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1. Introduction by the Co-Directors

On 1 September 2024, the European Parliament has appointed Ms Leticia Zuleta de Reales Ansaldo as the new ECPRD Co-Director for the European Parliament replacing Mr Jesus Gomez.

This transition in leadership coincides with a dynamic period, as the network continues to serve as a vital platform for the exchange of information and insights on today's most pressing political issues. Topics such as upholding the rule of law, combating disinformation, fostering citizen participation, and the digitalization of politics and parliaments are actively explored and discussed within the network.

In an era where the need for exchange, cooperation, and mutual learning is increasing, the ECPRD stands out as a successful model, largely thanks to the dedication and professionalism of correspondents in each national parliament. 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.

Between January 2023 and December 2024, 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.

Between January 2023 and December 2024 ECPRD member parliaments submitted 676 comparative requests to the network, which resulted in a high amount of 19197 replies.

Since January 2023, new key themes have emerged in ECPRD network requests, notably focusing on artificial intelligence (AI) and its applications in parliamentary processes, such as real-time translation, generative AI for reports, regulatory frameworks, and chatbot guidelines. Other prevalent topics include transparency and access to information, security of parliamentary infrastructures and public officials, environmental protection, health monitoring, social rights, and policies, as well as technological innovation in parliamentary management and data visualization. These themes highlight a growing concern for integrating new technologies, ensuring transparency, and protecting rights within European parliaments.

After several years of exponential growth in the number of requests within the network, which placed significant pressure on the parliamentary correspondents responsible for responding, 2024 saw a welcome decrease in requests. This decline is likely due to the awareness-raising efforts conducted throughout the year as part of the updated guidelines aimed at improving the quality of requests within the network.

Online requests

To enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of information exchange within the ECPRD network, a new online request procedure has been introduced in 2022. This innovative approach serves as an alternative to the traditional method of creating requests by uploading a document. Instead, it utilises an online form for launching and answering to ECPRD requests, making the data easily searchable and analysable. By consolidating all information in a centralised ECPRD Knowledge Base, this new system leverages advanced data analytics to identify patterns, trends, and insights, thereby supporting more informed decision-making. Despite initial resistance to change, we urge correspondents to adopt this new method, as it promises significant benefits in terms of speed, convenience, and the ability to harness modern technologies like Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence. Notably, in 2024, we have simplified the process to encourage broader usage, removing unnecessary complexities and facilitating a smoother transition. We are confident that embracing this new procedure will profoundly enhance our collaborative efforts and the overall functionality of the ECPRD network.

Final summaries

Final summaries that analyse responses to ECPRD requests are the most effective way to showcase and share the vast amount of information circulating within the network. For some time, efforts have been made to encourage the drafting of these final summaries. In this context, the 2020 update of the ECPRD website introduced changes to the correspondents' dashboard, prompting them to submit final summaries and increasing their visibility on the platform. As a result, the rate of published final summaries rose significantly in 2020, with 41% of requests resulting in the publication of analysis (compared to 16% in 2019 and 11.3% in 2018).

However, this rate dropped to 31% in 2021. A slight rebound occurred in 2022 with 38%, and this positive trend was confirmed in 2023, reaching 44.5%. Unfortunately, the trend appears to have reversed in 2024, with only 37.9% of final summaries published.

Statutory meetings

Since January 2023, ECPRD activities have returned to normal after three years heavily influenced by the evolution of the Covid pandemic. While some new working methods adopted in response to the pandemic have persisted, including occasional virtual meetings, the desire to meet face-to-face to strengthen the personal ties specific to our network prevailed in 2024.

In 2023 and 2024, we continued the practice of holding three executive committee meetings—two virtual and one in-person. The main objective of these meetings was to prepare for the Annual Conferences. The Executive Committee also finalised a review of the ECPRD's updated guidelines for making requests to improve the quality of requests and replies, reduce the increasing number of requests, and update and disseminate new guidelines for organising seminars and webinars. These efforts aim to encourage more chambers to host ECPRD meetings, thereby facilitating more exchanges and sharing of experiences among parliamentary administrations. Another focus was on the openness and transparency of data collected within the ECPRD network.

On 19-20 October 2023, the Annual Conference was hosted in London, by the UK House of Commons. The preconference focused on the topic of parliaments engaging with the public

and academics. The Annual Conference itself provided an opportunity for in-depth discussions on how to improve ECPRD requests and the ECPRD Area of Interest methodology.

On 14-15 November 2024, The Annual Conference was hosted in Dublin by the Houses of the Oireachtas. Key objectives included discussing the role of Artificial Intelligence in parliamentary contexts, finalising updated guidelines for comparative requests and seminars. Additionally, it featured a presentation on the revamped ECPRD website and parallel discussions on data openness and transparency across the network, as well as the impact of AI on Areas of Interest.

Seminars

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.

The 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.

From January 2023 to December 2024, the organisation of seminars and webinars returned to normal after the pandemic period, alternating between in-person and virtual meetings. A total of 877 participants attended all the events organised by the network. 617 attended the eleven in person events, while 260 joined the five webinars.

This period seminars and webinars facilitated the sharing of best practices, exploration of technological innovations, and strengthening of institutional capacities through in-depth discussions and interactive exchanges. These activities demonstrated the network's commitment to fostering collaborative learning and innovation among European parliaments, addressing contemporary challenges.

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.

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 ECPRD correspondents to facilitate these arrangements. The ECPRD is a network that needs a continuous commitment of all.

The ECPRD website

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, particularly their correspondents, the four ECPRD coordinators, and the ECPRD itself.

With the support and contribution of the European Parliament, the ECPRD website is regularly updated to facilitate the work of correspondents and improve the ECPRD's efficiency. However, the website, created in 2007, has become outdated and no longer meets the evolving needs of the network.

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

In 2024, a significant effort to modernise the website was undertaken to update procedures, provide a more modern, efficient, and interactive layout, and meet increasingly complex security requirements. This modernisation process completed and financed by the European Parliament, involved several workshops to gather user feedback and ensure the new website meets the needs of its users with the aim to present the draft project at the Annual Conference in November 2024.

The updated website will enhance the network's ability to share information, support the work of correspondents, and maintain the ECPRD's position as a central repository of parliamentary knowledge. This modernisation is essential for the network's continued success and relevance in an ever-changing digital landscape.

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2. Organisation

Co-Directors

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Leticia Zuleta de Reales Ansaldo, European Parliament (since 1 September 2024)
Valérie Clamer, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (since July 2021)

Co-Secretaries

Christine Detourbet, European Parliament (since January 2020)
Agathe Dubourg, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (since July 2022)

Executive Committee

Zlatko Atanasov, Sobranie, North Macedonia (from October 2018 to October 2024)
Nuno Amorim, Assembleia da Republica, Portugal (from October 2024)
Charlotte Cousins, Houses of the Oireachtas, Ireland (From October 2018 to October 2024)
Richard Cracknell, House of Commons, United Kingdom (from October 2017 to November 2023)
Alfonso Cuenca Miranda Congreso de Los Diputados, Spain (from November 2021 to February 2024)
Andrej Erar, Drzavni Zbor, Slovenia (from October 2024)
Annibale Ferrari, Camera dei deputati, Italy (from October 2024)
Tanja Nurmi, Eduskunta, Finland (Since November 2021)
Patrick Vollmer, House of Lords, United Kingdom (Since November 2023)

ECPRD Coordinators of Areas of Interest

Economic and Budgetary Affairs

Paola Bonacci, Camera dei Deputati, Italy (Since 2011)

ICT in Parliaments

Frode Rein, Stortinget, Norway (Since July 2022)

Libraries, Research Services and Archives

Ida Kelemen, National Assembly, Hungary (Since 2017)

Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Christoph Konrath, Parliament, Austria (Since 2017)

ECPRD Website

IT Project Manager:

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 unbureaucratic 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. 66 correspondents and 68 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, 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 secretariat and IT expenses are 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 January 2023 – December 2024

4.1 The evolution of comparative requests

Requests

Between January 2023 and December 2024, ECPRD correspondents submitted a total of 676 requests to the network.

The milestone of 300 requests per year was first reached in 2017, with a peak of 356 requests in 2021, largely driven by the need to exchange information in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2023, the number of requests surged to an all-time high of 388.

This sharp rise in comparative requests within the ECPRD is undoubtedly a sign of the network's success and reflects the strong reliance parliaments place on the quality of the information exchange we provide.

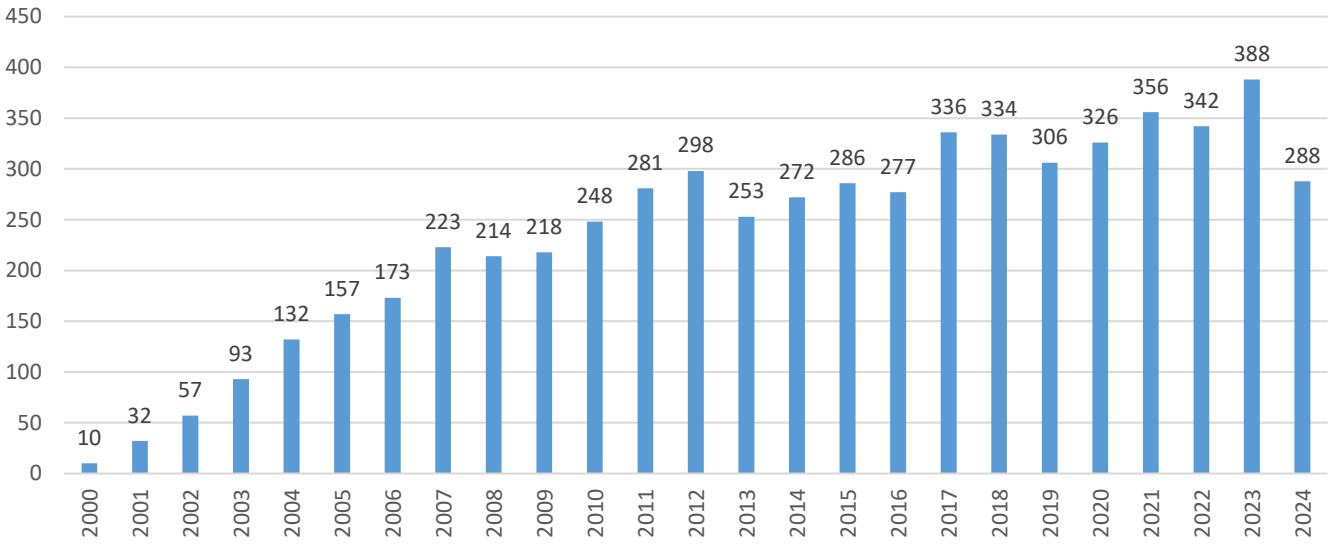
However, the growing volume of requests has increasingly burdened many correspondents, potentially threatening the system's overall efficiency. Each request adds to an already significant workload for correspondents and parliamentary experts, who are tasked with providing high-quality responses to often complex topics.

It is also important to note that the requests submitted through the ECPRD website are just part of the picture. ECPRD member parliaments engage in numerous bilateral exchanges on specific topics as well.

This is why a concerted effort was made to raise awareness among member parliaments to consider the workload of their colleagues when submitting requests. To support this, new guidelines were approved to streamline the information requests being submitted.

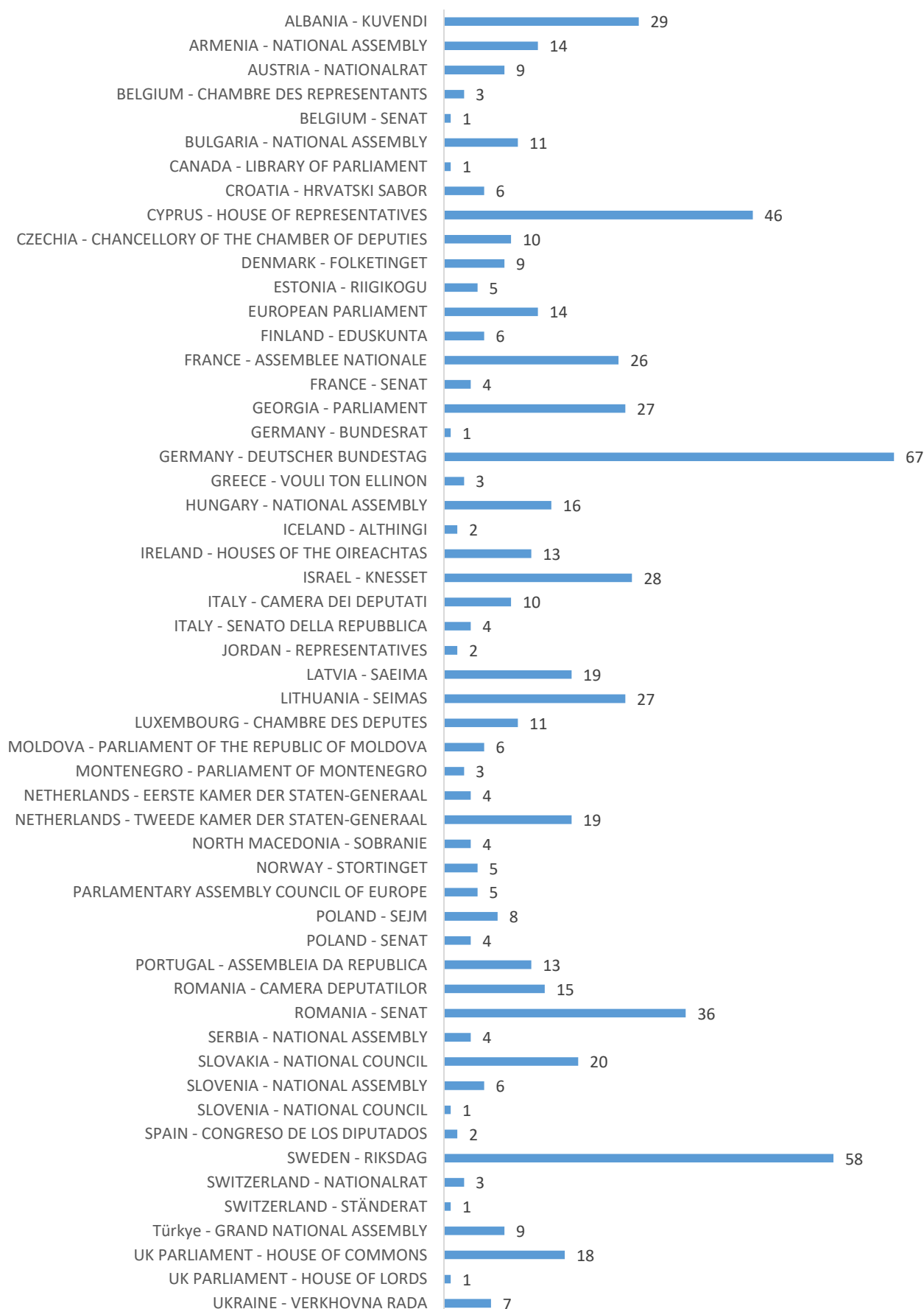
This initiative appears to have yielded positive results in 2024, with a total of 288 requests submitted, indicating a more sustainable workload and a more efficient network.

ECPRD COMPARATIVE REQUESTS
2000 - 2024



ECPRD REQUESTS BY CHAMBERS

January 2023 - December 2024



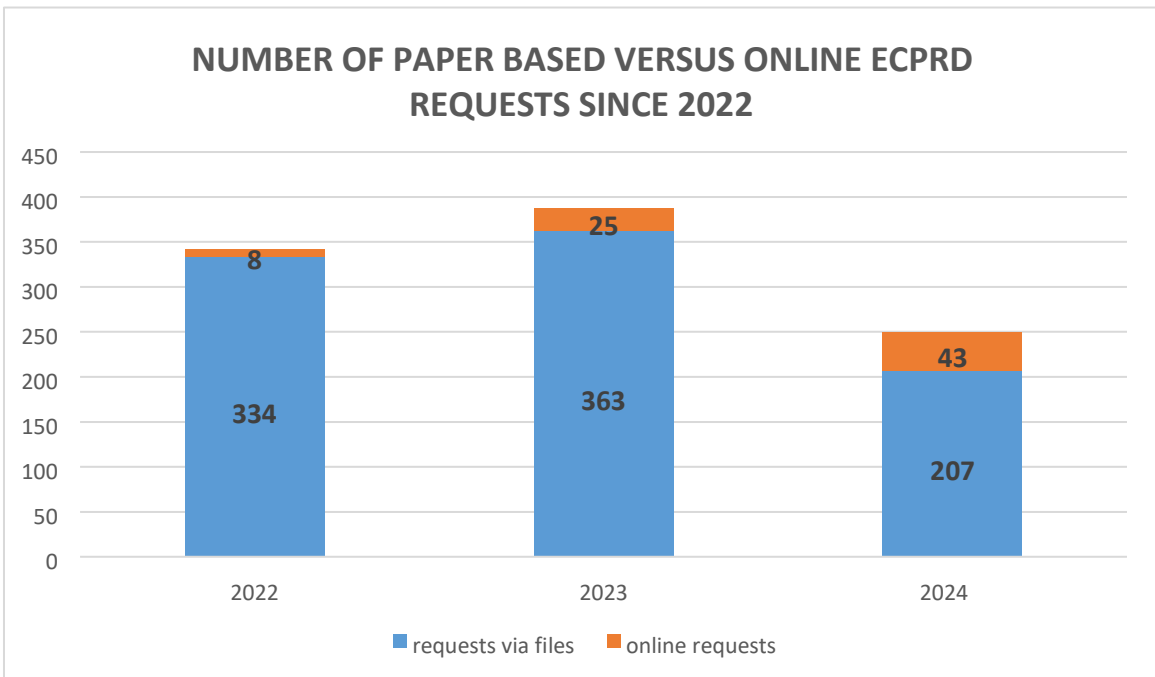
Online requests

During the 2022 Annual Conference in Yerevan, a new "Online Survey" functionality of the ECPRD website was introduced. This update allowed for ECPRD requests to be launched either in the traditional document-based form or through online surveys. The online survey format was to offer several advantages, such as direct online responses, the ability to compare and reuse individual questions, and streamlined data management.

In 2023, the Annual Conference in London saw the presentation of an updated version of the online request procedure. This version emphasized transforming data into a structured format for better accessibility and processing, aiming to enhance data analytics and the efficient use of information. Despite these improvements, only 6,9% of requests were made online in 2023. The traditional method remains popular due to its familiarity and ease of use.

In 2024, despite these efforts, the number of online requests remains too low (17%). Users are encouraged to adopt this modern procedure to fully benefit from advanced technologies like Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, which offer significant advantages in data exploration.

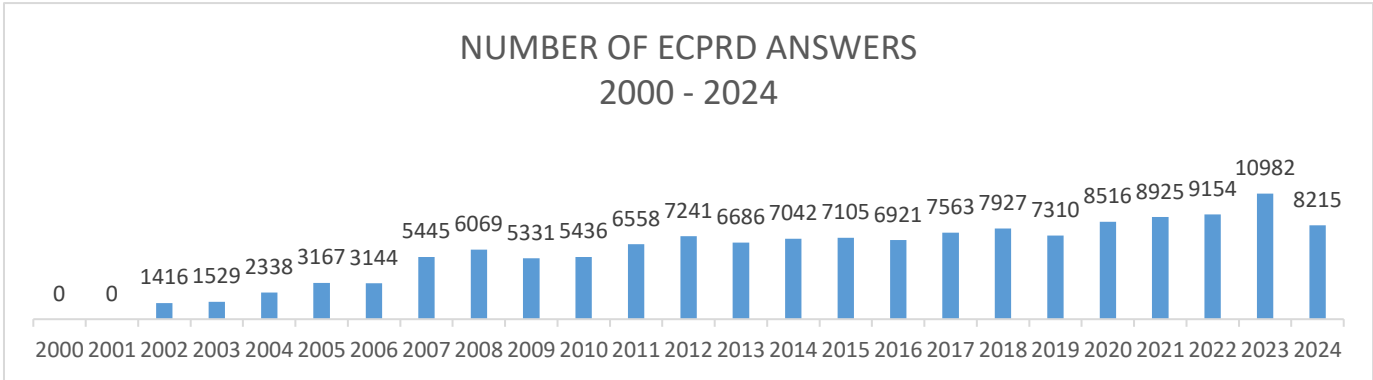
Furthermore, it has to be noted that the new ECPRD website in construction will only support online requests, eliminating the PDF or Word options



Replies to requests

Parliaments provided 19197 answers to ECPRD requests between January 2023 and December 2024. The evolution of the replies follows the trend indicated by the requests. The year 2023 ended with an historical rate of 10982 replies made by parliaments, which is the highest number in the history of ECPRD. In 2024, the Parliaments provided 8215 replies.

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.



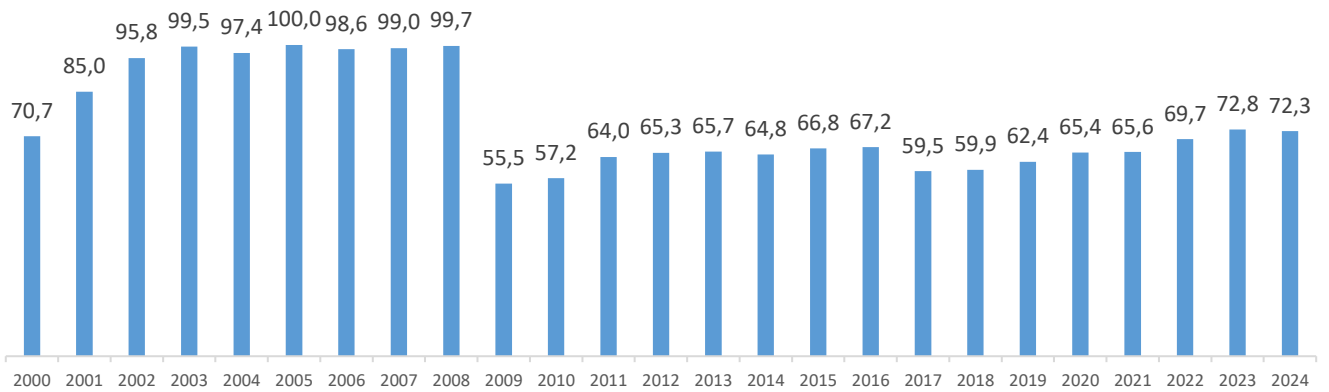
NB: The figures have to be seen in the context of the request itself. Not all requests go to all parliaments. To opt for a selected target group in order to avoid unnecessary work has been the key message repeated at successive ECPRD conferences. It means that some parliaments receive more requests to 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 noteworthy that while the response rate dropped significantly in 2017 as the number of requests surged, it began to rise again in 2018, reaching a peak in 2023. This contradicts the assumption that the response rate inevitably declines as the number of requests increases. Instead, it highlights the dedication and commitment of the correspondents, who remain deeply invested in the network’s values of information sharing, despite the growing demands on their workload.

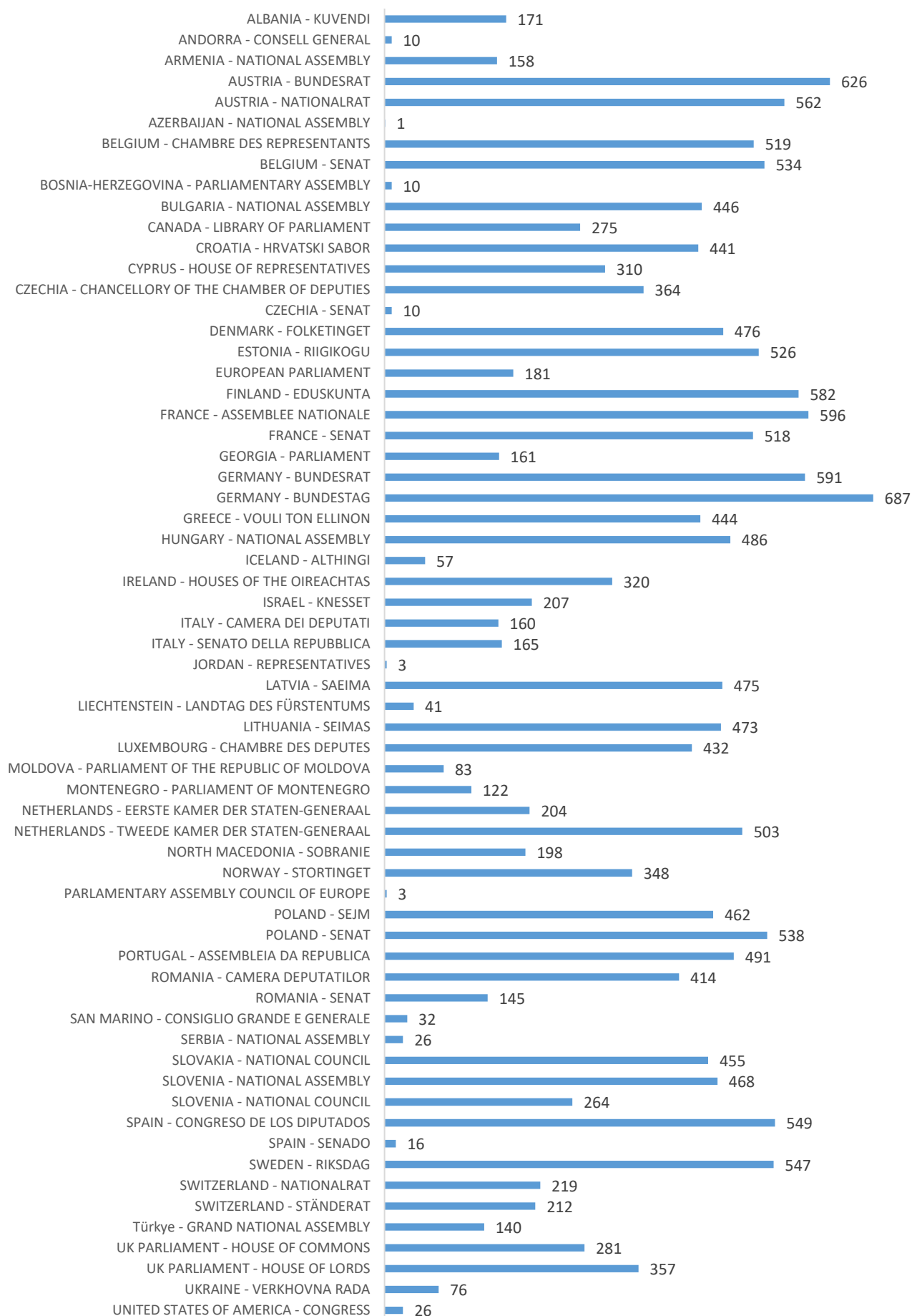
The reply rate has fluctuated between 65.6% in 2021, 69.7% in 2022, 72.8% in 2023 and 72.3% in 2024. The median response rate of 70% during this period remains impressively high, even when the number of requests had continued to grow. This sustained level of engagement underscores the critical role of human capital in maintaining the efficiency and effectiveness of the ECPRD network.

REPLY RATE TO ECPRD REQUESTS 2000 - 2024



NUMBER OF REPLIES BY CHAMBERS

2023 - 2024

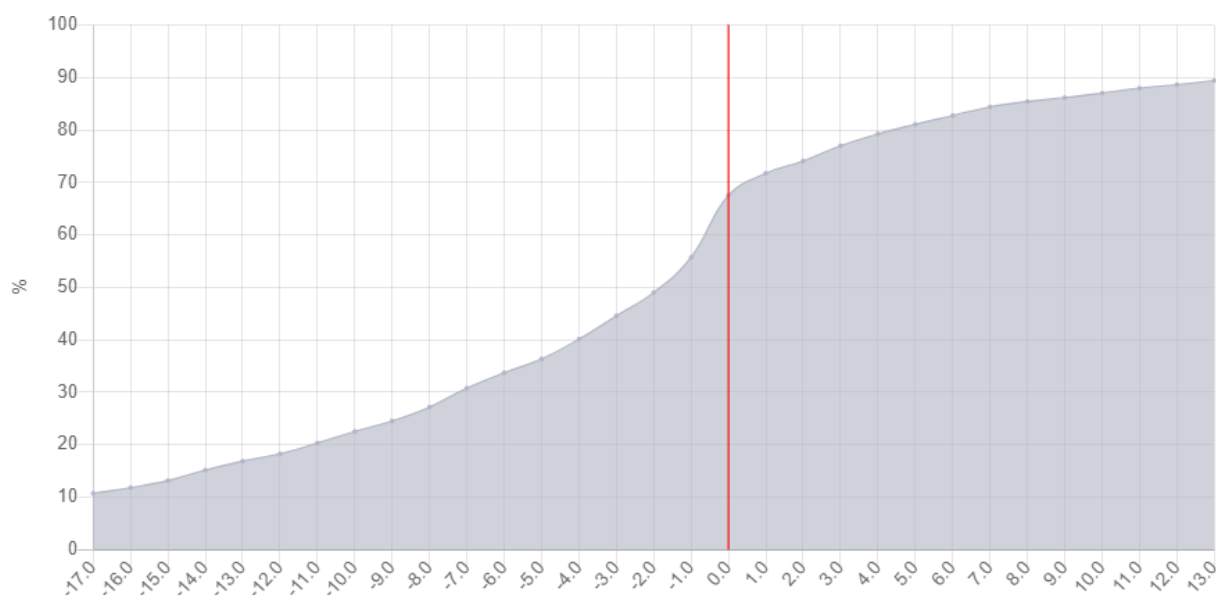


Meet the deadline

Statistics show that nearly 70.7% of replies are submitted before the deadline set by the requesting parliament during the period under review. This figure is significant as it helps gauge the amount of information available when the final report for the end client is being prepared. More reassuringly, 82.7% of contributions arrive within five days after the deadline, and are likely still useful for the final version—especially when the extra days include a weekend.

That said, some chambers face particular pressure to respond on time due to the high volume of requests they receive. The issue of short deadlines was addressed with the adoption of new ECPRD guidelines, which aim to extend the requested response times. These changes are intended to ease the growing pressure on correspondents, ensuring they have adequate time to provide thorough and high-quality responses.

ECPRD REQUESTS BY DEADLINE
2023 - 2024



Subjects

Since January 2023, several major themes have emerged among the requests submitted within the ECPRD network. Here is an overview of the main trends:

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a current field that generates great interest. Several requests focus on various aspects of AI, including:

- The use of AI for simultaneous translation in parliamentary debates: One request explores how AI can improve the quality and efficiency of real-time translations during parliamentary sessions.
- The use of generative AI tools for parliamentary reports: This

request examines how generative AI technologies can be integrated into the processes of creating parliamentary reports and documentation.

- Regulations and legislation on AI: Various requests focus on the legislative and regulatory frameworks governing the use of artificial intelligence in different contexts.
- Chatbots within Parliament: A request discusses guidelines for the use of chatbots in parliamentary environments to improve interaction and administrative efficiency.

Other Current Issues

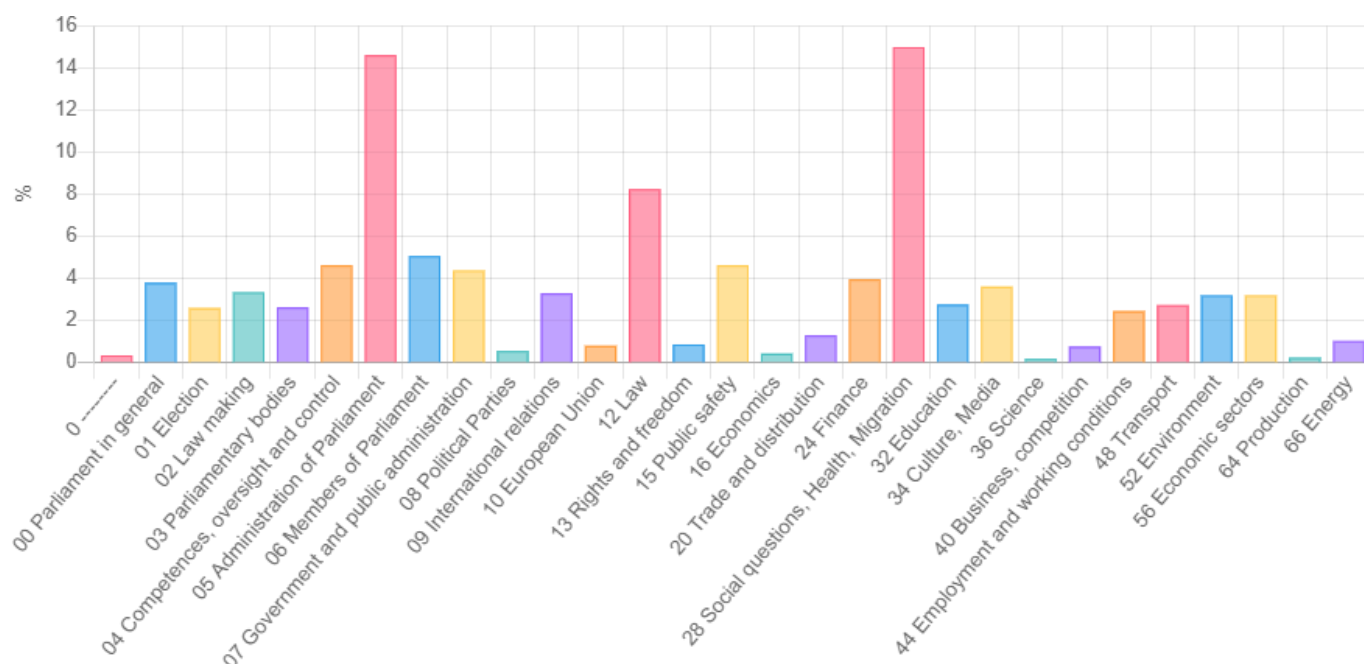
In addition to AI, several other current topics have been frequently addressed in the requests:

- Transparency and Access to Information: Requests regarding the information systems used in plenary sessions, the transparency of collected data, and the rights of data subjects according to the GDPR.
- Security and Protection Themes concerning the security of parliamentary infrastructures, the protection of high-ranking public officials, and the security of Jewish communities and places of worship.
- Environmental Protection and Health: Requests on the management of municipal waste, regulations on air quality, and the monitoring of occupational diseases.
- Social Rights and Policies: Various requests on child protection, workers' rights, and social assistance for Ukrainian refugees.
- Technologies and Innovation: Interest in parliamentary file management systems, digital archiving, and the use of data visualization within parliaments.

These themes show a growing concern for the integration of new technologies, transparency, and the protection of rights in the parliamentary context. The emphasis on AI and data transparency reflects current trends and the challenges faced by European parliaments.

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 2023 - 2024



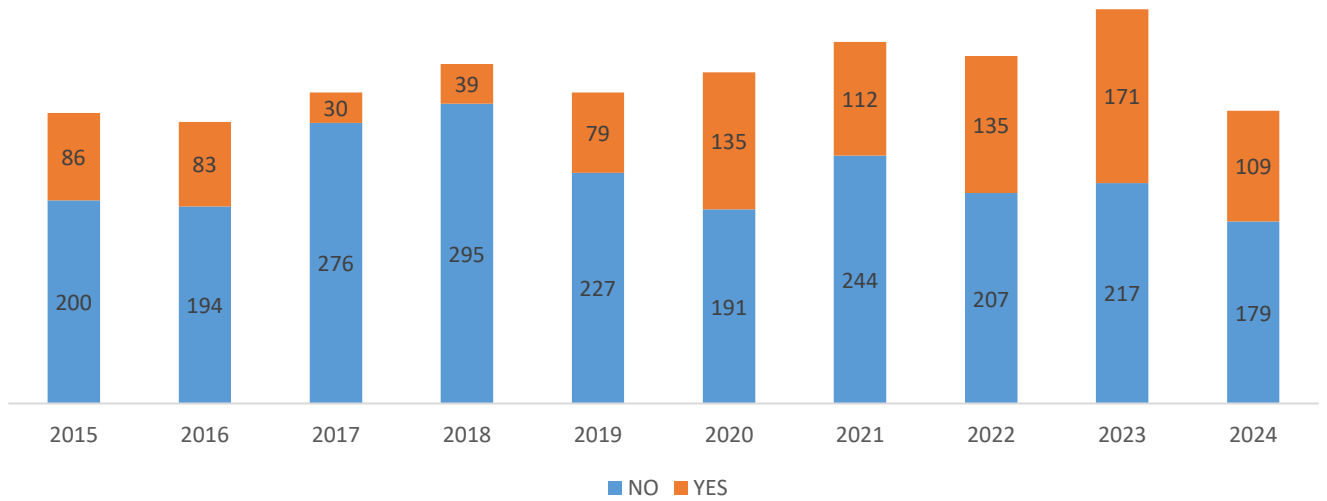
Final summaries

Final summaries of responses to ECPRD requests are vital for effectively consolidating and sharing the wealth of information collected across the network. Despite ongoing efforts, the number of requests that conclude with a final summary remains limited. During consultations in August 2020, many correspondents stressed the importance of increasing the production of final summaries, establishing common guidelines, and improving their visibility.

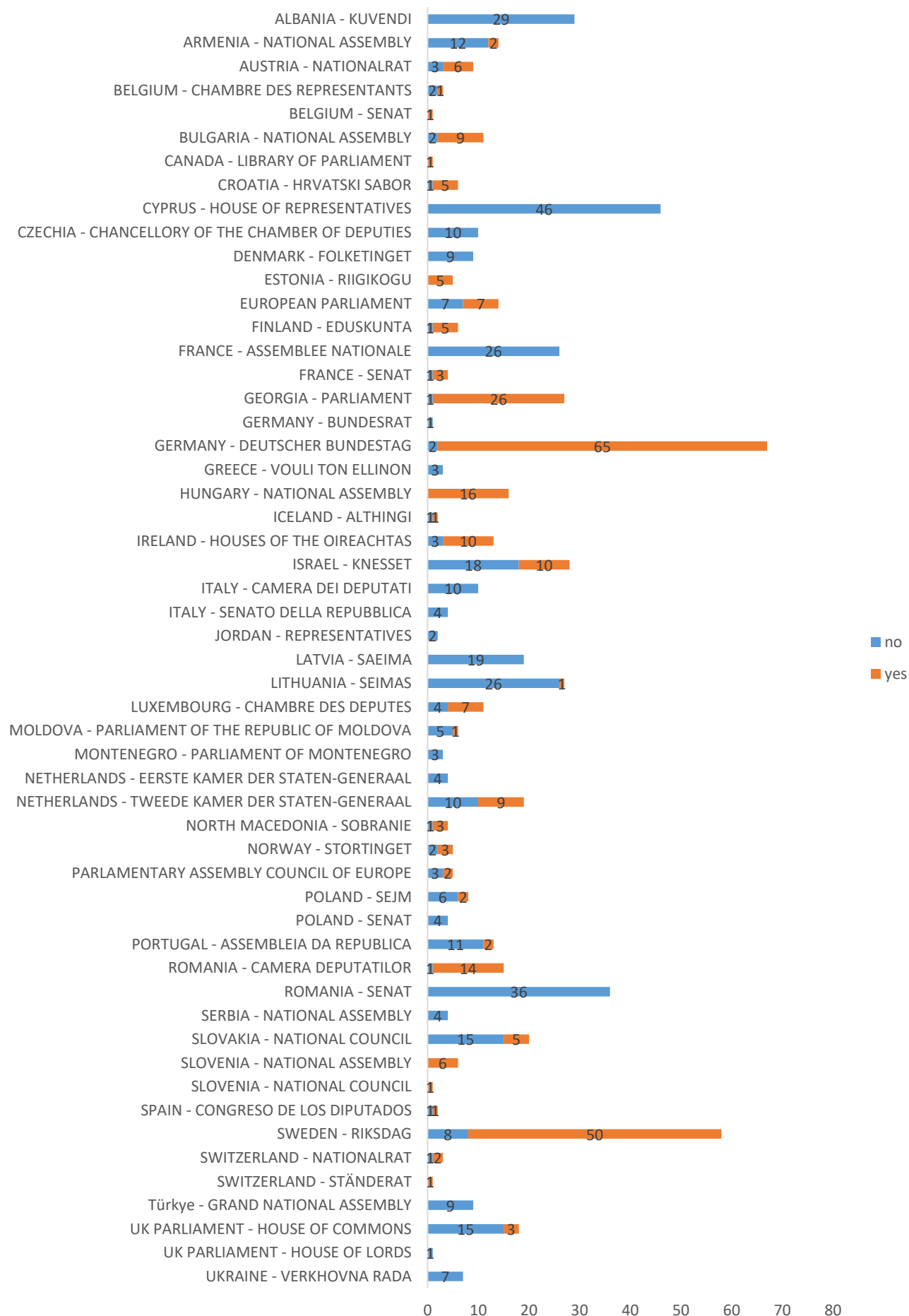
The introduction of the new ECPRD website in October 2020 was a key step toward addressing these concerns. This update aimed to streamline the process for submitting summaries, leading to a notable increase in the final summary rate, which jumped to 41.1% in 2020, up from just 16% in 2019 and 11.3% in 2018.

However, despite this initial progress, the summary rate fell to 31% in 2021. With the introduction of updated guidelines in 2021, we saw renewed improvement, with the rate climbing to 38% in 2022 and 44.5% in 2023. Unfortunately, this momentum has not been sustained in 2024, with only 37.9% of requests including a final summary.

NUMBER OF FINAL SUMMARIES
FINALIZING ECPRD REQUESTS
2015 - 2024



NUMBER OF FINAL SUMMARIES BY CHAMBERS 2023 - 2024



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 Dublin - Ireland, 29 September 2023

The Secretaries General of the participating parliaments and assemblies met on the margins of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament. They discussed standards in public life and the integrity framework of parliaments.

The ECPRD Co-Directors presented the ECPRD Activity Report 2022-2023 and outlined the programme and priorities for 2024 and 2025. The 2022-2023 activity report was unanimously approved.

Annual Conference of Correspondents

United Kingdom - London, hosted by the House of Commons - 19-20 October 2023

The Annual Conference was attended by 53 ECPRD correspondents and deputy correspondents.

The pre-conference focused on "Parliaments and External Engagement," featuring three speakers on public engagement:

- Cristina Leston-Bandeira, Professor of Politics, University of Leeds/Chair, International Parliament Engagement Network
- Zlatko Atanasov, North Macedonian Parliament, Open Government Programme
- Pippa Lansdell, House of Commons, Head of Research Communications.

Three speakers also discussed engagement with academics:

- Sarah Foxen, UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, Knowledge Exchange Unit
- Richard Whittaker, Thematic Research Lead, linking House of Commons research and committees
- Ariella Huff, Director of Select Committee Scrutiny and Analysis, Select Committee Team.

For the third time, the Annual Conference began with a workshop for new correspondents and deputy correspondents, providing an opportunity to welcome and guide them.

The agenda of the Annual Conference included:

- Adoption of the Intermediate Activity Report
- Election of Patrick Vollmer as a new ECPRD Executive Committee member
- Presentation on new developments in the ECPRD website and online requests by Claudia Dunca Constantinescu, the new ECPRD website administrator, replacing Jerry Hilbert.

Additionally, there were two parallel discussion groups: one on improving the ECPRD Area of Interest webpages and methodology, and another on proposed solutions by the Executive Committee to improve ECPRD requests.

Ireland - Dublin, hosted by the Houses of the Oireachtas- 14-15 November 2024

The Annual Conference was attended by 61 ECPRD correspondents and deputy correspondents.

The pre-conference focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in parliaments. Topics included the fundamental principles of AI, its role in democratic renewal, opportunities, challenges, and implementation experiences in Ireland and Switzerland.

The Annual conference opened with an introductory session for new Correspondents. The key agenda items of the plenary session included:

- Adoption of the Intermediate Activity Report and updated guidelines for comparative requests and seminars.
- Reports from ECPRD Area Coordinators and the election of four Executive Committee members.
- A presentation on the ongoing reconfiguration of the ECPRD website, a project managed by the European Parliament.

The afternoon focused on parallel discussion groups exploring data openness and transparency within the ECPRD network and the impact of AI on Areas of Interest (AoI), followed by the presentation of conclusions. The conference also addressed plans to create a new working group for publishing and sharing ECPRD information and an AI-dedicated page on the ECPRD website

Executive Committee

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 preconference 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.

Helsinki, Finland, hosted by Eduskunta, 5-6 June 2023

The ECPRD Executive Committee:

- listened to a report on the preparation of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, Dublin, 28- 29 September 2023 and adopted the ECPRD Activity Report (July 2021-May 2023) and the ECPRD Priorities for 2024 and 2025;
- had an exchange of view on the preparation of the ECPRD Annual Conference of Correspondents, hosted by the UK House of Commons on 19-20 October 2023 and decided on the topics of the Annual Conference;
- had an exchange of view on the preparation of the election of a new member of the ECPRD Executive Committee;
- renewed the mandate of Ida Kelemen and Christoph Konrath as coordinators;
- had a discussion on the significant increase in the number of requests launched within the network and the exponential pressure that this entailed for ECPRD correspondents; and decided to create a working group in order d to improve the guidelines for launching ECPRD requests with the aim of reducing their number.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 7 September 2023

The ECPRD Executive Committee:

- listened to a report on the state of preparation of the Next European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, Dublin, 28-29 September 2023;
- had a discussion on the state of preparation of the Annual Conference of Correspondents hosted by the UK House of Commons on 19-20 October 2023. and decided on the topics to be discussed;
- had an exchange of views on the update of the ECPRD Guidelines for making comparative requests to be submitted for discussion and approval to the correspondents at the next annual conference;
- listened to the Area of interest coordinator reports;
- launched a new working group to update the ECPRD Guidelines on seminars;
- had an exchange of views on the procedure to be followed for the election of a new member of the ECPRD Executive Committee;
- renewed the mandate of Paola Bonacci, as Coordinator of AoI Economic and Budgetary Affairs;
- had an exchange of views on the Knesset request to publish a study based on ECPRD questionnaire and seminar.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 22 February 2024

The ECPRD Executive Committee:

- held initial discussions on preparations for the Annual Conference of Correspondents in Dublin (November 14-15, 2024), including its location at Dublin Castle and a preconference theme on Artificial Intelligence in parliaments.
- discussed the use of ECPRD replies in external publications, deciding to survey correspondents and form a working group for further analysis.
- proposed updates to the 2007 ECPRD Guidelines on ECPRD request based on discussions from the previous Annual Conference.
- discussed cooperation with NGOs and international agencies.
- emphasized that ECPRD seminars are exclusive to national parliament staff.

Reports followed on:

- Updates to the ECPRD website developments
- Coordinators' activities in their respective Areas of Interest
- Initial discussions on the election of four members of the ECPRD Executive Committee.

Strasbourg, hosted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, 17 June 2024

The ECPRD Executive Committee:

- adopted the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
- continued discussions on the Annual Conference in Dublin, focusing on artificial intelligence in parliaments
- approved the final updated guidelines for ECPRD requests
- approved the updated seminar guidelines to assist parliaments in organising events
- discussed the openness and transparency of data collected across the network, emphasizing the need for a clear policy on information use
- addressed the upcoming elections to the Executive Committee
- reviewed reports on ECPRD website developments aimed at enhancing functionality and accessibility
- listened to reports on Areas of Interest, highlighting recent seminars and future plans
- approved the Swiss Parliament's candidacy to host the 2025 Annual Conference.

Brussels (on the Web), hosted by the European Parliament, 19 September 2024

The ECPRD Executive Committee:

- adopted the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
- continued discussions on the Annual Conference in Dublin, focusing on the structure of the paralleled discussion group on openness and transparency of data collected across the network
- prepared the election to the ECPRD Executive Committee
- adopted the draft ECPRD activity report: September 2023 - October 2024
- discussed the updates on website developments and validate the first phase of ECPRD website revamp
- listened to reports on Areas of Interest, highlighting recent seminars and future plans
- approved a new coordinator for LRA AoI.

4.3 ECPRD Seminars in the Areas of Interest

4.3.1 Joint Seminar

Joint AoI Seminar: Use of Data Visualization for Parliaments (Budapest, May 23-24, 2024)

Organised by the Hungarian National Assembly, this joint seminar gathered 70 participants to discuss the use of data visualization in parliaments. The plenary sessions covered various areas of interest such as parliamentary practice and procedure, parliamentary libraries, research and archives, information and communication technology (ICT), and economic and budgetary affairs. Discussions focused on sharing tools and methodologies, as well as addressing challenges related to the preparation and use of visual data

4.3.2 Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs

Webinar: “National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPS) - Parliamentary control of the government” (Prague, September 21, 2023)

This webinar hosted by the Chancellery of the Czech Chamber of Deputies involved 39 participants; it was part of a series of annual ECPRD meetings to discuss the role played by national parliaments in monitoring the implementation of National Recovery and Resilience Plans. It focused on the ongoing procedure for updating the Plans and on the control exercised by parliaments over the governments in the general process for monitoring the implementation of RRP. The subject was discussed in the light of the results of the ECPRD request 5481 “The National Recovery and Resilience Plans Parliamentary control of the Government”, updating previous findings on parliamentary oversight of government actions.

The New European Economic Governance (Rome, October 5-6, 2023)

Organised by the Italian Chamber of Deputies, this in-person seminar gathered 49 participants in Rome to analyse the reforms in European economic governance proposed by the European Commission. Participants discussed changes to fiscal rules and monitoring procedures, as well as their implications for national parliaments.

Webinar: Fiscal Consolidation - The Portuguese Experience (Lisbon March 14, 2024)

This webinar, organised by the Portuguese Assembleia da República, attracted 49 participants to discuss the challenges and drivers of fiscal consolidation in Portugal from 2014 to 2023. Professor Rui Nuno Baleiras, head of the Technical Budget Support Unit (UTAO), provided insights into the Portuguese experience and its relevance to broader fiscal management practices.

4.3.3 Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments

ICT Seminar 2023 - Safety and Security, (Den Hague, March 16-17, 2023)

This seminar hosted by the Tweede Kamer Der Staten-Generaal 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.

ICT 2023 Seminar: Innovation and Digital Transformation (Vienna, November 6-7, 2023)

Hosted by the Austrian Parliament, this seminar brought together 70 participants to discuss digital transformation in European parliaments. Discussions centered on improving parliamentary processes through digital technologies, simplifying procedures, and enhancing public engagement. Innovation models and exemplary projects were presented to illustrate best practices in digital transformation.

ICT 2024 Seminar: Open Data in Parliaments (Oslo April 29-30, 2024)**

Hosted by the Norwegian Stortinget, this seminar brought together 61 participants to explore the strategies behind open data in parliaments. Topics included data visualization, the use of artificial intelligence, and fostering civic engagement through transparency and innovation.

4.3.4 Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives

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

54 participants attended this seminar hosted by the Knesset. This seminar 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.

ECPRD-EPRS Webinar 2023 - Strengthening Democracy: Research for effective parliamentary scrutiny - hosted remotely by European Parliament on June 1-2, 2023

The Webinar offered a forum of exchange among the parliamentary research services and libraries on scrutiny activities and democratic accountability. The seminar examined several aspects of scrutiny and discussed how research services can contribute to further improving their parliaments' capacity to control the executive. In addition, it looked at how they can better assess the effects of past decisions for future legislative work.

Seminar - Professional Development of Parliamentary Researchers (Tbilisi, September 28-29, 2023)

Hosted by the Georgian Parliament, this seminar gathered 32 participants to address the career and professional development of parliamentary researchers. Discussions included recruitment, retention, and integration of staff, with a focus on advancing their capacities and skills in a changing environment

Use of Artificial Intelligence for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (Rome, April 18-19, 2024)

Organised by the Italian Chamber of Deputies, this seminar gathered 87 participants to analyse the opportunities and limitations of AI in parliamentary research. Discussions focused on criteria and limits for using generative AI, developing AI systems for documentation, and leveraging AI for public awareness.

Navigating and supporting change in a new Parliament (Brussels - European Parliament, December 5-6, 2024)

The seminar brought together representatives from 30 countries to address challenges faced by parliamentary libraries, research services, and archives. Key topics included the EU's Strategic Agenda 2024-2029, the integration of new members following elections, and the role of research services in supporting parliaments during political transitions. Discussions highlighted innovative solutions such as AI tools, digital transformation, and strategies for gathering feedback to improve services. The event emphasized collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the need for constant adaptation to support informed decision-making in an evolving parliamentary landscape.

4.3.5 Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Webinar - upholding the rule of law and the role of parliamentary administrations- (Athens (on the web) - 30 January 2023)

The webinar hosted by the Vouli Ton Ellinon 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, 27 March 2023)

This seminar was hosted by the Belgian Chambre des Représentants and Senate.

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.

Webinar on Parliaments and the General Data Protection Regulation (Vienna, January 29, 2024)

Organised by the Austrian Bundesrat, this webinar saw 73 participants discuss the implications of the European Court of Justice's judgment on the scope of the GDPR in relation to parliamentary activities. Experts from the Austrian Parliament's Legal, Legislative, and Research Service presented an initial assessment, inviting colleagues from other parliaments to share their views and discuss the broader implications.

Seminar - Parliamentary calendars and agenda planning (Skopje 26-27 September 2024)

Organised by the North Macedonian Sобрание, this seminar was attended by 23 participants from various European parliaments, along with representatives from the host parliament. Key topics included the importance of parliamentary calendars, agenda planning, public consultations, and the use of ICT tools for calendar digitization. Breakout sessions covered topics like synchronization between parliamentary and government calendars, bicameral parliament coordination, and differences between sessional and permanent parliaments. Discussions also focused on EU legislation alignment for countries aspiring to join the EU.

4.4 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.

In 2023, the ICT Directorate-General of the European Parliament, responsible for maintaining and developing the ECPRD website, undertook a complete overhaul of the outdated website. The aim was to modernise the layout and simplify the functions and to meet current security and accessibility standards. This comprehensive redesign involved a collaborative process through various workshops organised to gather feedback, comments, and needs from the different users.

In 2024, the ICT Directorate-General of the European Parliament initiated a project to revamp the ECPRD network's website, aiming to significantly improve the user experience (UX) and accessibility for its 69 parliamentary chambers. This initiative addresses current challenges such as navigation difficulties, slow loading times, and limited accessibility for users with disabilities. The updated site will feature advanced search capabilities, an improved 'Create Request' and 'Reply' flow, and enhanced security through multi-factor authentication to better safeguard user accounts.

These upgrades are designed to boost user satisfaction by facilitating quicker access to information, reducing support needs, and encouraging longer engagement with the platform. By modernising the website, the European Parliament seeks to meet the evolving needs of the ECPRD network and ensure it remains a key resource for parliamentary research, information exchange, and collaboration among its members.

5. 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 coordinate 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 CoDirectors (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 twothirds 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 cooperation 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 2024)

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ALBANIA KUVENDI		1	1			1	4			2	1		1	3	12	10	7	10	8	10	22	7	14	19	10
ARMENIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY					3	5	1	5	2					1	1	1			2	1	2	1	3	5	9
AUSTRIA PARLAMENT - NATIONALRAT			1	3			2	4		4	2	2	3	3	4	1	3	3	4	7	4	3	6	4	5
AZERBAIJAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY							1				1				1		1				2				
BELGIUM CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	3		3
BELGIUM SENAT	1		1				1		2	1	1	5	1	1		1	1				1		1	1	
BOSNIAHERZEGOVINA PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY																			2	1	1	3	1		
BOSNIAHERZEGOVINA PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES				2	3	3	2	5	1	3	4	2	2	2	1	1	3	3							

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BULGARIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY			1	5	3	1		4	4	2	12	5	10	3	4	7	4	7	10	10	3	2	1	6	5
CANADA LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT											2	1	1	1	1				1		2	1	3	1	
CROATIA HRVATSKI SABOR					2		1		2	3	1		9	9	9	8	2	6	2	3	3	5	5	5	1
CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		1		1	2	2	1		2	1	1	3	5	6	4	4	2	3	13	12	9	8	19	25	21
CZECHIA CHANCELLORY OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES			1	3	19	16	5	10	8	6	8	7	6	5	12	18	19	13	31	12	11	10	7	6	4
CZECHIA SENAT										2	1	1		1											
DENMARK FOLKETINGET			1	3	2	2	1	3	4	3		2	1	4	4	2	4	9	2	4	5	4	5	6	3
ESTONIA RIIGIKOGU			3	1	8	4	5	3	8	4	2	5	4	2	1	1	3	8	9	3	5	5	1		5
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	3	11	7	9	10	13	5	8	5	3	9	10	16	8	5	13	13	5	5	16	12	14	16	7	7
FINLAND EDUSKUNTA			1	3		5	2	2	4	3	3	4	2	4	4	3	4	4	6	3	2	4	1	2	4
FRANCE ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE				1	3	5	7	10	11	12	17	13	8	8	11	4	8	16	10	11	19	12	17	14	12

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
FRANCE SENAT							1		1				2	1	2	2	2	4	1	7		3		2	2
GEORGIA PARLIAMENT				2	6	11	17	13	4	12	10	11	6	18	17	14	8	20	16	17	10	31	25	17	10
GERMANY BUNDESRAT													1				1						2		1
GERMANY DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG	2	1	3	11	4	5	22	28	29	29	52	52	49	24	39	53	41	28	43	40	28	26	44	39	28
GREECE VOULI TON ELLINON					1	1	1	2	3	1	5	5	1	5	7	1	2	5	2	1	3	1	2		3
HUNGARY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY			1		2	4	1	5	12	11	6	10	10	9	11	5	7	12	6	5	8	7	3	9	7
ICELAND ALTHINGI					1	2				1				1				1	1					1	1
IRELAND HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS	1						1	4	7	10	5	11	6	5	8	5	6	13	15	10	17	16	14	11	2
ISRAEL KNESSET						4	8	9	10	9	11	10	11	10	6	7	5	8	11	12	18	14	9	16	12
ITALY CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI		1	3	3		1	1	1	2		1		2	3	2	1	2	3	5	1	1	5	1	7	3
ITALY SENATO DELLA REPUBBLICA	1		1		1	1	3	2	2				2	1		7	1	4			1	1	2	2	2
JORDAN REPRESENTATIVES																								2	

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
LATVIA SAEIMA				1	1		3	2	4	1		1	5	3	2	3	2	3	5	12	8	15	6	5	14
LITHUANIA SEIMAS			1	2	1	6	2	3	3	5	5	8	5	5	7	9	6	11	12	9	7	21	10	19	8
LUXEMBOURG CHAMBRE DES DEPUTES											1					1				1	2	1	2	5	6
MALTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES													3	1	1					1					
MOLDOVA PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA					2		4	1	3		5	9	9	3	4	7	7	2	4	3	9	5	11	1	5
MONTENEGRO PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO											2	2	4	3	8	4	3	9	5	2	4	3	2	1	2
NETHERLANDS EERSTE KAMER DER STATEN- GENERAAL	1	1	1				1				1						1							3	1
NETHERLANDS TWEEDE KAMER DER STATEN- GENERAAL			1	4	9	10	9	6	7	8	5	4	8	7	4	1	9	4	11	9	7	10	7	12	7

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
NORTH MACEDONIA SOBRANIE				1		3	3	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	4	3	4	2	3	1	3
NORWAY STORTINGET						2	3	11	2		6	2	4	3	6	3	1	1	1		1	1	4	2	3
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY COUNCIL OF EUROPE					1		2	1	3	2	3	4	4	6	5	4	5	4	7	7	7	7	7	4	1
POLAND SEJM			1	4	4	4	7	13	9	10	7	6	12	11	7	5	6	4	2	2	7	5	3	6	2
POLAND SENAT			2	3	1	2	5	8	1	3	2	1	5	4	1	2	2	1	2	4	3	4	4	2	2
PORTUGAL ASSEMBLEIA DA REPUBLICA			6	4	2	1	3	5	3	4	4	3	6	1	4	3	10	7	8	3	8	10	8	7	6
ROMANIA CAMERA DEPUTATILOR		1				2	1	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	10	4		2	13	15	10	5
ROMANIA SENAT								1		3	6	8	2	4	1	9	6	15	3	5	3	14	15	28	8
SERBIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY								3	2	3	4	3	12	7	5	6	1	2		1				3	1
SLOVAKIA NATIONAL COUNCIL		2	4	9	8	12	7	5	6	10	7	19	10	17	21	18	21	31	31	22	18	30	13	9	11

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SLOVENIA DRZAVNI SVET (NATIONAL COUNCIL)				1		1	1	3			1			1			2	2	1	4		2	2	1	
SLOVENIA DRZAVNI ZBOR (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)		2	5	1	1	5	1	3	1	8	5	4	2	4	2	5	6	5	2	5	4	5	3	4	2
SPAIN CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS		3			1	2	1	1	3	1		2	4	4		1	1	1	4		2	1			2
SPAIN SENADO				1	2	1	2	4	3		2					1			1	1	2		1		
SWEDEN RIKSDAG		2	3	8	17	11	10	13	16	18	10	18	19	16	5	20	15	21	12	18	23	17	14	38	20
SWITZERLAND NATIONALRAT					2	1	2	1	3	1	1		1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2		1	2
SWITZERLAND STÄNDERAT																							1		1
Türkiye - THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY			1	2	4	4	7	5	6	5	4	7	7	5	6		2		2	2	1			4	5
UKRAINE VERKHOVNA RADA				2	1								1						1				1	3	4
UNITED KINGDOM UK PARLIAMENT - HOUSE OF COMMONS		4	4		3	2	4	5	5	6	5	9	5	2	9	5	7	13	5	4	9	2	4	12	6

Chambers	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
UNITED KINGDOM UK PARLIAMENT - HOUSE OF LORDS			2	1		1	1	1	3	1	2	1	2		1	2	1	1			3	2	1		1
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONGRESS								1		1		5	3	1			2	1			1				

Appendix 3 : Comparative replies by Chambers (Situation of 31 December 2024)

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.

Chambers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ALBANIA KUVENDI	21	6	10	29	21	38	25	9	11	16	18	22	77	67	75	78	64	55	95	93	101	86	74
ARMENIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	4	5	17	27	19	32	20	4			2	4	1				22	1	8	15	68	57	62
AUSTRIA PARLAMENT - NATIONALRAT	47	59	95	92	100	174	165	133	111	197	194	196	200	212	195	235	267	224	246	288	253	275	224
AUSTRIA - BUNDESRAT														209	224	258	246	251	212	275	196	383	214
AZERBAIJAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY				3		7	14	6		2	3	3	14	10	6	19	8	7				1	
BELGIUM CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS	44	41	60	73	57	137	153	149	129	188	182	171	153	177	166	135	118	132	196	205	220	291	198
BELGIUM SENAT	73	58	54	68	59	113	160	154	135	112	135	136	139	142	123	86	88	84	147	187	193	278	205
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY							4		3				2			8	21	5	7		6	3	6
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	6	23	10	51	50	58	53	51	6	15	41	25	36	21	77	70							
BULGARIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	14	40	49	54	8	77	98	116	92	58	33	44	39	13	31	32	11	87	182	193	207	239	173
CANADA LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT									64	86	105	91	106	82	93	98	95	94	122	102	109	138	109
CROATIA HRVATSKI SABOR	45	28	53	64	56	99	79	88	80	77	87	101	157	164	151	176	215	183	196	221	205	236	168
CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	25	14	44	36	43	109	139	92	118	137	147	140	116	72	47	24	11	28	86	167	138	167	117

Chambers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CZECHIA CHANCELLORY OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES	24	25	55	71	37	120	119	121	116	118	141	134	133	155	160	199	201	173	209	216	178	176	137
CZECHIA SENAT	13	15	35	38	30	47	46	39	34	29	29	39	11	23	42	25	8	6	2	1	1	3	7
DENMARK FOLKETINGET	45	53	78	116	101	198	219	162	164	175	195	143	143	164	172	145	140	99	107	95	121	111	221
ESTONIA RIIGIKOGU	36	47	86	112	108	151	167	164	159	182	189	162	179	190	186	212	238	219	238	253	258	278	204
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	10	7	13	9	23	38	61	36	26	34	35	38	23	22	34	35	30	28	106	91	86	86	64
FINLAND EDUSKUNTA	54	61	97	108	118	180	198	171	167	196	207	176	190	200	203	246	237	226	267	271	265	310	227
FRANCE ASSEMBLEE NATIONALE	56	47	24	28	7	33	97	77	62	84	116	100	139	127	95	160	229	227	177	259	224	283	230
FRANCE SENAT	11	7	8	9	6	12	13	12	12	5	8	14	13	19	24	16	24	39	52	58	42	57	211
GEORGIA PARLIAMENT	28	26	51	57	45	76	72	50	84	58	30	41	62	46	59	60	56	43	100	66	91	86	62
GERMANY BUNDESRAT	35	12	20	51	39	57	165	138	125	159	160	189	205	195	192	257	256	224	244	274	249	274	228
GERMANY DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG	27	19	45	16	57	122	133	114	96	148	163	176	184	258	253	329	332	288	363	336	335	379	244
GREECE VOULI TON ELLINON	28	31	42	67	54	92	134	135	155	184	169	154	179	175	164	208	214	207	225	221	206	217	168
HUNGARY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	11	6	12	18	22	21	87	113	120	145	160	161	175	181	192	222	237	204	217	251	247	253	187

Chambers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
ICELAND ALTHINGI	19	15	17	8	9	45	57	62	62	60	53	49	45	44	57	47	46	49	30	85	31	5	31
IRELAND HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS	18	12	5	9	21	64	40	54	59	40	40	52	55	47	104	103	101	88	121	97	116	170	117
ISRAEL KNESSET				47	45	38	49	52	33	49	46	52	41	39	46	46	55	78	102	76	54	44	79
ITALY CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI	38	30	50	81	99	175	182	179	188	226	210	183	154	144	70	23	89	107	85	72	92	82	60
ITALY SENATO DELLA REPUBBLICA	53	45	69	79	93	149	178	144	160	226	213	192	172	142	47	15	95	100	99	77	62	88	64
JORDAN REPRESENTATIVES																	14	10	7	3	1	1	1
LATVIA SAEIMA	24	41	70	79	70	85	96	87	109	134	147	138	132	134	129	153	219	180	223	242	233	256	188
LITHUANIA SEIMAS	17	28	61	80	82	96	152	140	152	165	186	173	185	173	174	210	223	198	236	228	241	258	183
LUXEMBOURG CHAMBRE DES DEPUTES	3	4	16	21	8	40	37	30	22	74	92	110	132	104	83	122	83	104	132	145	127	244	157
MALTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES			1								15	4	3		1	1	4	2	1	2			
MOLDOVA PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	7	4	17	2	13	13	14	4	42	69	37	8	31	48	26	16	9	31	36	46	32	40	40
MONTENEGRO PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO									1	35	68	65	72	69	69	90	67	57	42	34	75	70	10

Chambers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
NETHERLANDS EERSTE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL	2	30	10	13	6	39	78	68	47	45	44	18	18	27	26		8	7	17	2	9	38	102
NETHERLANDS TWEEDE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL	37	43	27	47	72	134	163	94	112	177	160	129	133	152	166	169	140	122	148	174	182	217	213
NORTH MACEDONIA SOBRANIE	12	21	52	65	54	81	80	81	79	71	57	21	22	34	70	88	73	23	31	70	93	96	76
NORWAY STORTINGET	14	20	30	61	56	82	116	111	88	109	127	103	105	90	101	118	103	111	125	112	134	142	143
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY COUNCIL OF EUROPE		2	10	9	3	26	20	10	9	17	28	15	6	9	15	9	10	14	2	4	7	3	
POLAND SEJM	25	43	83	108	105	143	166	151	151	176	178	160	182	189	169	221	252	229	153	107	192	220	202
POLAND SENAT	29	33	22	52	29	57	65	45	57	68	61	102	118	140	91	142	213	175	215	246	236	270	209
PORTUGAL ASSEMBLEIA DA REPUBLICA	30	49	81	88	75	131	134	150	134	166	183	171	188	175	174	203	212	198	225	238	237	270	191
ROMANIA CAMERA DEPUTATILOR	8	14	20	14	38	99	140	138	113	140	117	139	151	145	126	161	97	132	167	166	197	209	175
ROMANIA SENAT	3	3	1		10	60	41	6	15	24	26	25	26	55	52	28	22	35	111	94	90	57	82
SERBIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY					24	82	74	51	63	35	47	63	80	67	83	79	44	47	23	13	5	13	9

Chambers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SLOVAKIA NATIONAL COUNCIL	24	38	82	91	96	137	145	140	131	163	168	149	163	183	176	204	209	189	216	230	225	241	176
SLOVENIA DRZAVNI SVET (NATIONAL COUNCIL)	17	2	11	14	7	11	1	9	8	16	5	7	8	16	73	41	48	121	204	64	50	120	58
SLOVENIA DRZAVNI ZBOR (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)	28	32	62	79	78	87	97	133	120	123	159	131	159	151	149	164	177	143	209	231	228	250	186
SPAIN CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS	25	17	46	38	49	77	65	92	83	124	151	132	137	142	131	180	199	244	251	249	241	308	211
SPAIN SENADO	55	53	80	46	38	61	59	69	85	97	49	52	65	69	41	65	52	55	26	23	29	12	2
SWEDEN RIKSDAG	75	61	86	102	115	161	187	148	167	187	208	194	199	213	198	260	260	228	239	264	263	274	224
SWITZERLAND NATIONALRAT	30	24	51	67	60	83	79	86	63	60	63	55	53	53	48	42	48	65	103	95	71	68	107
SWITZERLAND STÄNDERAT									1											2	63	66	106
Türkiye - THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY	11	24	3	11	33	39	51	59	60	54	49	52	56	38	60	69	75	71	93	73	83	79	47
UKRAINE VERKHOVNA RADA	25	23	1		1				1			1					1					26	44
UNITED KINGDOM UK PARLIAMENT - HOUSE OF COMMONS	82	65	96	125	147	224	234	201	192	218	217	170	170	199	170	196	241	221	188	170	166	155	109

Chambers	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
UNITED KINGDOM UK PARLIAMENT - HOUSE OF LORDS	28	30	43	45	17	51	50	15	24	70	177	98	164	136	124	140	238	197	149	141	142	80	148
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONGRESS			1	45	32	71	87	64	48	49	31	21	7	8	3	4	13	3	64	33	29	11	13

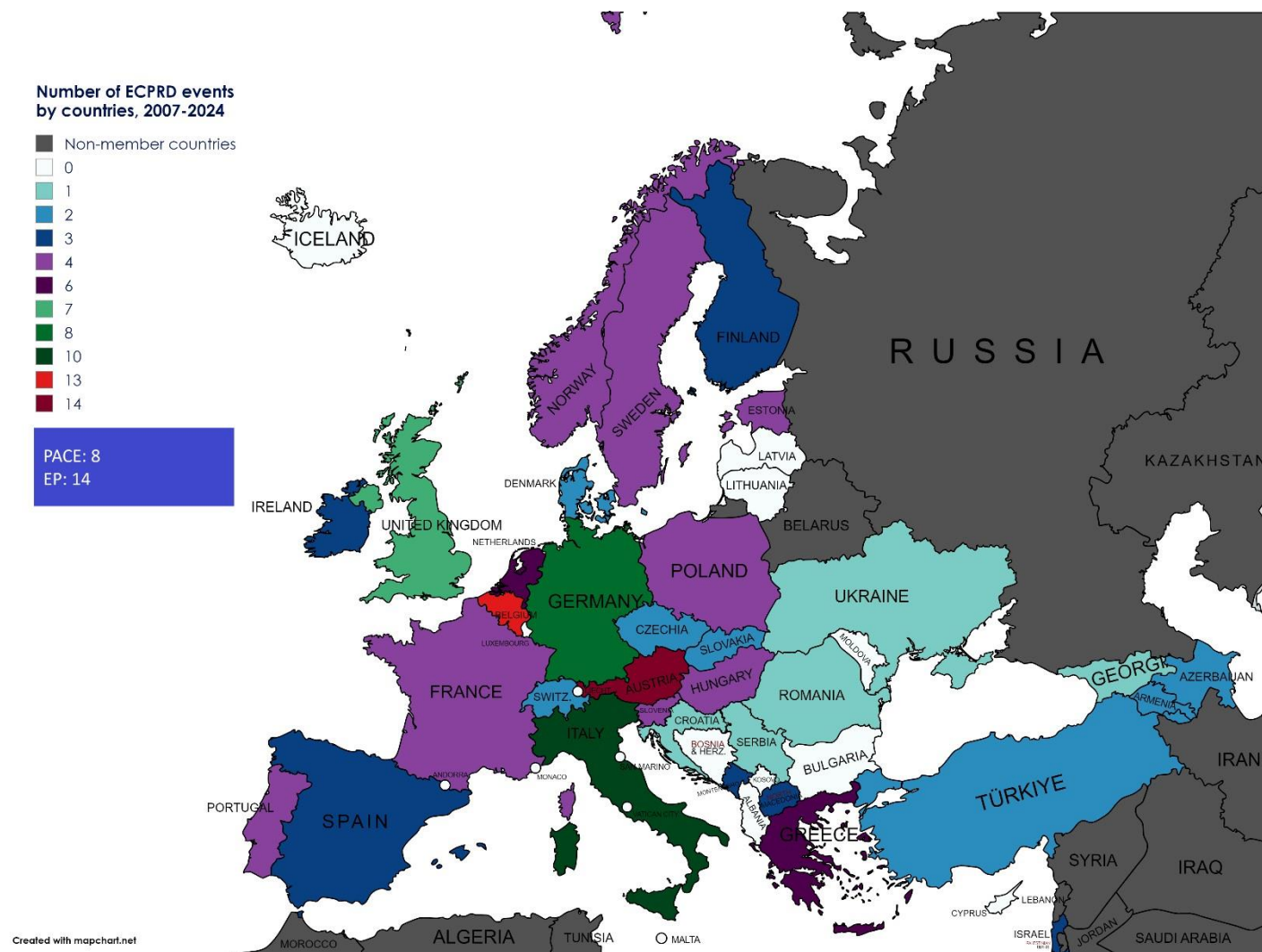
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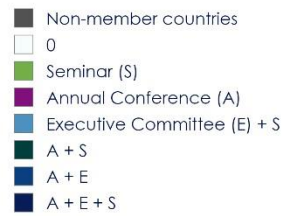
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<p>ICT SEMINAR 2023 -SAFETY AND SECURITY- THE HAGUE - 16-17 MARCH 2023</p> <p>TWEEDE KAMER DER STATEN-GENERAAL - the Hague</p> <p>Area of interest Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments - ICT</p> <p>16/03/2023-17/03/2023</p>	64
<p>LRA SEMINAR 2023 - PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICES – INTERFACES AND CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE</p> <p>KNESSET - Jerusalem</p> <p>Area of interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives - LRA</p> <p>22/03/2023-23/03/2023</p>	53
<p>PPP 2023 SEMINAR - PARLIAMENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES</p> <p>CHAMBRE DES REPRESENTANTS and SENAT - Brussels</p> <p>Area of interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure - PPP</p> <p>27/03/2023</p>	49
<p>ECPRD-EPRS WEBINAR 2023 - STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY: RESEARCH FOR EFFECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY SCRUTINY- EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ONLINE</p> <p>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - Brussels on the web</p> <p>Area of interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives - LRA</p> <p>01/06/2023 - 02/06/2023</p>	66

<p>EBA Webinar - National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPS) - Parliamentary control of the government</p> <p>Chancellory of the Chamber of Deputies - Prague in the web</p> <p>Area of interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs-</p> <p>21/09/2023</p>	38
<p>LRA Seminar - professional development of the parliamentary researchers - facing contemporary challenges</p> <p>Parliament - Tbilisi-Georgia</p> <p>Area of interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives</p> <p>28/09/2023 > 29/09/2023</p>	31
<p>EBA Seminar - the New European Economic Governance</p> <p>Camera Dei Deputati _ Rome- Italy</p> <p>Area of interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs</p> <p>05-06/10/2023</p>	49
<p>ICT 2023 Seminar - Innovation and digital transformation – good practices in European parliaments</p> <p>Parlament - Nationalrat- Vienna - Austria</p> <p>Area of interest Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments</p> <p>06-07/11/2023</p>	69
<p>PPP Webinar on parliaments and the General Data Protection</p> <p>Parlament - Bundesrat - Vienna On The Web</p> <p>Area of interest Exchanges related to the GDPR</p> <p>29/01/2024</p>	72
<p>EBA Webinar on fiscal consolidation: drivers and main challenges in the Portuguese 2014–2023 experience</p> <p>Assembleia da Republica - Lisbon on the web</p> <p>Area of interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs</p> <p>14-15/03/2024</p>	49
<p>LRA seminar -use of artificial intelligence for parliamentary research and documentation</p> <p>Camera dei Deputati - Rome-Italy</p> <p>Area of interest Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives</p> <p>18-19/04/2024</p>	86

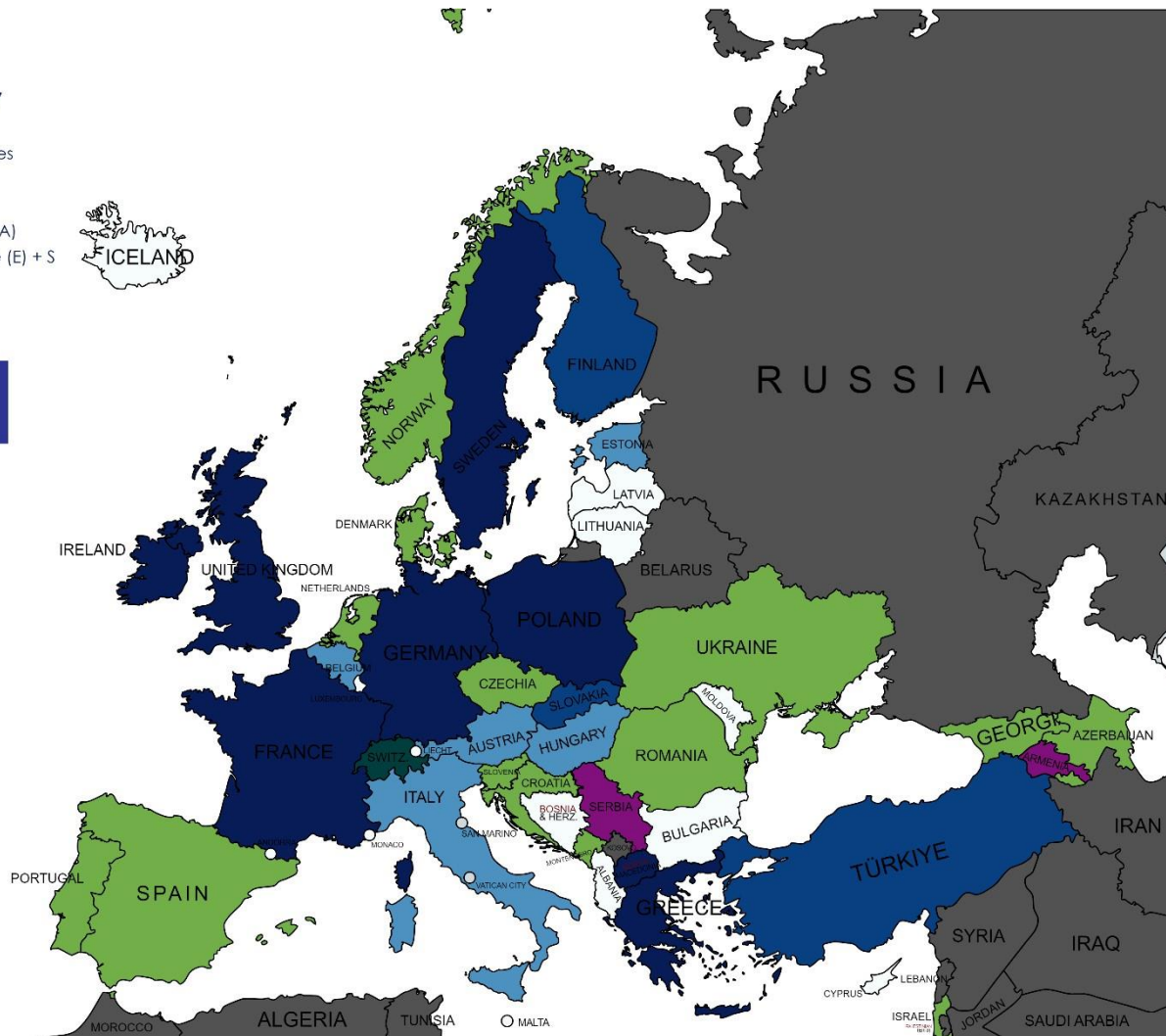
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LRA Seminar-Navigating and Supporting Change in a New Parliament EPRS-European Parliament Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archive 5/12/2024 > 6/12/2024	63
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Appendix 5 . venues of ECPRD 2007-2024





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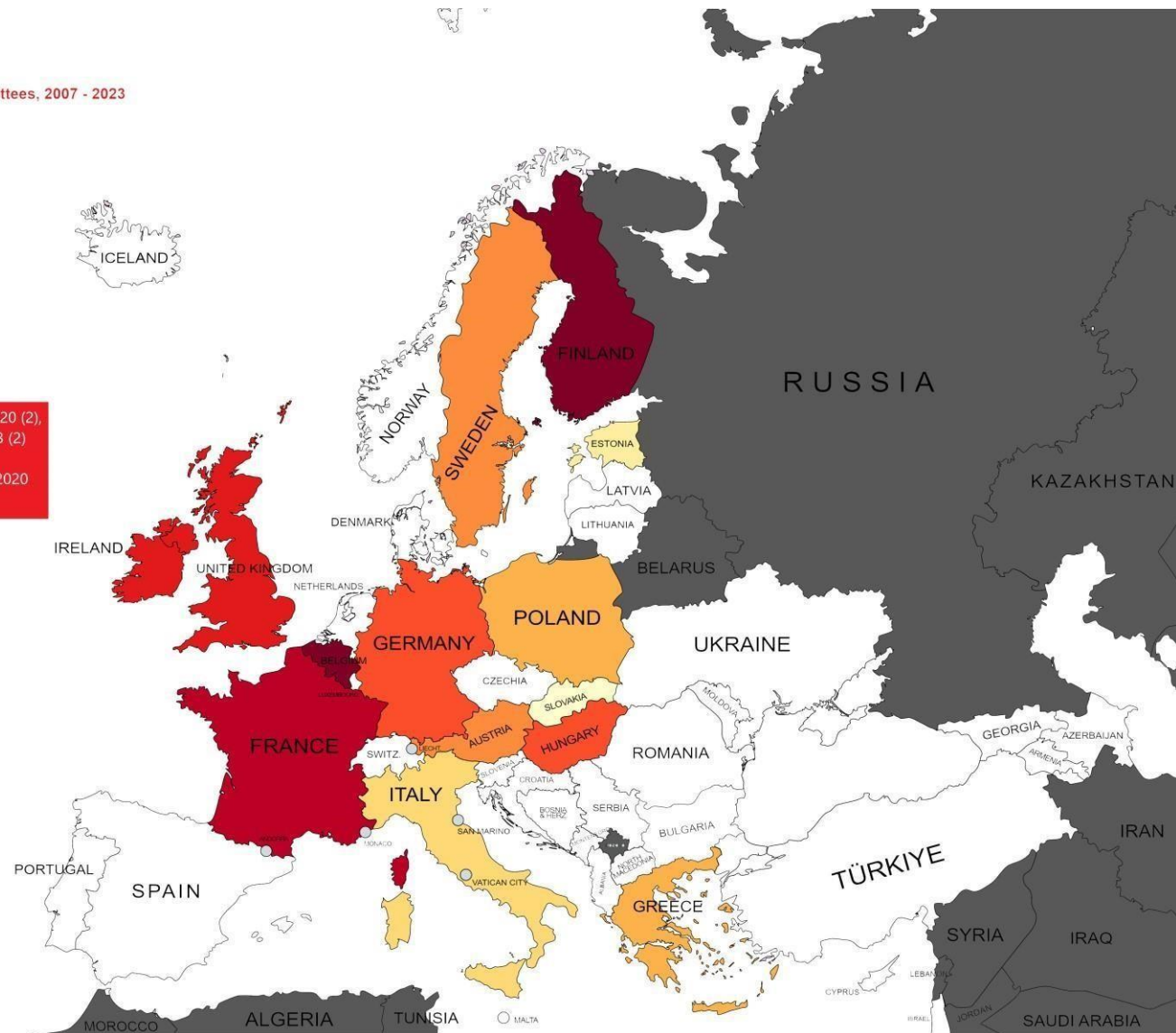


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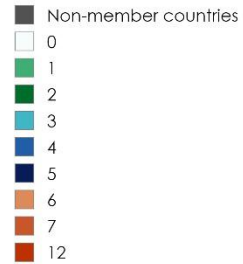
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