TBC
Seminar	Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs	TBC	TBC
Seminar	Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments	TBC	TBC
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Statutory Meetings	TBC	TBC