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Priorities and Programme

2017 – 2018

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1. ECPRD Priorities 2017 – 2018

The main objective of ECPRD as laid down in its Statute is to promote the exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe. The high numbers of requests and replies but also the active participation in the seminars confirms impressively the *raison d'être* of the ECPRD network. The challenge is to preserve the commitment of all partners despite the increasing workload and budgetary constraints. Active input by all parliaments and services concerned is more than ever essential for the Centre to be able to carry out its mission. Taking the statutory objectives into account, the ECPRD priorities for the years 2017-2018 could be defined as follows:

Objectives

1. To encourage further the involvement of all ECPRD Correspondents and their deputies in the full range of the Centre's activities and to improve the understanding of the ECPRD's work in national Parliaments with strong support from their respective Secretary General.
2. To encourage staff in parliaments to take benefit from the opportunities offered by the ECPRD network and its website in particular to retrieve information and to establish contacts and cooperation with other ECPRD parliaments.
3. To develop further the exchange of information via the procedure of comparative requests, and this in full respect of existing guidelines, and more particularly:
 - i. to maintain a high readiness to respond to requests;
 - ii. to encourage the requesting chambers to produce more final summary reports.
4. To strengthen the exchange of information in four Areas of Interest where Coordinators have been nominated (Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives; Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments; Parliamentary Practice and Procedure; Economic and Budgetary Affairs), in particular via the thematic pages on the ECPRD website.
5. To continue to organise seminars for parliamentary staff on subjects of common interest on the basis of proposals made by national parliaments; to ensure timely publication of reports from seminars.
6. To provide regular updates to the recently introduced parliamentary factsheets and the directory.
7. To adapt the ECPRD website to the requirements of the mobile IT environment.
8. To foster contacts with other parliamentary exchange networks (e.g. IPEX) with a view to not only avoiding duplication of activities but identifying potential fields of cooperation.

2. Programme of seminars and meetings 2017-18

Several seminars and meetings are intended to be organised in the years 2017 and 2018. A detailed list of seminars cannot yet be provided. Some intentions to host a seminar have been expressed informally but are still waiting for official confirmation.

2017		
Seminars		
Seminar (Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives)	NN	
Seminar (Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)	NN	
Seminar ICT in Parliaments (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	NN	
Seminar 'Parliaments on the Net' (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	NN	
Seminar (Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs)	NN	
Statutory Meetings		
Meeting of Executive Committee	NN	March
Meeting of Executive Committee	NN	September
Annual Conference of Correspondents 40 Years of ECPRD	Strasbourg, EP and PACE	19-21 October
2018		
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Annual Conference of Correspondents	Helsinki	autumn