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1. Introduction by the Co-Directors

The ECPRD is an established means of exchange, information, and knowledge-gathering on the most salient political topics today. Maintaining the rule of law, fighting disinformation, encouraging citizen participation, and the digitalisation of politics and parliaments are just some of the topics that are currently explored and discussed within the network.

The ECPRD has become an important point of contact for parliamentary research. The best example of this is the Routledge Handbook of Parliamentary Administrations (2023), which highlights the ECPRD's role in inter-parliamentary exchanges, and in which many of the contributors are or have been active in the ECPRD network.

Finally, it is important to note that the Ukrainian Parliament has increased its participation in the ECPRD network over the last months. The ECPRD database is an important source for the Ukrainian colleagues and their on-going work to maintain and strengthen democracy and the rule-of-law even in times of war. The network has not only made a lot of online-contacts possible but made sure that a significant number of civil servants from the Ukrainian Parliament's Administration take part in ECPRD seminars.

In times when the need to exchange, co-operate and learn from each other is growing, the ECPRD has proved to be a success story that owes much to the dedication and professionalism of the correspondents in each national parliament.

In 2021 and 2022, the two pillars of ECPRD's activities remained comparative requests on the one hand and seminars on the other.

Comparative requests

The ECPRD provides responses to real needs, which stem directly from questions asked by MPs and those providing services in parliaments. Furthermore, it is based on the strong commitment of people, the ECPRD correspondents, who exchange information with a minimum of red tape. Contributing to the ECPRD constitutes a win-win situation for the member parliaments providing mutual support to each other. Close co-operation between the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, acting as facilitators and providing support ensures the sustainability of the network.

In 2021 and 2022, ECPRD member parliaments submitted 698 comparative requests to the network, which resulted in a high amount of 18082 replies. The requests for information covered many sectors, with particular focus on topics concerning social, health and migration issues as well as the organisation of work in parliamentary administrations. A substantial number of requests concerned legal, financial and general parliamentary issues.

The increasing number of requests generates a considerable workload for ECPRD correspondents in charge of answering them. The work and outstanding commitment of the ECPRD correspondents cannot be valued enough and they should be offered all the necessary support to carry out their duties for the benefit of the network.

Final summaries

Final summaries analysing the answers to ECPRD requests are the best way to highlight and share the immense flow of information available within the network. Means to encourage the drafting of final summaries have been under consideration for some time. In this regard, the 2020 version of the ECPRD

website aimed to modify the correspondents' dashboard in order to ask them to submit their final summaries and to give visibility to the uploaded summaries in the ECPRD website. Consequently, in 2020, the ECPRD final summary rate increased considerably, with 41% of requests leading to the publication of replies analysis (compared to 16% in 2019 and 11.3% in 2018). Unfortunately, this figure fell back to 21% in 2021. The slight increase to 27.5% in 2022 is far from being enough. Here again it seems necessary to provide the correspondents with all the necessary facilities so that they can adequately cope with a significantly increasing workload.

Statutory meetings

In 2021, the ECPRD continued to be heavily influenced by the evolution of the Covid pandemic. Although from 2022 onwards a slow return to normal is observed, regarding the organisation of meetings, the new working methods adopted in response to the Covid outbreak, may well persist in our network for the long haul.

Taking into account restrictions on meetings and travel that have still been in force in several parliaments due to the Covid-19 outbreak and in order to prioritise the safety of all attendees, in 2021 and 2022, all Executive Committee meetings were organised remotely from the European Parliament. The main objective of these meetings was the preparation of the subsequent Annual Conferences. The Executive Committee also launched a reflection on the ECPRD's updated guidelines for making requests to improve the quality of requests and replies, and to reduce the increasing number of requests.

In 2023, it was agreed to hold two remote and one face-to-face Executive Committee meetings per year. The Finnish Parliament offered to host in June 2023 the first in person meeting of the ECPRD Executive Committee since the Covid outbreak.

In 2021, the Annual Conference of ECPRD Correspondents once again took place remotely, hosted by the House of Commons in London on 18 November. The agenda included among other items, the Executive Committee's presentation on updated guidelines for ECPRD requests; the co-operation between ECPRD and IPU Parline; the reports of the ECPRD Coordinators on past and future seminars and the presentation of improvements to the new ECPRD website. Furthermore, the Annual Conference elected four members of the ECPRD Executive Committee.

After two years of virtual meetings, in 2022 the Annual Conference of Correspondents was held in person in Yerevan on 10 and 11 November at the kind invitation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia. The pre-conference focused on the topic of "Legislative monitoring and research as a parliamentary oversight tools". The Conference itself focused on a follow-up of the new ECPRD guidelines for requests and replies adopted by the London Annual Conference in 2021, and on reports concerning the activities of the four ECPRD areas of interest.

Seminars

ECPRD seminars were quite affected by the Covid-19 outbreak. However, after a short break in 2020, when many seminars were cancelled due to the impossibility of meeting and travelling, the ECPRD showed its adaptability by continuing to work virtually and proving to be a successful vehicle for exchange of best practice between parliamentary administrations.

Normally, 4-6 ECPRD seminars are organised per year. They are hosted by member parliaments under the guidance of the responsible ECPRD Coordinators. Seminars have been organised since the early days of the ECPRD and even before the launch of comparative requests in their present form. They offer a

unique opportunity for staff in parliaments to meet and exchange with their counterparts. Since the multiplication of virtual seminars, starting in 2021, the number of participants in ECPRD seminars has doubled from an average of 300 participants per year to an average of more than 600 participants per year. This high level of participation allows an exchange of views, ideas and experiences with colleagues from parliaments across Europe. Participants can take this experience and knowledge back to their work and parliamentary administration. The ECPRD seminars help to widen the approach to parliamentary work by learning from each other. It is not only the exchange of information and best practices, which matter in this context, but also the experience of being part of a wider 'European' family. The events underline the nature of the ECPRD as a network of people and colleagues.

The ECPRD expresses its gratitude to the Secretaries General of Parliaments for releasing the necessary resources for these events and to the correspondents and other colleagues for their continued commitment and enthusiasm.

In 2021, ten webinars have been organised with great success and they allowed for a greater number of participants than normally would have been able to attend. However, the lack of interpersonal exchanges, essential to the network, was felt as a disadvantage of this meeting format which should therefore be considered as a complement, not as a substitute for in person meetings.

In 2022, the ECPRD network gradually returned to normality after two years of pandemic. However, the year appears to have confirmed that the new working methods put in place to maintain activities during the Covid-19 crisis will last for a long time. One face-to-face seminar was jointly organised by the German Bundesrat and Bundestag. Another seminar in a hybrid format was hosted by the European Parliament. The seven other meetings were organised remotely.

In 2023, the return to normalcy has accelerated with the will to alternate the organisation of seminars and webinars in order to benefit from the advantages of each format. Whereas before the end of May 2023, two webinars were organised by the European Parliament and by the Greek Parliament, three seminars had been held in person hosted by the Knesset in Jerusalem, the Belgian House of Representatives and the Senate as well as by the Dutch Tweede Kamer.

The coordinators of the four areas of interest have nonetheless alerted in recent months about their ongoing struggle to convince Chambers to host their seminars or webinars. We would like to appeal to the Secretaries General to facilitate these arrangements. The ECPRD is a network that needs a continuous commitment of all.

The ECPRD website

With the support and contribution of the European Parliament, the ECPRD website is regularly updated in order to facilitate the work of correspondents and to improve the ECPRD's efficiency.

The ECPRD Secretariat and the website are both crucial to the network. The sustainable success of the network relies on the continuous support and engagement of the ECPRD member parliaments, in particular their correspondents, the four ECPRD coordinators and the ECPRD.

Much has changed since the early days of the ECPRD. During many years of concrete experience, the way for parliaments to manage an exchange information on a regular, demand-driven basis has been continuously improved. The comparative requests and the annual seminars on topical issues have proven to be efficient formats that work well, but the ECPRD website remains a key tool that has become central to the network and a growing source of parliamentary knowledge.

The Secretaries General are thus kindly called upon to:

- endorse the present activity report as well as the priorities and programme for the coming years;
- maintain their support for the ECPRD and in particular to strengthen the position of their respective correspondent in their own Chamber as a vital condition for the functioning of the network;
- implement measures in their parliaments which stimulate the publication of final summary notes to comparative requests;
- ensure that parliamentary factsheets are regularly updated;
- maintain their high level of commitment as hosts, also for future ECPRD statutory meetings and seminars, and to allow their staff to participate in these events.

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European Parliament

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2. Organisation

Co-Directors
> Katrin Ruhrmann, European Parliament (May 2018 until 30 June 2023)
> Valérie Clamer, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (since July 2021)

Co-Secretaries
> Christine Detourbet, European Parliament (since January 2020)
> Yann de Buyer, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (until July 2022)
> Agathe Dubourg, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (since July 2022)

Executive Committee
> Zlatko Atanasov, Sobranie, North Macedonia (since October 2018)
> Charlotte Cousins, Houses of the Oireachtas, Ireland (since October 2018)
> Richard Cracknell, House of Commons, United Kingdom (since October 2017)
> Alfonso Cuenca Miranda Congreso de Los Diputados, Spain (since November 2021)
> Blanca Hernandez, Congreso de Los Diputados, Spain (from October 2019 to November 2021)
> Tanja Nurmi, Eduskunta, Finland (Since November 2021)

ECPRD Coordinators of Areas of Interest

Economic and Budgetary Affairs
> Paola Bonacci, Camera dei Deputati, Italy

ICT in Parliaments
> Jerry Hilbert, European Parliament (until July 2022)
> Frode Rein, Stortinget, Norway (Since July 2022)

Libraries, Research Services and Archives
> Ida Kelemen, National Assembly, Hungary

Parliamentary Practice and Procedure
> Christoph Konrath, Parlament, Austria

ECPRD Website
> IT Project Manager:
> Jerry Hilbert, European Parliament (until January 2023)
> Claudia Dunca Constantinescu, European Parliament (since January 2023)

3. What is the ECPRD?

The ECPRD was created in 1977 in Vienna by the Conference of Speakers of European Parliamentary Assemblies, which delegated to the Presidents of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe its formation and management.

The objectives of the ECPRD are to promote the exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe on subjects of common interest; to strengthen close co-operation among parliamentary services in all fields of parliamentary

administration, legislation, information, research and documentation; and to collect, exchange and publicise studies produced by parliamentary services (Article 1 of the Statutes).

ECPRD is a network of experts in parliaments rather than a physical centre. Its strength lies in the un-bureaucratic exchange of information based very much on the voluntary commitment of people. This exchange materializes in the form of comparative requests and expert seminars.

Who are the members?

According to Article 2 of the ECPRD Statutes, ECPRD members are the European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and parliamentary chambers where the President is a member of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament. Furthermore, some parliaments have observer and Partners for Democracy status.

At present, the Centre consists of 63 parliamentary chambers (including 41 in EU member States) from 52 countries and European institutions. 130 correspondents and deputy correspondents represent their respective parliaments in the network and contribute to main ECPRD activities.

How is the ECPRD organised?

Each member assembly appoints a senior official to act as the *correspondent* for the assembly. The correspondent is the privileged point of contact for the assembly and should thus have access to the Secretary General and must be in a position to coordinate the contribution of the officials of his or her chamber to the work of the ECPRD. The success of the ECPRD largely depends on the input provided by the correspondents.

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments, consisting of the Presidents or Speakers of Parliamentary Assemblies of members and special guests of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, is the supreme authority for the ECPRD. The Speakers Conference meets every second year.

The ECPRD operates under the authority of the Secretaries General of member chambers. At their meetings held every two years on the occasion of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament they approve the activity report and action programme of the ECPRD and establish priorities for its functioning.

The two co-Directors and the two co-Secretaries - representing the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - are appointed by the respective Secretaries General of the two institutions. The co-Directors and co-Secretaries, who carry out their functions for the in addition to their normal duties, are responsible for the day-to-day running of the ECPRD.

The correspondents meet annually at the Conference of Correspondents where they discuss the activities of the ECPRD and may take decision on operational issues.

The Executive Committee is composed of the co-Directors and five correspondents (appointed by the Conference of Correspondents). It ensures the continuity of work between the annual meetings. The Executive Committee meets at least twice a year.

The ECPRD Secretariat, including the staff responsible for the website, is provided by an official of the European Parliament.

In 2006, four Areas of Interest were established: Economic and Budgetary Affairs (EBA), Information and Communication Technologies in Parliaments (ICT), Libraries, Research Services and Archives (LRA), Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP). The objective of these Areas of Interest is to foster the exchange of information and best practice mainly in form of specific seminars on topical issues hosted by an ECPRD member parliament. Four ECPRD coordinators are appointed by the Executive Committee to promote close co-operation between member chambers in the respective area.

The success of the network is dependent on excellent co-operation between people and the implementation of modern IT technologies. The activities of the ECPRD are supported by a dedicated website. Its private section, only accessible to the members of the network, hosts a powerful electronic workflow for requests and replies, a growing number of specific seminar mini-sites and parliamentary factsheets on each Chamber providing data and contacts.

How is it financed?

The ECPRD neither has an own budget nor receives financial contributions from member parliaments. The operating costs for staff, secretariat and IT expenses are mainly covered by the European Parliament.

Member chambers bear the costs for hosting seminars and meetings of the ECPRD such as providing meeting rooms and interpreters. All parliaments pay the travel and subsistence costs of their own officials attending seminars and meetings. A number of parliaments of countries in Central and Eastern Europe benefit from financial support from the European Parliament to ensure participation in seminars and meetings.

4. ECPRD Activities 2021 - May 2023

4.1 The evolution of comparative requests

Requests

In total, correspondents sent 698 requests to the ECPRD network between 2021 and 2022.
The 300 requests per year milestone was reached in 2017 and has been growing ever since, despite a slight decrease in 2019. Moreover, it is predictable that the year 2023 will mark an unprecedented peak in the number of queries since 182 queries have already been counted at the end of May.

This exponential increase in the number of ECPRD comparative requests is definitely a mark of success and demonstrates the expectation that parliaments place on the quality of the information exchange provided by our network.

Nevertheless, the workload for most correspondents is becoming difficult to keep up with and could threaten the efficiency of the system. As a matter of fact, each request constitutes a growing workload for correspondents and other experts in parliaments to provide quality replies on complex topics.

In addition, the requests submitted via the ECPRD website represent only the tip of the iceberg. ECPRD member parliaments are also engaged in bilateral contacts on specific topics.

**ECPRD COMPARATIVE REQUESTS
2000 - MAY 2023**

Year	Requests
2000	10
2001	32
2002	57
2003	93
2004	132
2005	157
2006	173
2007	223
2008	214
2009	218
2010	248
2011	281
2012	298
2013	253
2014	272
2015	286
2016	277
2017	336
2018	334
2019	306
2020	326
2021	356
2022	342
May-23	182
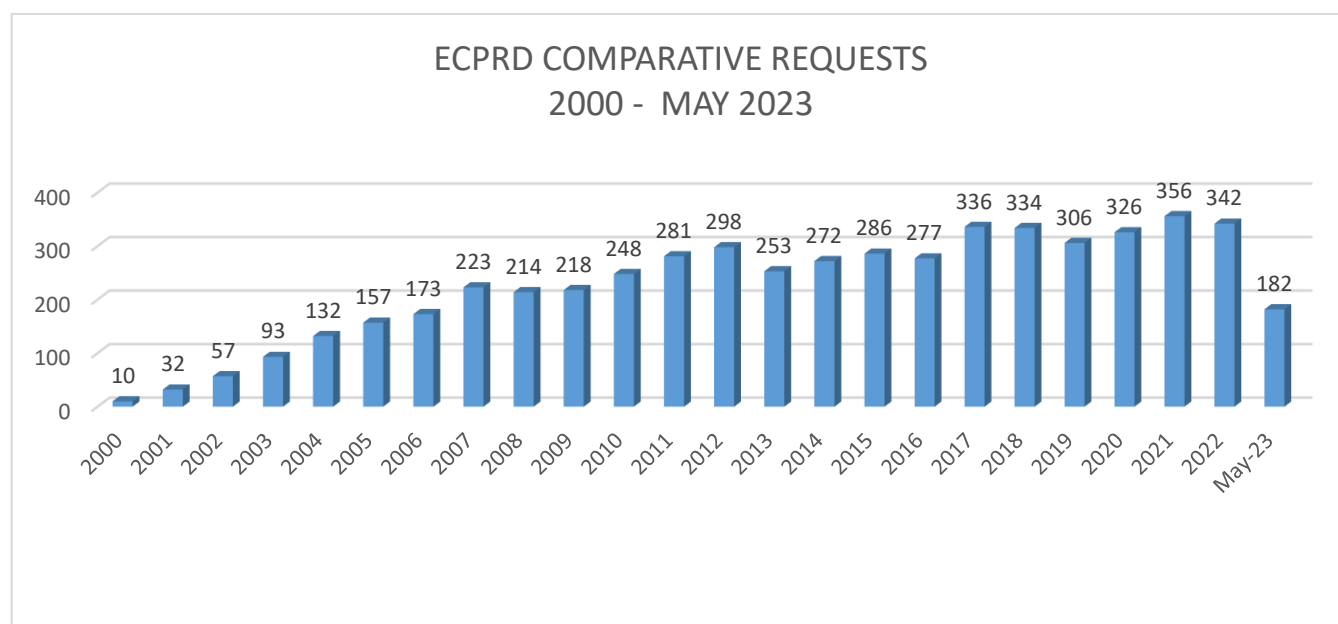
Replies to requests

Parliaments provided 18079 contributions between 2021 and 2022. The evolution of the replies follows the trend indicated by the requests. The year 2022 ended with 9154 replies made by parliaments, which is the highest number in the history of ECPRD.

This highlights the strong commitment of the ECPRD correspondents who organise an impressive exchange of material to meet the information needs of their respective Chambers despite the increasing number of requests and therefore the rising workload to answer them.

ECPRD REPLIES
2000 - MAY 2023

■ Series1

2000: 0
2001: 0
2002: 1416
2003: 1529
2004: 2338
2005: 3167
2006: 3144
2007: 5445
2008: 6069
2009: 5331
2010: 5436
2011: 6558
2012: 7241
2013: 6686
2014: 7042
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2019: 7310
2020: 8516
2021: 8925
2022: 9154
May-23: 5351
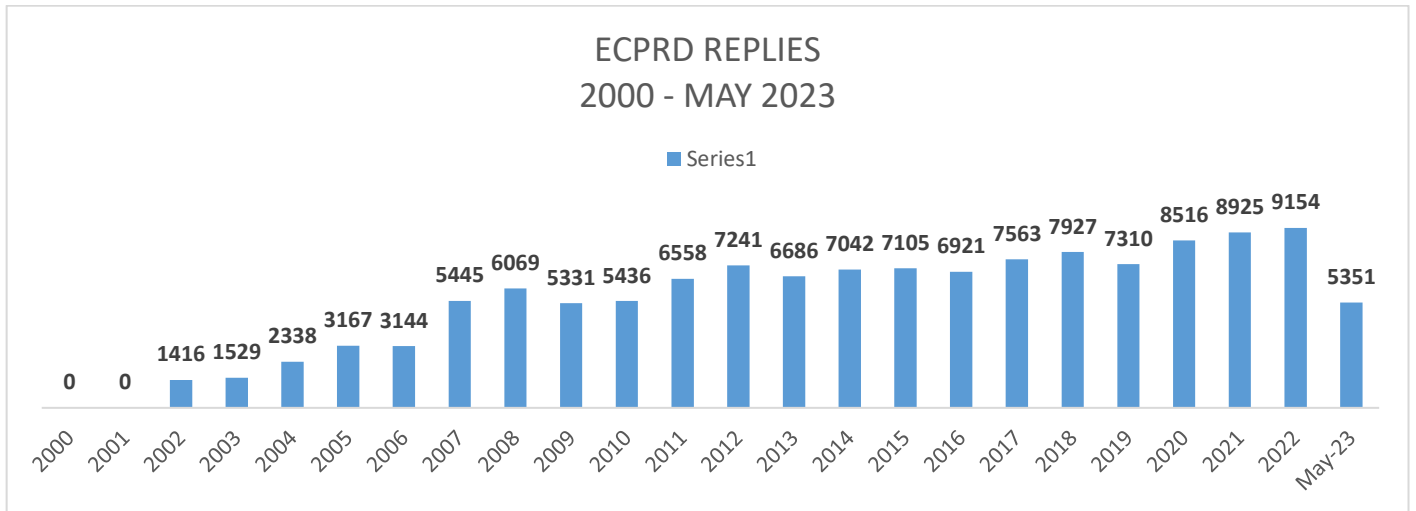
NB: The figures have to be seen in the context of the request itself. Not all requests go to all parliaments. To opt for a selected target group in order to avoid unnecessary work has been the key message repeated at successive ECPRD conferences. It means that some parliaments receive more requests to deal with than others do. Furthermore, in bicameral parliaments, requests on legislative issues are often "shared" among the Chambers to balance the workload. Furthermore, available resources in research services and the nature and complexity of topics may also limit the local capacity to deal with all incoming requests.

Reply rate

It is interesting to note that while the percentage of responses dropped significantly in 2017 as the number of requests increased, the response rate began to rise again in 2018 and reached a peak in 2022.

The reply rate to a request oscillates between 65.6% in 2021, 69.7% in 2022 and 63.5 until May 2023. The median percentage of 66 % in the period under review remained fairly stable despite the increasing number of requests.

REPLY RATE TO ECPRD REQUESTS
2000 - MAY 2023

2000: 70,0
2001: 85,0
2002: 95,8
2003: 99,5
2004: 97,4
2005: 100,0
2006: 98,6
2007: 99,0
2008: 99,7
2009: 55,5
2010: 57,2
2011: 64,0
2012: 65,3
2013: 65,7
2014: 64,8
2015: 66,8
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2020: 65,4
2021: 65,6
2022: 69,7
May-23: 68,0
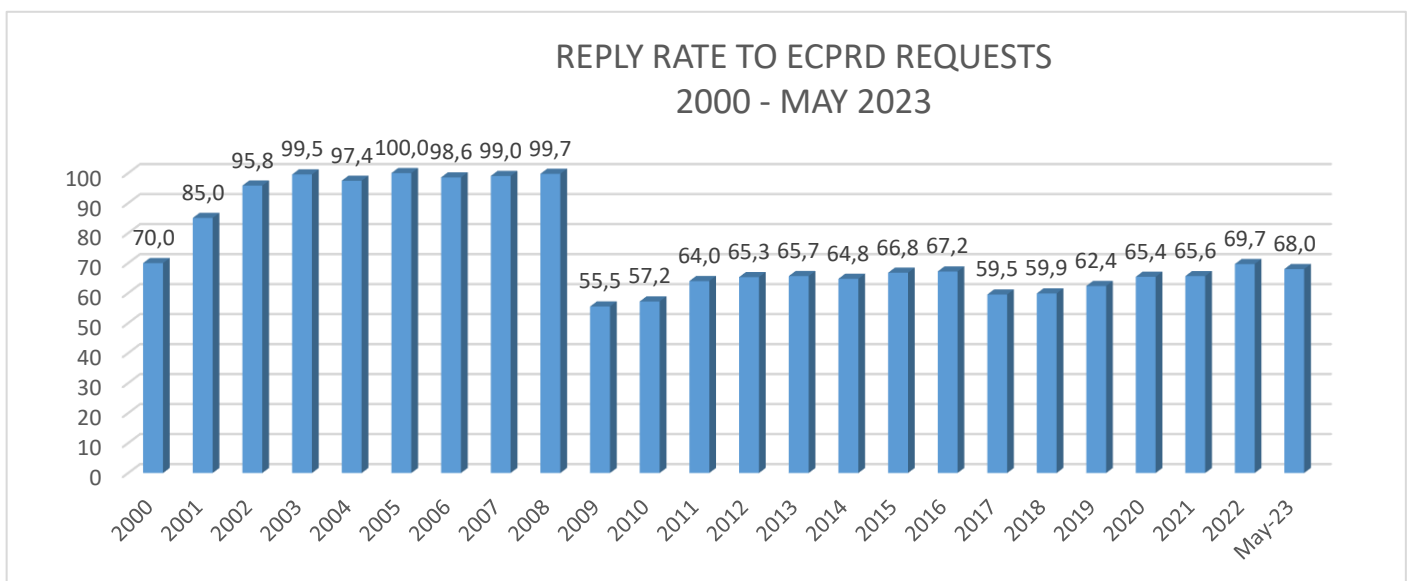
Meet the deadline

The statistics show that almost 70.7% of the replies arrive before the deadline fixed by the requesting parliament during the period covered. This figure is important as it allows us to estimate the amount of information potentially available at the time when the note for the end client is to be produced. However, a more reassuring message is provided by the fact that 83.5% of the contributions arrive around five days after the deadline and hence are probably still useful for the final version (particularly when the five days include a weekend).

However, the fact remains that some chambers are under particular pressure in order to respond to the large number of requests sent to them.

The pressure is aggravated by the increasingly short deadlines granted for responses.
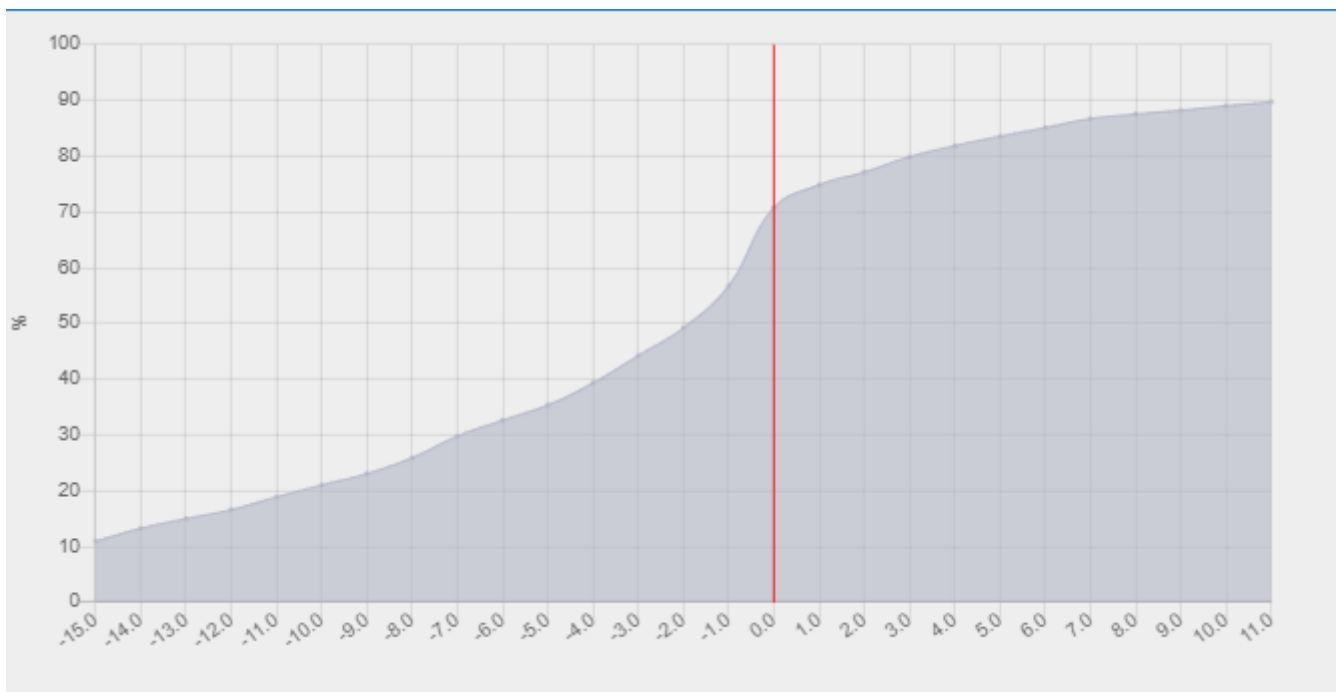
Subjects

The topics of ECPRD requests can roughly be divided into two main groups. In the period under review, almost 42.5% deal with matters related to the functioning and management of parliaments, compared to 40% between 2019 and 2020. This group covers electoral issues, constitutional cases, competencies and scrutiny, political bodies and, significantly, everything linked to the Members. The biggest share within this main group, with 11.93% of all requests, is related to the administration of parliament and covers issues such as staff, information and communication, ICT and visitors.

The figures underline the importance of the ECPRD network for the exchange of best practices between the administrations of parliaments and the creation of ad hoc or perhaps permanent networks of experts.

The other 57.5% of requests arise from the political agenda of the parliaments and their members in particular. They reflect the legislative debate but possibly also specific personal interests and needs. In most of the cases, the actual purpose is not mentioned for obvious reasons, although certain topics

appear indirectly in the media. It shows that ECPRD requests are not academic exercises but part of the political controversies.

Social policies, health issues, migration, public safety and legal matters have maintained for many years their top position with more than 16%. It shows that ECPRD requests are closely linked to problems and initiatives which directly affect the citizen.

Generally speaking, two points can be made: Comparative requests and a strong interest in how others conceive and achieve results have become a paramount element of many parliamentary discussions. Although a great deal of information can already be found in legal databases and on dedicated websites, the information that parliaments and parliamentarians need is of a highly complex nature, requiring expert support and analysis. This would not be possible without the availability of dedicated and trustworthy contact points in all parliaments.

ECPRD REQUESTS BY SUBJECT AREAS - 2021/ 2023
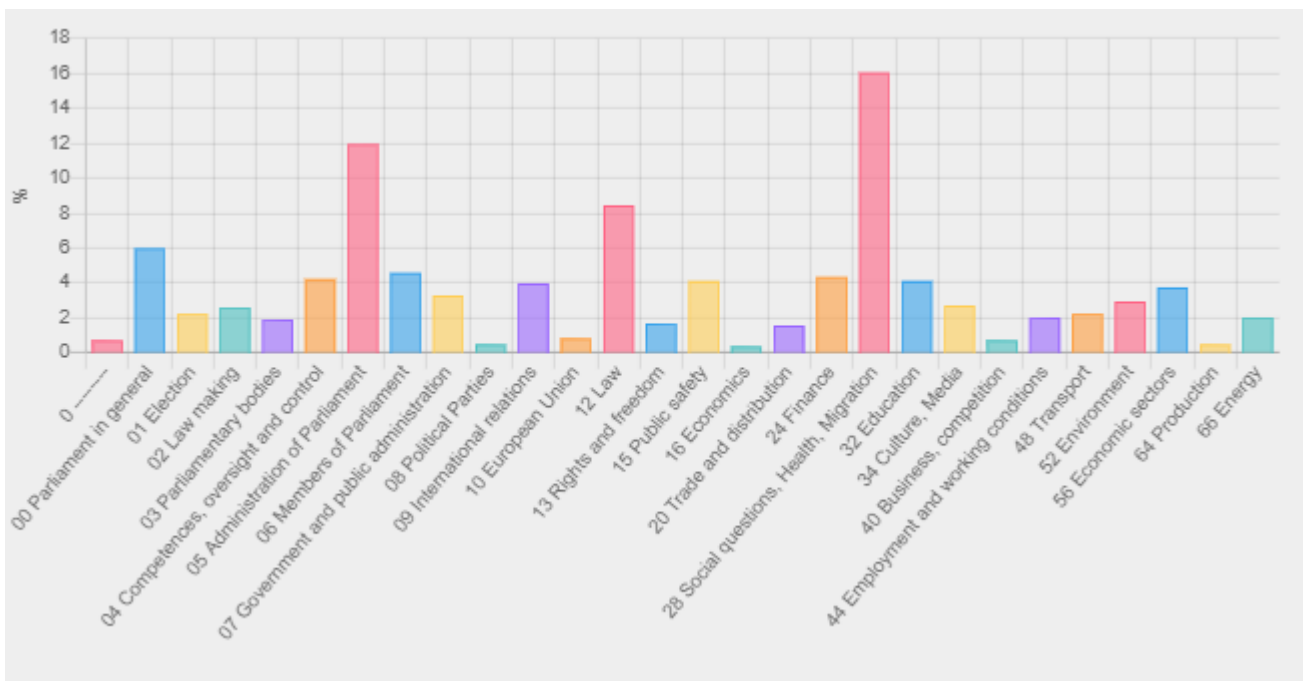
Final summaries

Final summaries analysing the answers received to questionnaires launched within the network are the best way to share the immense data made available from ECPRD requests and answers. Unfortunately, too few ECPRD requests are finalised with a summary.

Solutions to encourage the Chambers having launched an ECPRD request to draft a final summary of all the answers received have long been under consideration without a solution having been found. In August 2020, a large majority of correspondents' replies to request 4475 "on efficiency of the ECPRD network" confirmed the need to share final summaries more widely, to agree on a methodology and common guidelines to harmonise them and to improve their visibility.

In this regard, the new version of the ECPRD website, put online in October 2020 with the support of the European Parliament's IT services, aimed to modify the correspondents' dashboard in order to

invite them to submit their final summaries, and to give visibility to those uploaded on the ECPRD website.

Following this reflection, in 2020 the ECPRD final summary rate considerably increased, with 41,10% requests leading to the publication of an analysis of the replies (compared to 25,80% in 2019 and 11,3% in 2018).

Unfortunately, the numbers have dropped again in 2021 with a percentage of 30.62%. The slight recovery in 2022 with 36,26% of requests finalized with a summary is far from satisfactory.

NUMBER OF SUMMARIES FINALISING ECPRD REQUESTS 2010 - MAY 2023
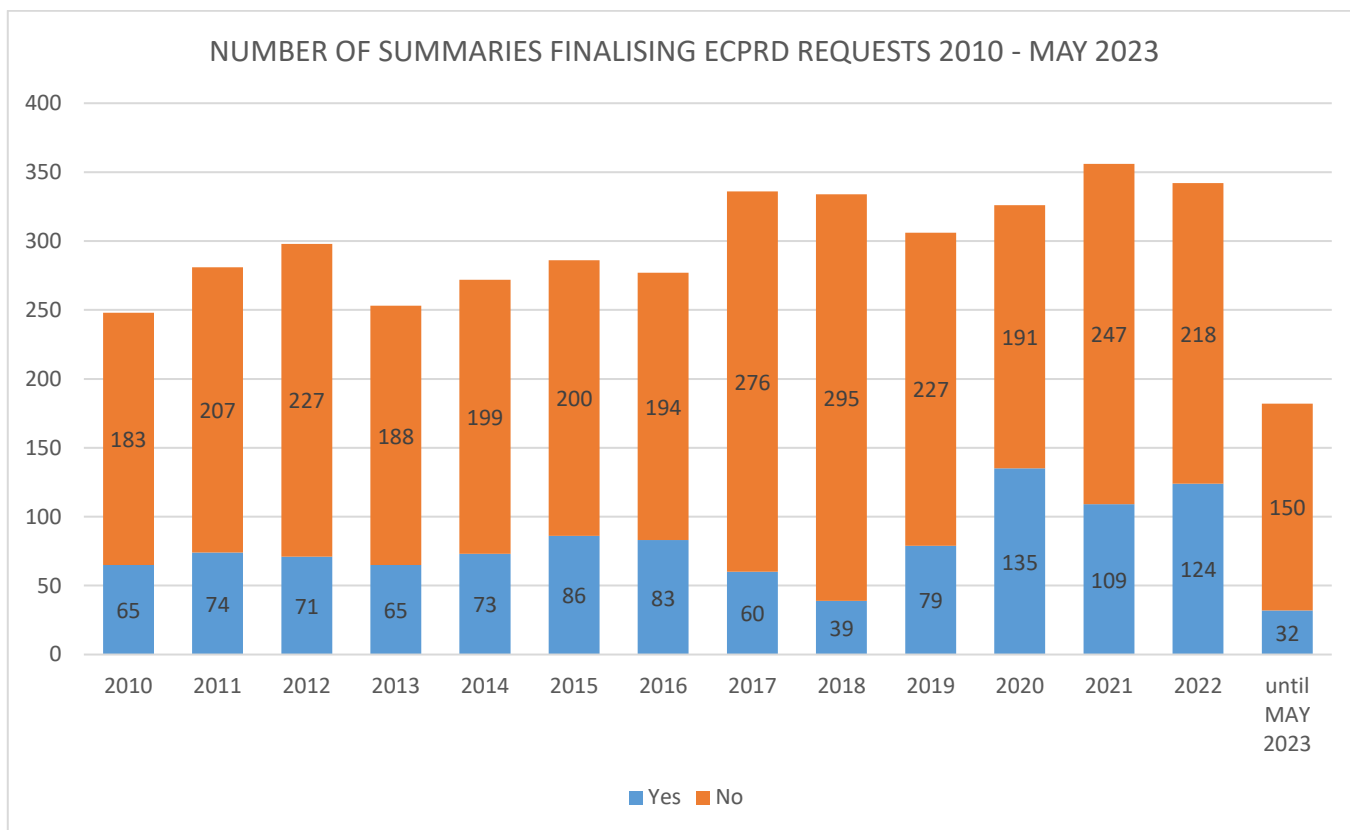
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	until MAY 2023
Yes	65	74	71	65	73	86	83	60	39	79	135	109	124	32
No	183	207	227	188	199	200	194	276	295	227	191	247	218	150
FS %	26,21	26,33	23,83	25,69	26,84	30,07	29,64	17,86	11,68	25,82	41,41	30,62	36,26	17,58

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SUMMARIES FINALISING ECPRD REQUESTS BY COUNTRIES, 2021 - 2022

Country	No	YES
United States of America	0	
United Kingdom	7	2
Ukraine	1	0
Turkey	0	
Switzerland	1	2
Sweden	4	27
Spain	1	1
Slovenia	3	9
Slovakia	39	4
Serbia	0	
Romania	25	32
Portugal	18	0
Poland	12	4
Norway	4	1
North Macedonia	0	5
Netherlands	16	1
Montenegro	4	1
Moldova	16	0
Malta	0	
Luxembourg	1	2
Lithuania	31	0
Latvia	21	0
Italy	7	2
Israel	16	7
Ireland	24	6
Iceland	0	
Hungary	5	5
Greece	3	0
Germany	6	64
Georgia	54	2
France	29	3
Finland	3	2
Estonia	3	3
Denmark	9	0
Czechia	16	1
Cyprus	27	0
Croatia	0	10
Canada	4	0
Bulgaria	3	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	0
Belgium	2	3
Azerbaijan	2	0
Austria	2	7
Armenia	4	0
Albania	19	2
PACE	11	3
European Parliament	9	21

■ No ■ YES

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4.2 ECPRD statutory meetings

☐ **Meeting of Secretaries General of Parliaments on the ECPRD on the occasion of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament**
Greece - Athens, 22 October 2021

The Secretaries General of the participating parliaments and assemblies met in the margins of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament and discussed the situation of parliaments after the Covid-19 pandemic, adaptations in the organisation and functioning of parliamentary activities since the beginning of the pandemic and the lessons to be learned for the post-pandemic period.

The ECPRD Co-Directors presented the ECPRD Activity Report 2019-2021 and the programme and priorities for 2022 and 2023. The 2019-2021 activity report was then unanimously approved.

☐ **Annual Conference of Correspondents**

United Kingdom - London, hosted remotely by the House of Commons - 18 November 2021

Taking into account restrictions on meetings and travel still in force in several parliaments due to the Covid-19 outbreak and in order to prioritise the safety of all attendees, the Annual Conference of ECPRD Correspondents once again took place remotely, hosted by the House of Commons in London on 18 November 2021.

The Annual Conference began with a welcome speech from Mr Laurence-Smyth, Clerk of Legislation in the House of Commons.

During the pre-conference, Mrs Emma Crewe, Professor of Anthropology at the University of London's School of Oriental and African (SOAS) and Research Director at the University of Hertfordshire, made a presentation of her study on the anthropology of parliaments including the study of relations between politicians and parliaments, not only in the United Kingdom but also in other countries.

At the request of the Executive Committee, the Annual Conference started with a workshop for the numerous new correspondents and new deputy correspondents who joined in 2021 to familiarise them with the procedures and requirements of ECPRD.

The agenda of the Annual Conference included among other items:

- The Executive Committee's presentation on updated guidelines for ECPRD requests aimed at increasing the quality of comparative requests, responses and summaries and attempting to reduce the workload of correspondents by avoiding repetitive requests.
- The co-operation between ECPRD and IPU Parline to enable greater synergy, in particular on the sharing of data on the functioning of parliaments.
- The reports of the ECPRD coordinators on past and future seminars
- The presentation of improvements to the new ECPRD website.

Furthermore, the Annual Conference elected by acclamation four members of the ECPRD Executive Committee: Charlotte Cousins (Ireland) and Zlatko Atanasov (Sobrania, Republic of

North Macedonia) for a second term and Tanja Nurmi (Eduskunta, Finland) and Alfonso Cuenca Miranda (Congress of Deputies, Spain).

Armenia – Yerevan, hosted by the Armenian National Assembly, 10-11 November 2022

Taking into account the progressive lifting of restrictions on meetings and travel, the 2022 ECPRD Annual Conference of Correspondents, was held in person after two years of virtual meetings due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Human exchanges are essential to the ECPRD network, therefore the Annual Conference in Yerevan had a symbolic effect: to resume the normal course of ECPRD meetings in this post-Covid period, for the good cohesion of the network.

The pre-conference focused on the topic of "Legislative monitoring and research as parliamentary oversight tools".

For the second time, the Annual Conference started with a workshop for the numerous new correspondents and new deputy correspondents who joined in 2022 offering an opportunity to welcome and guide them.

The agenda of the Annual Conference included among other items :
- The follow-up of the ECPRD guidelines for requests and replies adopted by the London Annual Conference the year before.
- The reports on activities in the Areas of Interests provided by the ECPRD Coordinators
- A presentation of the new online survey, requests and replies functionality of the ECPRD website.
- Discussions on post pandemic parliaments allowing an exchange of experiences.

The Annual Conference also gave the opportunity to have a discussion on the "Partners for democracy" status (obtained by the Parliaments of Morocco, Kyrgyzstan, Jordan and the Palestinian National Council) within the ECPRD.

Whereas Article 3 of the ECPRD's Statutes provide parliaments having special guest or observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe the right to participate in the different activities of the ECPRD, there are no provisions regarding parliaments enjoying "partner for democracy" status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (currently the Parliament of Morocco, the Palestinian National Council, the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan and the Parliament of Jordan).

The Secretaries General of the parliaments, under the authority of which the ECPRD operates, have had the opportunity to consider this issue in 2012 and 2014, on the occasion of their meeting during the European Conference of Speakers of Parliament. On 21 September 2012, in order to take into account the legitimate aspirations of these parliaments to be involved in the ECPRD, they agreed to grant them a number of rights and facilities, namely the right to access the ECPRD database, to receive the replies to the questionnaires and to participate in its seminars. Since then, their respective correspondents have full rights within the ECPRD structures, with the exception of voting rights and the right to launch comparative requests within the network.

On 11 September 2014, the Secretaries General of the parliaments decided to maintain the status quo for partners for democracy parliaments, whereby they could not allow their ECPRD correspondents to submit ECPRD requests, in view of the already heavy workload of the ECPRD and the fear of disruption of its functioning.

However, on 9 June 2022, the ECPRD Executive Committee revisited this issue emphasizing the objective of the Partnership for Democracy within the Council of Europe, which aims to improve pluralist democracy and to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the

rule of law. It was proposed that the ECPRD's working methods be modified in order to allow the correspondents concerned to launch requests on a limited scope of topics covered by the partnership namely: issues aiming at consolidating democratic transformations and promoting stability and good governance, in particular with regard to the functioning of parliament and women participation in public and political life, as well as respect for human rights and the rule of law.

This proposal was submitted and approved at the annual ECPRD Correspondents' Conference held in Yerevan.

In order to avoid an excessive workload that could jeopardize the efficiency of the exchange of information between the member parliaments of the network, an evaluation will be carried out in 2024. Following this evaluation, a proposal for adaptations of the ECPRD Statutes will be submitted to the Secretaries General.

☐ Executive Committee

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 18 March 2021

The ECPRD Executive Committee had a first exchange of view concerning the organisation of the 2021 Annual Conference. Taking into account the foreseeable evolution of the health situation, the question was raised of whether the 2021 Annual Conference of Correspondents should be held face-to-face or remotely. Given the remaining uncertainty, the idea of a remote meeting from London hosted by the House of Commons was taken on board.

Followed :
- A report on the updates on the ECPRD website developments;
- The coordinators' reports on their respective Areas of Interest activities;
- A debate on lessons learned concerning the impact the pandemic had on ECPRD and on which innovative changes on working methods could remain. If they offer new opportunities, it was agreed that remote meetings should not be a substitute for seminars. It was advised to organise at least one seminar per year per areas of interest in order to facilitate direct and personal contacts;
- The decision to set up a working group to elaborate guidelines for drafting final summaries and requests;
- A first exchange of view concerning the election of three members of the ECPRD Executive Committee.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 1 July 2021

The ECPRD Executive Committee:
- Approved the "priorities" part of the document "ECPRD Priorities 2022 – 2023" in view of the Secretaries General meeting preceding the Conference of Presidents of Parliament to be held in Athens on 22 October 2021;
- Had a second exchange of views concerning the preparation of the 2021 Annual Conference;
- Discussed with IPU Parline representatives and agreed to invite them to join the next ECPRD Annual Conference in order to promote their activities and to find out how ECPRD correspondents and IPU Parline correspondents could better co-operate;
- Listened to a report concerning updates on ECPRD website developments;
- Listened the ECPRD coordinators reporting on their respective Area of Interest activities. Emphasis was placed on the advantages of virtual meetings, particularly with regard to participation, on the need to alternate virtual and face-to-face meetings, and to consider the possibility of organising hybrid meetings that would allow those who cannot attend to take part remotely;
- Prepared the election of new members of the ECPRD Executive Committee. Taking into account that the next Annual Conference would be remote from London, and in order to prepare the

election procedure, the Executive Committee decided to bring forward the deadline for nominations to September 2021 i.e. the day before the date of the Executive Committee.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 23 September 2021

The ECPRD Executive Committee:
- Had an exchange of views on the procedure for the election of four new #Executive Committee members at the next Annual Conference;
- Approved the draft ECPRD Activity Report 2019-2021 and the calendar of ECPRD activities for 2022 – 2023 to be adopted by the Secretaries General of Parliaments during the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament in Athens (22 October 2021);
- Had a discussion on the state of preparation of the remote Annual Conference and gave its final green light to the preconference and conference agendas;
- Listened to a report on the ECPRD website updates;
- Listened the four coordinators reporting on updates and events in their respective Areas of Interest and their difficulties in convincing Chambers to host seminars.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 31 March 2022

The ECPRD Executive Committee:
- Had a first exchange of view on the state of preparation of the 2022 Annual Conference of Correspondents;
- Listened to a report on the ECPRD website updates in particular with regard to the new online request functionality and feedback on the implementation of the new ECPRD Guidelines for making Comparative Requests adopted by the ECPRD Annual Conference on October 2021;
- Listened the four coordinators reporting on updates and events in their respective Areas of interest and their difficulties in convincing Chambers to host seminars;
- Confirmed that the ECPRD being open to the parliaments of the member States of the European Union and the Council of Europe: confirmed that the Council of Europe's decision to exclude the Russian Federation from the Organisation as from 16 March no longer allowed the Duma and the Council of the Federation to be part of the ECPRD and to take part in its activities.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 9 June 2022

The ECPRD Executive Committee:
- Had a second exchange of view on the state of preparation of the 2022 Annual Conference of Correspondents, welcomed the invitation from the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia to host the meeting and agreed on the suggested topic for the preconference "Legislative monitoring and research as a parliamentary oversight tools";
- Listened to a report on the ECPRD website updates;
- Listened the four coordinators reporting on updates and events in their respective Areas of interest;
- Had an exchange of views concerning the collaboration between ECPRD and USAID RADA: next generation Program and the Ukrainian Parliament and confirmed the willingness and availability to participate in this exchange of information, experiences and good practices the formal channel of the ECPRD network;
- Had an exchange of views concerning the longstanding Jordanian Parliament's request to be given the opportunity to have a more active participation within the ECPRD network, emphasized the objective of the Partnership for Democracy within the Council of Europe, which aims to improve democracy, the functioning of parliaments and the protection of human rights, and suggested to frame the partner for democracy ECPRD requests to areas linked to capacity building for democracy.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 8 September 2022

The ECPRD Executive Committee:
- Approved formally the nomination of Frode Rein as new coordinator of the "ICT in Parliaments" ECPRD Area of Interest, after having unanimously approved him by written procedure last July;
- Had an exchange of view with the Armenian ECPRD correspondent concerning the 2023 Annual Conference preparation;
- Listened to a report on the ECPRD website updates;
- Listened the four coordinators reporting on updates and events in their respective Areas of interest.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 30 March 2023

The ECPRD Executive Committee:
- Had a first exchange of view concerning the organisation of the 2023 Annual Conference of Correspondents that will be held in London on 19 and 20 October, and agreed on the pre-conference topic: public engagement by parliaments;
- Welcomed the Houses of the Oireachtas invitation to host the Annual Conference of Correspondents on 14-15 November 2024;
- Listened to a report on the ECPRD website updates;
- Listened the four coordinators reporting on updates and events in their respective Areas of interest;
- Had an exchange of view on the preparation of the election of one new member of the ECPRD Executive Committee;
- Had an exchange of view concerning the exponential increase in requests within the ECPRD network and the inability of most correspondents to deal effectively with this workload and agreed that a reflection should be undertaken on how to reduce the number of requests during next Annual Conference.

4.3 ECPRD Seminars in the Areas of Interest

4.3.1 Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs

Webinar 'Parliamentary involvement in the definition of the National Recovery plans' Rome (on the web), hosted by the Camera dei Deputati, 23 April 2021

The aim of the webinar was to promote an exchange of information on the role played by parliaments in the definition and approval of National Recovery plans, which represent extremely important tools not only to foster the post-pandemic recovery of the EU economies, but also to promote their transition towards digital and more environmentally sustainable patterns. 67 participants from 25 chambers attended the event.

The webinar discussions were organised in the light of the results of an ECPRD questionnaire on the issue. Three sessions were organised. The first concerned post Covid-19 perspectives for the European economies and dealt with the Fiscal policy response and the role of "Next generation EU" programmes and parliaments and decision-making for recovery, resilience and inclusive growth. The second session focused on the European Parliament and the debate on "Next Generation EU". Finally, the third debate aimed to discuss and share the role of the national parliaments in the definition of the NRRP. During this session, participants were presented with an overview of the results of the questionnaire and several country case studies.

Webinar 'How to strengthen parliamentary control over budget processes' Podgorica (on the web), hosted by the Parliament of Montenegro, 17 June 2021

64 participants from 28 chambers gathered online to discuss parliamentary control over budget processes.
The webinar consisted of three sessions. The first concerned independent technical advice at the service of fiscal policy choices. The second discussed the support of supreme audit institutions to parliamentary control activities and focused on the experience of the European Parliament. The third session focused on the relation between parliaments, fiscal councils and audit institutions in budget processes. It presented an overview of the results from the questionnaire and five case studies on Austria, France, Ireland, the Netherlands and United Kingdom.

Webinar 'Parliamentary involvement in the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans' Rome (on the web), Camera dei Deputati, 18 May 2022

The webinar focused on the parliamentary involvement in the implementation of the already approved Plans. It was attended by 60 colleagues and experts from almost 20 national parliaments, the European Parliament and the European Commission. The webinar was organised by the Italian Parliament, with the co-operation of the Economic Governance (EGOV) Unit of the European Parliament.

Seminar 'Budgetary sovereignty of parliaments' Berlin, Bundesrat, 30 June - 1 July 2022

It was the first ECPRD event taking place face-to-face after the interruption due to the pandemic. 41 participants attended the meeting from 22 countries and 25 Chambers.
The seminar had an interdisciplinary dimension, since it dealt with aspects belonging to various fields of study, such as constitutional law, history, economics, parliamentary practices and procedures, management, accountancy, etc.
During the two-day seminar, special attention was devoted to the role of parliaments and the degree of autonomy recognized to them in the different phases of the preparation, the adoption and the implementation of the budgets in various European countries. The ways of financing political groups and parties through parliamentary budgets were also analysed along with the internal and external controls and the jurisdiction of the courts over parliamentary budgets in the different national contexts. Finally, the three workshops included in the seminar programme allowed the participants to explore very technical and detailed aspects relating to the drawing of the budget, the definition of the individual budgetary items, the initiatives undertaken to contribute to general spending containment strategies.

4.3.2 Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments

Webinar 'Electronic Signatures and Seals' Brussels (on the web), hosted by the European Parliament, 15 March 2021

60 participants, from 25 chambers took part in this webinar. Two special guests from the IPU and the former ECPRD coordinator and ICT manager at the Camera de Deputati also participated in the event.
As consequences of the Covid-19 crisis, the use of electronic signature has exploded. In light of this situation, the webinar aimed at providing participants with a clear definition of 'digital signature' and an overview of the security and legal aspects and the EU Trusted List.

Webinar 'Online communications and adapting parliamentary communications during the pandemic'
Helsinki (on the web), hosted by Eduskunta, 3 June 2021

The webinar organised by the Eduskunta gathered 92 participants from 40 chambers, including 5 special guests.
The webinar was composed of three sessions. The first concerned the adaptation of parliamentary communication during the pandemic. It started with a summary of the questionnaire sent in advance. The second session discussed the accessibility and usability of websites and digital services. Finally, the third session consisted of a lecture about disinformation and deep fakes.

Webinar - ICT in Parliaments - "Fit for a rapid changing IT environment – How to involve staff"
Jerusalem (on the web) Knesset, 28 March 2022

The webinar gathered 51 participants to discuss presentations given on the new imperative of digital transformation in the field of parliamentary procedure and on how to involve MP's and staff in practice.

ICT Seminar 2023 - Safety and Security
hosted by the Tweede Kamer Der Staten-Generaal, 16-17 March 2023

This seminar concerned not only physical security, but also digital or cyber security. It addressed issues such as the organisation of security within parliament, promoting security awareness, how to secure data in the cloud, which techniques can be used for physical access security, how to deal with identity and access management, what to do about third party risk management.

4.3.3 Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives

Webinar 'A year of Hope and Transition'
Brussels (on the web), hosted by the European Parliament, 1 - 3 June 2021

Organised by the Research Services of the European Parliament, the webinar attracted 85 participants from 30 chambers.
The webinar consisted of three days, with a total of 7 sessions and two virtual coffee breaks. The first day focused mostly on the future of work. The second provide an opportunity to discuss the effect of the crisis on several different policies. Participants had the occasion to discuss the effect of the pandemic on the work of parliamentary libraries and their responses.

Seminar - hybrid event - 'EPRS Seminar 2022 - Parliamentary research enters a new age: foresight, strategy and innovation'
Brussels (hybrid), European Parliament, 23 June 2022

Jointly organised by the EPRS and the EP Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments the event was attended by 96 participants from 35 countries both personally and online.
The seminar focussed on the role of innovation in the parliamentary libraries and research services and the role of foresight in policy-making and in parliamentary research. In addition, special sessions were devoted to the processes and results of the Conference on the Future of Europe and the war in Ukraine and its implications for energy supply. The 13 presentations on different topics, organised in four sessions were followed by intensive question and answer time and discussions.

Seminar - Parliamentary Research Services – Interfaces and Circles of Influence
Jerusalem – Knesset, 22-23 March 2023

54 participants attended this seminar which focused on the day-to-day work of parliamentary research services interconnecting with many types of actors from different circles of influence: the inner circle, including interaction with parliamentary clients; the governmental circle, consisting of government ministries and agencies; and the external circle, with actors such as the public, media, NGOs and academia.

4.3.4 Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Webinar 'Parliaments and the General Data Protection Regulation'
Vienna (on the web), hosted by Nationalrat and Bundesrat, 18 January 2021

More than 65 participants from 26 parliamentary chambers attended this seminar. Participants were data protection officers, legal experts and ICT experts.
The first session related to the use of cloud services in parliaments and data protection. Session 2 concerned the ECJ's decision on parliamentary petitions and GDPR and its implication for parliamentary practice and procedure.

Webinar 'Parliaments and the General Data Protection Regulation'
Vienna (on the web), hosted by Nationalrat, 14 June 2021

Following suggestions from previous webinars, the focus was placed on the material scope of the GDPR in relation to parliaments and a case study of the Hellenic Parliament. The webinar was organised by the Austrian Parliament and brought together more than 25 participants from 17 parliaments. Participants were data protection officers and legal experts.

The seminar consisted of two sessions. The first session introduced the topic, and participants were presented with the results of request #4673 from the Austrian Parliament. The second session focused on the case study of the Hellenic Parliament. The good relations between the Parliament and the Hellenic Data Protection Authority (HDPA) were emphasized, and the idea that the Hellenic Parliament was confirmed as one of those parliaments which consider that core parliamentary activities fall indirectly within the GDPR's scope.

Webinar 'Democracy without shortcuts - an exchange with political philosopher Cristina Lafont'
Vienna (on the web), hosted by the Nationalrat, 2 November 2021

This ECPRD Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice webinar was the first of a new series of webinars aimed at providing colleagues from the network with the chance to engage with leading academics in democratic and parliamentary studies in a casual and informal manner.

This first webinar focused on participatory democracy, expert governments and mini-publics and welcomed Prof. Cristina Lafont of Northwestern University, Illinois as guest. The discussions gave

an opportunity to exchange experiences on how traditional institutions like parliaments can integrate new forms of participatory democracy.

Webinar 'What procedural changes introduced because of Covid will be retained in your parliament once the pandemic is over?'
London (on the web), hosted by the House of Commons, 16 December 2021

The webinar included several pre-recorded presentations from members of staff working in different ECPRD parliaments aimed at giving an overview of how the pandemic has changed procedures in different parliaments. The following discussion offered the opportunity for all participants to explain the situation in their country, ask questions to the presenters and others, and discuss possible future developments.

Webinar - Mainstreaming EU Affairs in parliamentary administrations'
Vienna (on the web), hosted by the Nationalrat, 21 February 2022

This was the second PPP webinar in a new series that provides colleagues from the network with the chance to engage with leading academics in democratic and parliamentary studies in a casual and informal manner. It gave the opportunity to exchange with political scientist Anna-Lena Högenauer (University of Luxembourg) about her study on how EU affairs are handled by a multitude of experts and departments in parliamentary administrations.

Webinar 'Parliaments and whistleblowing directive'
Brussels (on the web), hosted by the Chambre des Representants, 6 October 2022

The EU Directive 2019/1937 of 23 October 2019 'on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law' had to be transposed into national law by 17 December 2021. Still, a lot of member states in general and parliaments in particular are concerned with its implementation and seeking a model in conformity with the autonomy of parliaments and the various concepts of separation of powers.
This webinar provided a chance to exchange views and approaches from various perspectives and to learn how different parliaments have so far dealt with the implementation process of the directive.

Webinar 'Parliaments and the General Data Protection'
Vienna (on the web), hosted by the Nationalrat, 7 November 2022

This webinar focused on current developments and questions brought up by data protection experts in parliaments.

Webinar 'Parliamentary coordination committees'
Vienna (on the web), hosted by the Nationalrat, 12 December 2022

Colleagues from the network had the chance to engage with Prof. Ulrich Sieberer who is one of the leading experts on parliaments and governments worldwide on his research project called "Coordination Committees as Parliamentary Agenda Setters (CoCoPAS)" that aims to provide a comprehensive overview and analysis of on coordination committees in parliaments.

Webinar - upholding the rule of law and the role of parliamentary administrations-
Athens (on the web) hosted by the Vouli Ton Ellinon- 30 January 2023

The webinar provided colleagues from the network with the chance to engage with Prof. Dimitry Kochenov who is a prolific writer and consultant on the rule of law and democracy in Europe.

Discussions focused on the mechanisms to promote and safeguard the rule of law in the EU and the webinar analysed various rule-of-law-reports and assessments.

Seminar - Parliaments and Citizens' Assemblies
Brussels, hosted by the Belgian Chambre des Representants and Senate, 27 March 2023

Citizens' assemblies are intended to serve the interest of both citizens and politicians. On the one hand, citizens' assemblies stand for the qualified involvement of citizens in government decision-making; on the other hand, they are supposed to show new ways of solving questions on which there is political deadlock, or to challenge processes of change. The aim of the seminar was to explore the various experiences of engagement with citizens' assemblies from the perspective of parliaments and parliamentary administrations. One of the key questions was how those "democratic innovations" relate to parliaments.

4.4 The ECPRD website

The ECPRD website was fully redesigned in 2017, but new ideas further continued to emerge. During the period 2019-2020, the website therefore saw a number of improvements, aiming to facilitate the work of correspondents or make it more visible to colleagues in other parliaments.

Important new features are the personalized dashboards for correspondents and their deputies, giving them a comprehensive overview of the ongoing information exchange by requests and replies, as well as easing the process of contributions to the exchange of information.

In the same mind-set, a second development supports them in uploading, increasing the visibility of and improving access to final summaries.

Appendices

Appendix 1. Statutes of the ECPRD [October 2019]

The Statutes of the ECPRD were adopted by the ECPRD Secretaries General meeting at the Conference of Speakers in Budapest on 7 June 1996 and subsequently amended in Tallinn on 31 May 2006 and in Strasbourg on 21 September 2012 and 25 October 2019.

PREAMBLE

The European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD) was created in 1977 at the request of the Conference of Speakers of European Parliamentary Assemblies (as from 2004: the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament).

I. AIMS

Article 1

1.   The objectives of the ECPRD are to promote the exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe on subjects of common interest; to strengthen close co-operation among parliamentary services in all fields of parliamentary administration, legislation, information, research and documentation; and to collect, exchange and publicise studies produced by parliamentary services.

2.   In the exchange of information the ECPRD shall promote, wherever possible, the use and development of Information and Communication Technology.

3.   The ECPRD shall co-operate with other networks dealing with the exchange of information among parliaments in Europe.

II. COMPOSITION OF THE ECPRD

Article 2

The ECPRDs members are: the European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and parliamentary chambers where the President is a member of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament.

Article 3

1.   A parliament possessing special guest or observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe may participate in the different activities of the ECPRD but may not vote in its bodies.

2.   The ECPRD may co-operate with non-European parliamentary chambers.

III. GOVERNING BODIES OF THE ECPRD

i. THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL

Article 4

The ECPRD operates under the authority of the Secretaries General of member chambers. At their meetings held every two years on the occasion of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, they approve the activity report and action programme of the ECPRD and establish priorities for its functioning.

ii. THE CONFERENCE OF CORRESPONDENTS

Article 5

1.   The Secretary General of each parliamentary chamber appoints a senior official (Correspondent) to represent the chamber within the Conference of Correspondents of the ECPRD. Secretaries General may also appoint Deputy Correspondents.

2.   The Correspondent is selected from officials whose activities bring them into close contact with the ECPRD and who have direct access to the Secretary General of the chamber. He/she can thereby co-ordinate the activities of those officials of his/her chamber who are asked to play an active role in the ECPRD.

Article 6

1.   The Conference of Correspondents is responsible, in co-operation with the Co-Directors (see   Article 8), for the organisation of the activities of the ECPRD. It examines and adopts the annual intermediate activity reports on the activities of the ECPRD, drafted and presented by the Co-Directors, and the action programme of the ECPRD for the following years.

2.   Meetings of the Conference of Correspondents, chaired by the Co-Directors, take place at least every twelve months.

3.   Decisions of the Conference of Correspondents are reached, in principle, by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, issues will be decided by a vote with a necessary majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast, representing a majority of members of the ECPRD (see Article 2).

iii. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 7

1.   The Executive Committee is composed of the two Co-Directors and five Correspondents elected by the Conference of Correspondents. The Committee will meet as often as necessary, at the request of at least two of its members or five Correspondents.

2.   The members of the Executive Committee, other than the Co-Directors, shall be elected for a period of three years. They may be re-elected once. Elections will take place at the Correspondents' annual meeting, with due consideration being paid to the need to maintain geographical balance in the membership of the Executive Committee.

3.   The Executive Committee may take decisions when a majority of its members is present.

Decisions shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast.

4. The Executive Committee prepares the biennial activity report which, together with the ECPRD Priorities for the upcoming two years, is then submitted for approval to the Secretaries General of Parliaments at their meeting during the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament.

iv. THE CO-DIRECTORS

Article 8

1. The Secretaries General of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe each nominate a senior official as a Co-Director of the ECPRD.

2. The two Co-Directors are responsible for the management of all activities of the ECPRD and are assisted by the two Co-Secretaries of the ECPRD and by other officials of their respective institutions.

3. The Co-Directors may at the same time be the Correspondents for their assemblies.

IV. WORKING METHODS

Article 9

1. The ECPRD promotes co-operation between member chambers through the exchange of information, compilation of documentation and studies and the organisation of seminars; and by the sharing of knowledge of parliamentary ICT applications. On a proposal from the Executive Committee, the Conference of Correspondents shall establish detailed guidelines for studies and comparative requests and for the organisation of ECPRD seminars.

2. The ECPRD may also participate in or initiate other activities organised within its fields of interest.

3. When it considers that a given area requires a continuity of activity, the Conference of Correspondents may decide on the appointment of a Co-ordinator responsible for promoting close co-operation between the member chambers in that area. The Co-ordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from among the competent staff of member chambers, with the consent of the chamber concerned, for a renewable term of three years.

4. On a proposal from the Executive Committee, and to meet specific terms of reference, the Conference of Correspondents may also decide to set up ad hoc working groups composed of staff of member chambers. The Executive Committee shall determine their duration, which must not exceed three years.

V. FINANCING OF THE ECPRD

Article 10

1. Member chambers of the ECPRD meet the cost of participation of their officials in ECPRD activities as well as the costs of communication with the ECPRD.

2. Member chambers may organise activities of the ECPRD, such as meetings, seminars etc., and bear the costs of such events. They may also make voluntary financial contributions to the ECPRD.

3.   The operating costs of the ECPRD are covered by the budgets of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in conformity with current practice.

4.   The ECPRD may accept outside donations following a favourable opinion from the Conference of Correspondents.

VI. REVISION OF THE STATUTES

Article 11

The revision of these Statutes is the responsibility of the Secretaries General of the member chambers gathered at their meeting on the occasion of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament.

Appendix 2: Comparative requests by Chambers (Situation of 31 December 2022)

Comparative Requests

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
	10	**32**	**58**	**96**	**137**	**160**	**174**	**223**	**216**	**223**	**248**	**286**	**299**	**256**	**273**	**290**	**278**	**337**	**335**	**306**	**326**	**350**	**343**	**5255**
- EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	3	11	7	9	10	13	5	8	5	3	9	10	16	8	5	13	13	5	5	16	12	8	16	**210**
- PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY COUNCIL OF EUROPE	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	2	3	4	4	6	5	4	5	4	7	7	7	7	7	**79**
ALBANIA - KUVENDI	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	12	10	7	10	8	10	22	7	14	**114**
ANDORRA - CONSELL GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
ARMENIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	**28**
AUSTRIA - PARLAMENT - BUNDESRAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
AUSTRIA - PARLAMENT - NATIONALRAT	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	4	0	4	2	2	3	3	4	1	3	3	4	7	4	3	6	**59**
AZERBAIJAN - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	**6**
BELGIUM - CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	**29**
BELGIUM - SENAT	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	5	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	**18**

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA - PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	5	1	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	**45**
BULGARIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	1	5	3	1	0	4	4	2	12	5	10	3	4	7	4	7	10	10	3	2	1	**98**
CANADA - LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	**13**
CROATIA - HRVATSKI SABOR	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	9	9	9	8	2	6	2	3	3	5	5	**70**
CYPRUS - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	3	5	6	4	4	2	3	13	12	9	8	19	**99**
CZECHIA - CHANCELLORY OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES	0	0	1	3	19	16	5	10	8	6	8	7	6	5	12	18	19	13	31	12	11	10	7	**227**
CZECHIA - SENAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**5**
DENMARK - FOLKETINGET	0	0	1	3	2	2	1	3	4	3	0	2	1	4	4	2	4	9	2	4	5	4	5	**65**
ESTONIA - RIIGIKOGU	0	0	3	1	8	4	5	3	8	4	2	5	4	2	1	1	3	8	9	3	5	5	1	**85**
FINLAND - EDUSKUNTA	0	0	1	3	0	5	2	2	4	3	3	4	2	4	4	3	4	4	6	3	2	4	1	**64**
FRANCE - ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE	0	0	0	1	3	5	7	10	11	12	17	13	8	8	11	4	8	16	10	11	19	12	17	**203**
FRANCE - SENAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	7	0	3	0	**26**
GEORGIA - PARLIAMENT	0	0	0	2	6	11	17	13	4	12	10	11	6	18	17	14	8	20	16	17	10	31	25	**268**

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GERMANY - BUNDESRAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	**4**
GERMANY - BUNDESTAG	2	1	3	11	4	5	22	28	29	29	52	52	49	24	39	53	41	28	43	40	28	26	44	**653**
GREECE - VOULI TON ELLINON	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	1	5	5	1	5	7	1	2	5	2	1	3	1	2	**49**
HUNGARY - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	1	0	2	4	1	5	12	11	6	10	10	9	11	5	7	12	6	5	8	7	3	**135**
ICELAND - ALTHINGI	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	**7**
IRELAND - HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	7	10	5	11	6	5	8	5	6	13	15	10	17	16	14	**154**
ISRAEL - KNESSET	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	9	10	9	11	10	11	10	6	7	5	8	11	12	18	14	9	**172**
ITALY - CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	3	2	1	2	3	5	1	1	5	1	**39**
ITALY - SENATO DELLA REPUBBLICA	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	7	1	4	0	0	1	1	2	**30**
JORDAN - REPRESENTATIVES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
LATVIA - LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS SAEIMA	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	4	1	0	1	5	3	2	3	2	3	5	12	8	15	6	**77**
LIECHTENSTEIN - LANDTAG DES FÜRSTENTUMS LIECHTENSTEIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
LITHUANIA - SEIMAS	0	0	1	2	1	6	2	3	3	5	5	8	5	5	7	9	6	11	12	9	7	21	10	**138**

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LUXEMBOURG - CHAMBRE DES DEPUTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	**8**
MALTA - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	**6**
MOLDOVA - PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	3	0	5	9	9	3	4	7	7	2	4	3	9	5	11	**88**
MONTENEGRO - PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	8	4	3	9	5	2	4	3	2	**51**
MOROCCO - CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
NETHERLANDS - EERSTE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**6**
NETHERLANDS - TWEEDE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL	0	0	1	4	9	10	9	6	7	8	5	4	8	7	4	1	9	4	11	9	7	10	7	**140**
NORTH MACEDONIA - SOBRANIE	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	4	3	4	2	3	**47**
NORWAY - STORTINGET	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	11	2	0	6	2	4	3	6	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	**51**
POLAND - SEJM	0	0	1	4	4	4	7	13	9	10	7	6	12	11	7	5	6	4	2	2	7	5	3	**129**
POLAND - SENAT	0	0	2	3	1	2	5	8	1	3	2	1	5	4	1	2	2	1	2	4	3	4	4	**60**
PORTUGAL - ASSEMBLEIA DA REPUBLICA	0	0	6	4	2	1	3	5	3	4	4	3	6	1	4	3	10	7	8	3	8	10	8	**103**

ROMANIA - CAMERA DEPUTATILOR	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	10	4	0	2	13	15	**81**
ROMANIA - SENAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	8	2	4	1	9	6	15	3	5	3	14	15	**95**
RUSSIA - COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION	0	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	1	5	0	5	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	**32**
RUSSIA - DUMA	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**5**
SAN MARINO - CONSIGLIO GRANDE E GENERALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
SERBIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	4	3	12	7	5	6	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	**49**
SLOVAKIA - NATIONAL COUNCIL	0	2	4	9	8	12	7	5	6	10	7	19	10	17	21	18	21	31	31	22	18	30	13	**321**
SLOVENIA - DRZAVNI SVET (NATIONAL COUNCIL)	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	4	0	2	2	**21**
SLOVENIA - DRZAVNI ZBOR (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)	0	2	5	1	1	5	1	3	1	8	5	4	2	4	2	5	6	5	2	5	4	5	3	**79**
SPAIN - CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	1	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	1	1	1	4	0	2	1	0	**32**
SPAIN - SENADO	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	4	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	**22**
SWEDEN - RIKSDAG	0	2	3	8	17	11	10	13	16	18	10	18	19	16	5	20	15	21	12	18	23	17	14	**306**
SWITZERLAND - BUNDESVERSAMMLUNG	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	**25**
SWITZERLAND - STÄNDERAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**1**

TÜRKIYE - THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	1	2	4	4	7	5	6	5	4	7	7	5	6	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	**70**
UKRAINE - VERKHOVNA RADA	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	**6**
UNITED KINGDOM - - HOUSE OF COMMONS	0	4	4	0	3	2	4	5	5	6	5	9	5	2	9	5	7	13	5	4	9	2	4	**112**
UNITED KINGDOM - - HOUSE OF LORDS	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	**26**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - CONGRESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	**15**
Total	**10**	**32**	**58**	**96**	**137**	**160**	**174**	**223**	**216**	**223**	**248**	**286**	**299**	**256**	**273**	**290**	**278**	**337**	**335**	**306**	**326**	**350**	**343**	**5255**

Replies to comparative requests

To produce this table a new tool on the ECPRD website was used to provide charts and tables for the activity report. The current version of this tool is only able to collect reply data from 2002 onwards. Previous activity reports also provide data from 2000 and 2001. However, these reports with data from the first years were based on replies by the date of the corresponding request. From 2002 reply dates are based on the date of their publication. This means that data for the first two years of requests are not quite comparable to 2002 to the present day. Future website developments should bear this in mind.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Total	1425	1610	2476	3232	3178	5445	6134	5505	5436	6746	7284	6757	7107	7232	6949	7634	7963	7310	8517	8618	8852	125410
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	13	12	14	15	26	49	71	48	31	41	40	39	23	22	34	36	31	29	117	91	86	868
EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE ASSEMBLY / (ESDA/AWEU) (dissolved June 2011)	1	2	0	0	1	11	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY COUNCIL OF EUROPE - ASSEMBLEE PARLEMENTAIRE DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE	0	2	10	9	3	26	22	11	13	33	77	32	23	20	17	10	12	15	8	4	7	354
ALBANIA - KUVENDI	21	7	12	30	22	38	27	9	12	18	18	23	83	67	77	82	67	55	95	92	100	955
ANDORRA - CONSELL GENERAL	0	0	0	0	20	69	49	55	60	57	83	72	63	27	47	16	35	4	14	5	0	676

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ARMENIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	4	5	18	36	25	36	22	4	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	31	1	12	15	77	**293**
AUSTRIA - PARLAMENT - BUNDESRAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	212	224	262	249	253	217	299	201	**1918**
AUSTRIA - PARLAMENT - NATIONALRAT	48	62	97	112	128	206	204	165	139	254	235	225	223	229	223	270	297	239	261	286	265	**4168**
AZERBAIJAN - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	0	3	0	7	14	6	0	2	4	4	15	11	6	21	8	7	0	0	0	**108**
BELGIUM - CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS	44	53	77	112	100	164	168	158	147	218	199	183	164	184	173	143	129	139	210	261	260	**3286**
BELGIUM - SENAT	74	60	69	104	100	143	177	169	153	189	197	186	190	184	152	125	112	102	163	238	252	**3140**
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA - PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY -	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	26	5	7	1	5	**55**
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA - PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	6	25	10	51	50	58	53	51	6	15	41	25	36	25	81	81	0	0	0	1	0	**614**
BULGARIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	14	43	50	56	8	78	98	124	92	67	37	45	39	18	32	34	12	92	187	182	197	**1507**
CANADA - LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	39	72	86	105	93	108	83	96	99	97	101	130	107	115	**1332**
CROATIA - HRVATSKI SABOR	45	29	56	65	58	101	80	91	84	91	105	125	182	182	175	207	232	198	212	226	224	**2593**
CYPRUS - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	25	15	45	37	43	109	138	92	126	159	175	162	131	81	61	27	15	32	92	174	142	**1881**

Country - Institution																						Total
CZECHIA - CHANCELLORY OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES	24	27	57	79	46	136	128	130	117	123	149	143	142	165	162	199	212	176	213	217	191	**2826**
CZECHIA - SENAT	13	16	35	41	33	50	48	40	37	40	36	45	11	25	51	28	9	7	2	1	1	**605**
DENMARK - FOLKETINGET	46	57	80	120	125	219	224	174	171	219	221	194	197	236	184	203	180	100	109	89	125	**3273**
ESTONIA - RIIGIKOGU	36	50	90	116	112	155	169	169	160	189	202	188	193	199	198	230	250	225	249	257	261	**3698**
FINLAND - EDUSKUNTA	54	65	104	117	126	195	210	187	179	211	230	195	206	216	214	261	257	239	277	280	273	**4096**
FRANCE - ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE	56	49	69	68	21	79	270	155	151	222	249	210	221	233	214	269	255	248	201	275	273	**3788**
FRANCE - SENAT	11	9	10	18	12	32	20	14	17	14	18	55	37	50	54	35	32	42	96	244	261	**1081**
GEORGIA - PARLIAMENT	28	27	52	59	48	76	71	50	84	63	37	52	73	55	67	68	62	46	103	64	86	**1271**
GERMANY - BUNDESRAT	36	34	44	68	47	63	185	160	147	174	183	203	218	211	214	274	286	253	272	289	271	**3632**
GERMANY - BUNDESTAG	28	42	58	32	121	254	265	211	183	227	240	215	229	282	264	351	352	307	376	300	275	**4612**
GREECE - VOULI TON ELLINON	28	42	56	89	75	114	140	149	161	192	204	185	198	195	185	234	242	212	240	221	209	**3371**
HUNGARY - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	11	7	14	20	23	29	97	114	128	165	168	168	184	191	196	229	246	215	222	248	247	**2922**
ICELAND - ALTHINGI	19	15	25	60	32	58	57	64	67	72	81	65	66	59	72	66	60	66	37	85	35	**1161**
IRELAND - HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS	18	12	5	11	21	67	40	59	63	55	54	63	61	66	116	109	112	132	145	120	126	**1455**

ISRAEL - KNESSET	0	0	0	48	46	38	48	52	36	64	64	67	56	46	56	66	69	93	120	95	99	**1163**
ITALY - CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI	38	31	63	91	107	182	187	186	190	228	215	184	154	144	71	23	94	109	90	71	94	**2552**
ITALY - SENATO DELLA REPUBBLICA	53	47	78	89	106	163	191	157	166	226	214	192	173	143	47	15	96	102	107	76	61	**2502**
JORDAN - REPRESENTATIVES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	7	3	1	**36**
LATVIA - LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS SAEIMA	24	43	71	94	79	87	98	89	115	138	156	158	151	145	141	169	252	197	233	244	244	**2928**
LIECHTENSTEIN - LANDTAG DES FÜRSTENTUMS LIECHTENSTEIN	0	0	1	0	8	9	27	14	17	8	6	3	7	2	4	1	5	2	1	6	2	**123**
LITHUANIA - SEIMAS	17	29	63	86	87	101	153	141	150	172	194	180	192	179	179	211	227	200	237	241	243	**3282**
LUXEMBOURG - CHAMBRE DES DEPUTES	3	6	21	22	12	48	41	42	23	77	97	110	133	104	83	125	120	79	132	143	124	**1554**
MALTA - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4	3	0	2	1	4	2	1	3	0	**36**
MOLDOVA - PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	7	4	17	2	15	16	14	4	44	71	40	12	33	54	26	16	9	33	36	44	33	**530**
MONTENEGRO - PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	78	72	77	77	77	97	68	58	42	34	107	**828**
MOROCCO - CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
NETHERLANDS - EERSTE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL	3	32	14	15	7	40	79	73	55	48	138	149	189	210	164	0	8	8	17	2	15	**1266**

NETHERLANDS - TWEEDE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL	37	45	27	50	81	170	198	121	135	191	189	160	165	166	176	185	156	152	167	188	202	**2961**
NORTH MACEDONIA - SOBRANIE	12	23	55	66	54	83	80	83	78	77	79	26	29	38	70	93	74	23	31	68	108	**1250**
NORWAY - STORTINGET	14	24	33	63	57	87	118	118	89	120	136	116	117	99	103	130	131	162	183	152	161	**2213**
POLAND - SEJM	25	46	86	114	114	150	174	161	155	187	191	179	189	195	183	226	259	231	155	106	192	**3318**
POLAND - SENAT	30	35	25	65	41	63	68	47	59	71	69	141	189	202	145	232	249	183	221	248	247	**2630**
PORTUGAL - ASSEMBLEIA DA REPUBLICA	31	53	83	93	87	141	143	162	146	187	201	186	203	193	182	217	237	208	236	251	247	**3487**
ROMANIA - CAMERA DEPUTATILOR	8	14	21	18	44	118	149	147	126	158	144	152	157	149	131	168	98	132	171	169	217	**2491**
ROMANIA - CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**16**
ROMANIA - SENAT	3	3	1	0	10	63	45	7	17	30	30	29	43	60	66	36	24	37	113	97	106	**820**
RUSSIA - COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION	8	11	20	26	7	40	37	29	35	24	56	85	77	58	29	11	6	0	1	2	0	**562**
RUSSIA - DUMA	2	7	32	33	45	56	41	32	34	32	28	22	10	6	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	**383**
SAN MARINO - CONSIGLIO GRANDE E GENERALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	38	36	45	23	7	**166**
SERBIA - NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	0	0	0	0	27	85	76	53	66	42	58	71	88	76	88	84	46	47	24	15	5	**951**
SLOVAKIA - NATIONAL COUNCIL	25	39	89	105	104	141	162	150	140	171	179	162	175	193	180	213	216	190	222	233	232	**3321**

SLOVENIA - DRZAVNI SVET (NATIONAL COUNCIL)	17	3	15	15	8	12	5	10	11	24	7	16	8	18	83	53	68	160	254	111	111	**1009**
SLOVENIA - DRZAVNI ZBOR (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)	28	33	62	81	81	89	96	143	125	127	168	139	160	161	166	169	184	148	217	242	226	**2845**
SPAIN - CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS	26	18	50	49	56	94	66	103	114	190	221	185	204	201	176	242	272	245	256	247	244	**3259**
SPAIN - SENADO	56	56	89	56	42	68	64	75	91	110	61	77	78	79	56	83	67	67	29	29	27	**1360**
SWEDEN - RIKSDAG	76	63	89	109	119	172	195	158	175	210	222	202	213	218	206	267	271	239	253	269	267	**3993**
SWITZERLAND - BUNDESVERSAMMLUNG	31	29	52	73	69	97	90	101	84	83	100	97	100	85	85	82	81	115	130	108	99	**1791**
SWITZERLAND - STÄNDERAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	92	**95**
TURKEY - THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	11	27	5	11	36	40	53	62	61	56	52	58	59	41	62	81	82	76	96	76	82	**1127**
UKRAINE - VERKHOVNA RADA	25	25	15	15	7	24	14	5	8	21	26	10	14	13	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	**241**
UNITED KINGDOM - UK PARLIAMENT - HOUSE OF COMMONS	83	67	96	125	147	224	234	200	189	218	220	172	170	203	179	196	246	222	193	169	168	**3721**
UNITED KINGDOM - UK PARLIAMENT - HOUSE OF LORDS	29	30	43	45	17	51	50	15	25	71	177	98	164	136	124	140	268	198	150	139	193	**2163**
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - CONGRESS	0	0	1	45	32	71	86	64	53	79	63	43	7	9	3	4	14	4	80	40	31	**729**
Total 1425	1610	2476	3232	3178	5445	6134	5505	5436	6746	7284	6757	7107	7232	6949	7634	7963	7310	8517	8618	8852	125410	

Final summaries for comparative requests

The number of final summaries is produced manually and not using the new tool for activity reports. This explains the slightly different format. However, the new tool indicates the percentage of requests that were concluded with a final summary.

Country	Chamber	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
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	EP	1	5	7	3	4	3	3	7	5	9	2	2	4	4	2		2	8	12	9	92
Albania	Kuvendi													3				3	21		2	29
Andorra	Consell General																					
Armenia	National Assembly																					
Austria	Parlament	2			1	4		3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	4	1	6	40
Azerbaijan	National Assembly																					
Belgium	Chambre	2	3	1	1		1		1	1	3	1	1		1				1	1	2	20
	Senat				1		1	1	1	3	1	1										9
Bosnia-Herzegovina	House of Represent,				1	1		3					1	1	1	2	4	2	1			17
Bulgaria	National Assembly					1													2			3
Canada	Parliament									1												1
Croatia	Hrvatski Sabor						1	3	1		7	2	6	10		8	2	2	3	5	5	55
Cyprus	House of Represent.													1			1		1			3

Country	Chamber																					Total
Czech Republic	Chamber			3			1		1	3		1		4	6	5				1		**25**
Czech Republic	Senate																			1		**1**
Denmark	Folketinget											1										**1**
Estonia	Riigikogu				1	5	2		3	2		1	1	1			1	1	2	2	1	**23**
Finland	Eduskunta	1			1	1	2	1			1	1		1				1	2	1	1	**14**
France	Assemblee nationale	2		1			1				1	1										**6**
France	Senat													1		2				3		**6**
Georgia	Parliament								1		1	1	1	3	1				1	1	1	**11**
Germany	Bundesrat					1	2			1			1								1	**6**
Germany	Bundestag				1	2	2	4	10	8	2	1	4	18	17	28	1	33	26	23	43	**223**
Greece	Vouli ton Ellinon						1	1	1	3		4		2	2	1	1		3			**19**
Hungary	National Assembly					1	1	1					7	3	5	4	3	4	3	3	2	**37**
Iceland	Althingi																					
Ireland	Oireachtas							4	4	8	3	4	2	1		2		2	10	3	3	**46**
Israel	Knesset					1	3	3	1	4			2	1	3		3	9	10	4	3	**47**
Italy	Camera dei Deputati										1	1								2		**4**
Italy	Senato			1	1	2	2					1										**7**
Latvia	Saeima		1		1							1	2	1								**6**
Liechtenstein	Landtag																					
Lithuania	Seimas						1			1												**2**

Luxembourg	**Chambre**							1					1				1	1		**4**
Malta	**Parliament**																			
Moldova	**Assemblee nationale**			1					7	1		4	5							**18**
Monaco	**National Council**																			
Montenegro	**Parliament**												1					1		**2**
Netherlands	**Eerste Kamer**							1					1							**2**
Netherlands	**Tweede Kamer**	1			1					1		2					1			**6**
North Macedonia	**Assembly**							2	1			1	2		1	2	3	2	3	**17**
Norway	**Stortinget**		1			1			1									1		**4**
Poland	**Sejm**			3	2	5	6	1	1	8	1			1						**28**
Poland	**Senate**			1		1	2	1		3	1	2	2				1	2	2	**18**
Portugal	**Assembleia**					2	2			2		1	1	1	1	2		1		**13**
Romania	**Camera Deputalilor**		2	1	2		4	3	3	1	1						2	10	15	**44**
Romania	**Senat**																	3	4	**7**
Russia	**Duma**																			
Russia	**Federation Council**								2	1	1	1	1	1						**7**
San Marino	**Consiglio Grande**																			
Serbia	**National Assembly**					1	2	1				1								**5**

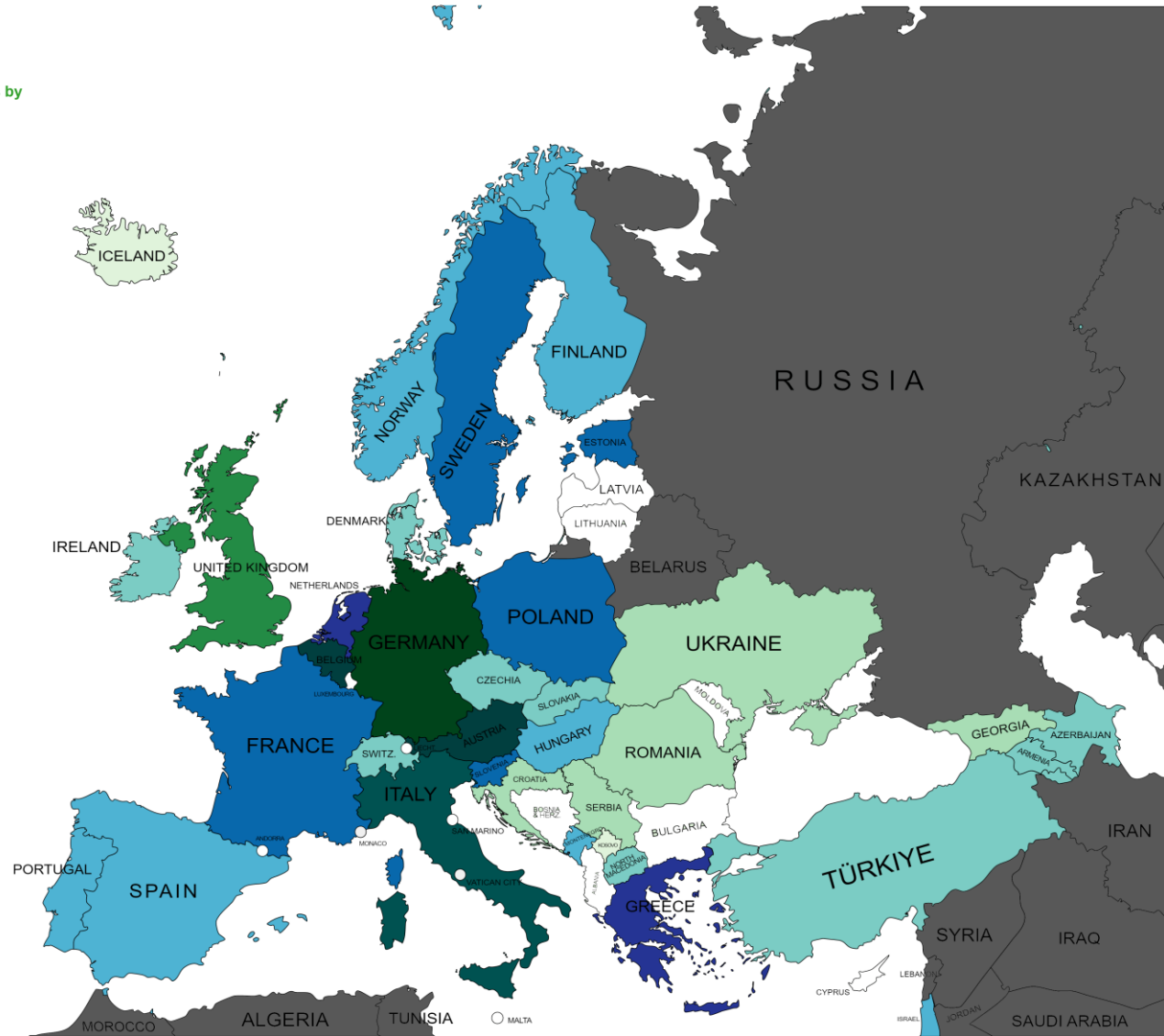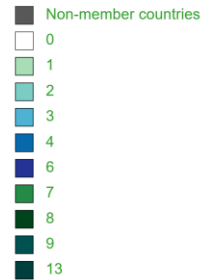| Country	Chamber																					Total
Slovakia	National Council	1	1			2	2			4					1				2	2	2	**17**
Slovenia	National Council											1			1	1		1		1		**5**
Slovenia	National Assembly			2	1	1		3	4	3	2	1	3	3	4	4	2	3	2	5	3	**46**
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Spain	Senado					1	1							1					1			**4**
Sweden	Riksdag		1			3	3	11	5	12	10	9	5	12	8	14	10	12	20	16	11	**162**
Switzerland	Bundesversammlung				1		2	1	1		1		1		1					1	1	**9**
Turkey	National Assembly				2		1	2	2	1	1	1	4		2							**16**
Ukraine	Verkhovna Rada																					
United Kingdom	House of Commons			1	3	5	5	4	4	1		1			2				1	1	1	**29**
United Kingdom	House of Lords						1	1	1		1		1			1						**6**
United States of America	Congress					1		1		2		1				1						**6**
TOTAL		**9**	**13**	**20**	**26**	**38**	**51**	**70**	**61**	**80**	**71**	**47**	**55**	**82**	**80**	**86**	**39**	**79**	**134**	**110**	**126**	**1277**

Appendix 3 - Attendance at ECPRD Seminars 2021 – May 2023

Webinar 'Parliaments and the General Data Protection regulation' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Vienna (On the Web), Nationalrat and Bundesrat - 18 January 2021	65
Webinar, ICT in Parliaments 'Electronic Signatures and Seals' Area of Interest Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments Brussels (on the web), European Parliament - 15 March 2021	60
Webinar 'Parliamentary involvement in the definition of the National Recovery plans' Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs (EBA) Rome (on the web), Camera dei deputati - 23 April 2021	80
Webinar, Parliaments on the Net 2021- 'Online communications and adapting parliamentary communications during the pandemic' Area of Interest Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments Helsinki, Eduskunta (On the Web) - 3 June 2021	92
Webinar 'A year of Hope and Transition' Area of Interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives (LRA) Brussels (on the web), European Parliament - 1 - 3 June 2021	90
Webinar 'Parliaments and the General Data Protection regulation' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Vienna (On the Web), Nationalrat - 14 June 2021	30
Webinar 'How to strengthen parliamentary control over budget processes' Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs (EBA) Podgorica (on the web), Parliament of Montenegro -08 July 2021	70
Webinar 'Democracy without shortcuts - an exchange with political philosopher Cristina Lafont' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Vienna (on the web), Nationalrat - 02 November 2021	30
Webinar 'What procedural changes introduced because of Covid will be retained in your parliament once the pandemic is over?' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) London (on the web), House of Commons - 16 December 2021	60
Webinar - Mainstreaming EU Affairs in parliamentary administrations' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Vienna (on the web), Nationalrat - 21 February 2022	50
Webinar - ICT in Parliaments -"Fit for a rapid changing IT environment – How to involve staff Area of Interest Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments Jerusalem (on the web) Knesset - 28 March 2022	51
Webinar 'Parliamentary involvement in the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans' Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs (EBA) Rome (on the web), Camera dei Deputati - 18 May 2022	60

Seminar - hybrid Event - 'EPRS Seminar 2022 - Parliamentary research enters a new age: foresight, strategy and innovation' Area of Interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives (LRA) Brussels (hybrid), European Parliament - 23 June 2022	64
Seminar 'Budgetary sovereignty of parliaments' Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs (EBA) Berlin, Bundesrat - 30 June - 01 July 2022	41
Webinar 'Parliaments and whistleblowing directive' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Brussels (on the web), Chambre des Representants - 06 October 2022	26
Webinar 'Parliaments and the General Data Protection' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Vienna (on the web), Nationalrat - 07 November 2022	30
Webinar 'Parliamentary coordination committees' Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Vienna (on the web), Nationalrat - 12 December 2022	38
Webinar - upholding the rule of law and the role of parliamentary administrations Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Athens (on the web) Vouli Ton Ellinon- 30 January 2023	36
ICT Seminar 2023 -Safety and Security- Area of Interest Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments The Hague - Tweede Kamer Der Staten-Generaal - 16-17 March 2023	65
Seminar - Parliamentary Research Services – Interfaces and Circles of Influence Area of interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives (LRA) Jerusalem - Knesset- 22/-23 March 2023	54
Seminar - Parliaments and Citizens' Assemblies Area of interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure (PPP) Brussels - Belgian Chambre des Representants and Senate- 27 March 2023	52
Total	**1144**

venues of ECPRD 2007-2023

Number of ECPRD events by countries, 2007 - 2023

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Type of ECPRD events by countries, 2007 - 2023

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- Seminar (S)
- Annual Conference (A)
- Executive Committee (E) + S
- A + S
- A + E
- A + E + S

PACE & EP: A + E + S

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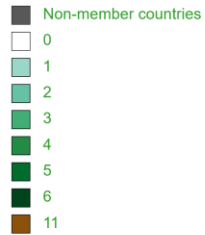
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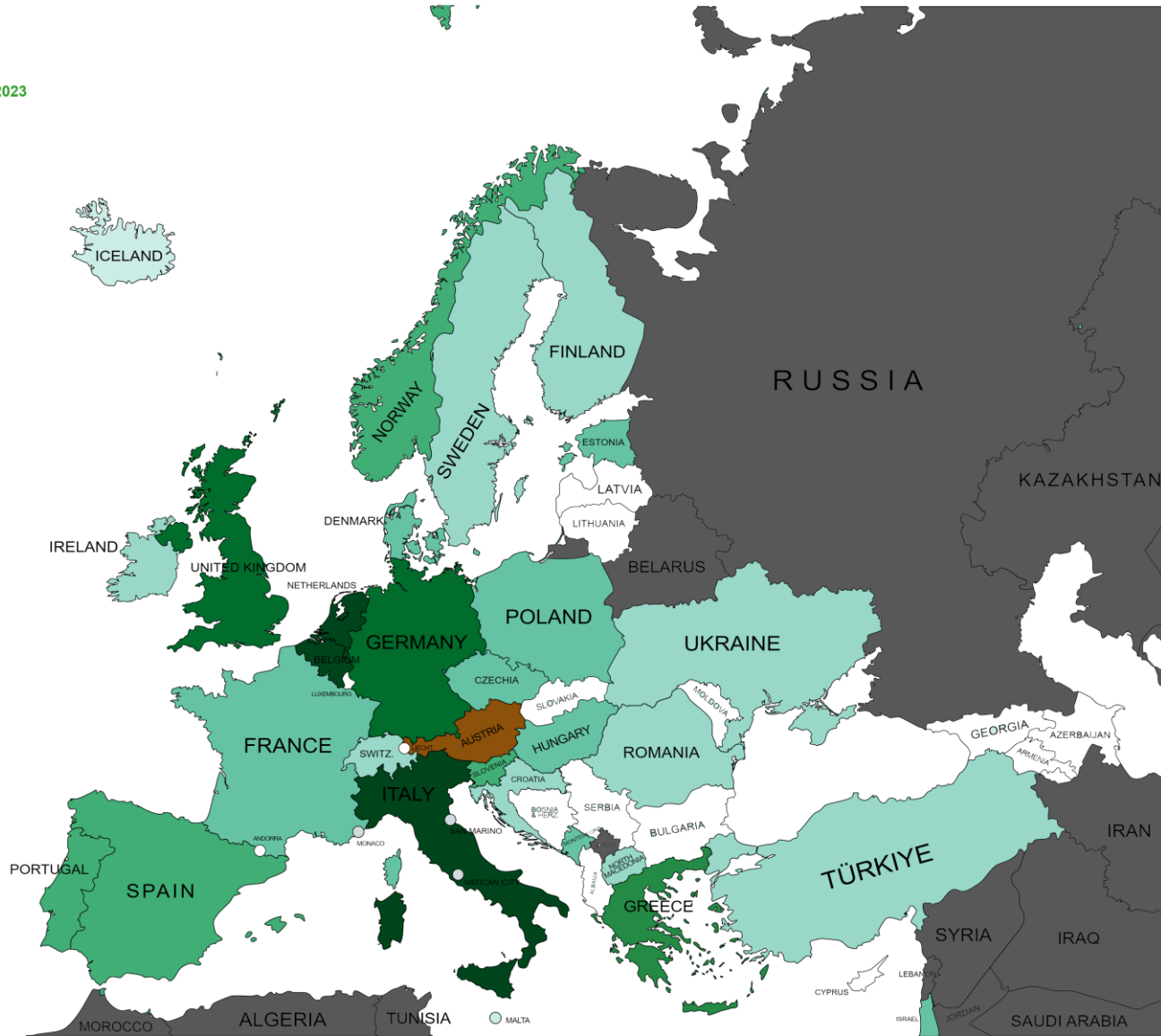
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**ECPRD Executive Committees, 2007 - 2023
(Last year)**

- ⬛ Non-member countries
- ⬜ No events
- ⬛ 2023
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- ⬛ 2019
- ⬛ 2018
- ⬛ 2017
- ⬛ 2016
- ⬛ 2015
- ⬛ 2014
- ⬛ 2011

EP: Remote meetings in 2020 (2), 2021 (3), 2022 (3) and 2023 (2)

PACE: Remote meeting in 2020 (1)

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ECPRD Annual Conferences 2007 - 2024

- ■ Non-member counties
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- ■ 2024
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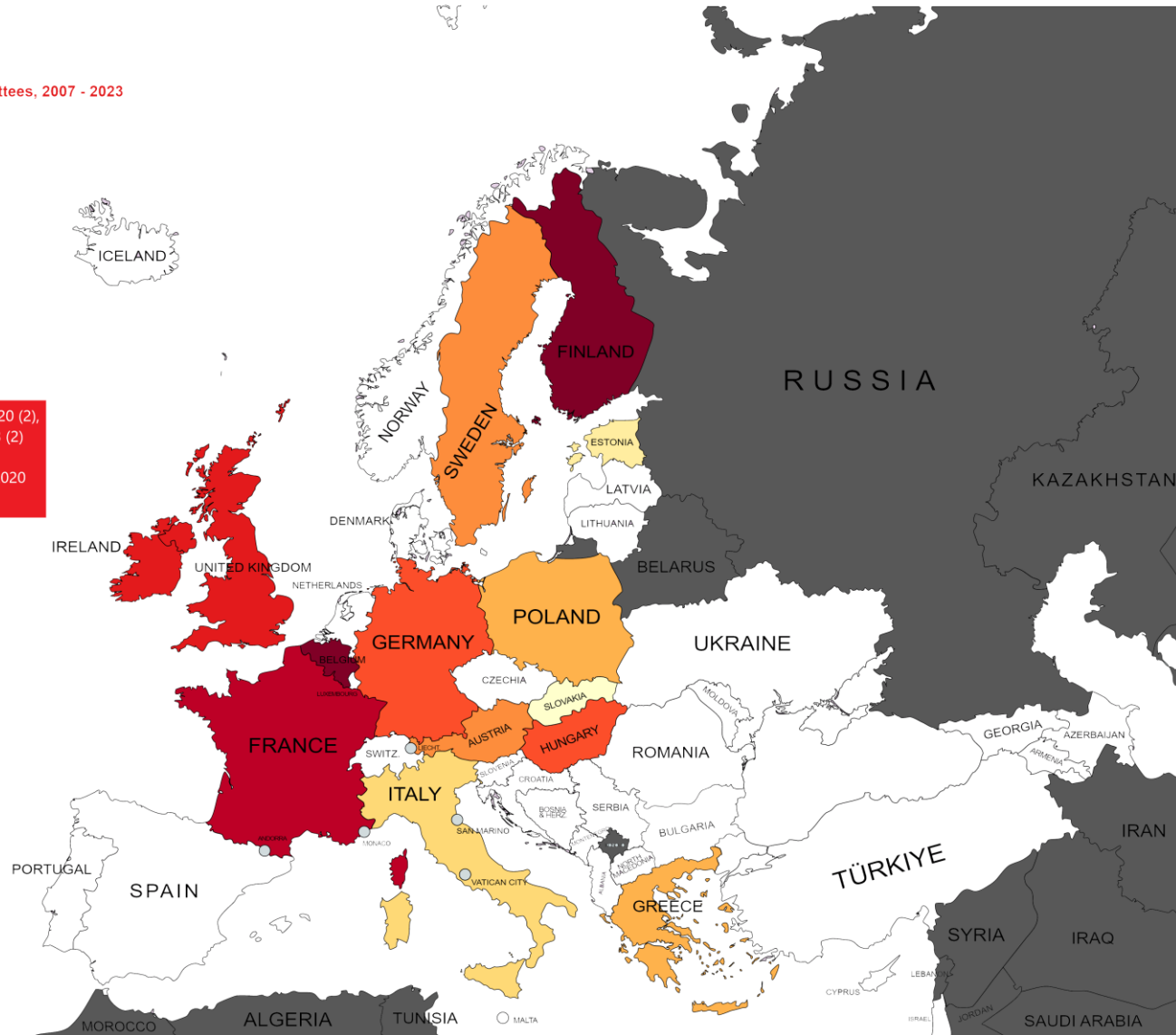- ■ 2009

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