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ECPRD

What does it stand for?

<http://www.ecprd.org>

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The aims of ECPRD

- Knowledge sharing, exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe on subjects of common interest
- Close cooperation among parliamentary services in all fields of parliamentary administration, legislation, information, research and documentation



Structure

- Founded in 1977 as a joint initiative of the European Parliament and the Council of Europe
- Total of 72 chambers of National Parliaments – their Presidents/Speakers are members of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments
- Bicameral Parliaments:
Each chamber = full ECPRD member
- Special guests / observers - Parliaments of Israel, Canada, Mexico and the US Congress



A Network of People and Experts

- One Correspondent per parliamentary chamber, appointed among higher officials by their Secretary General
- 72 central persons for a successful daily functioning and further development of ECPRD
- They execute, promote and coordinate ECPRD-related activities in their chambers



ECPRD Services (1)

Comparative Requests

- On parliamentary procedures, rules and practice
- On legislative matters
- Comparative summaries

ECPRD Comparative Request

is the major professional, informal, subtle and handy tool to compare and share daily European legislation and parliamentary management among Member Parliaments in view of exchanging information and using best practices



Recent Examples of IT related Comparative Requests

- Display screen in the plenary chamber
- Search technology in Parliaments
- Blogs and personal pages of MPs
- Computer (IT) equipment in parliaments
- Information Technology Governance Model
- Electronic submission and distribution of documents in Parliament
- Elaboration of an event database



ECPRD services (2)

Seminars

- Topical matters proposed, selected and organised in tight cooperation between a hosting national parliament, the Co-Ordinator of an Area of Interest and with support of the ECPRD Secretariat
- Usually 4-6 events per year
- Open for experts in the national parliaments

- Recent events
 - Seminar on Designing Specific IT Solutions for MPs and Parliaments, Copenhagen 2008,
 - Seminar on Mobility for Representatives, Ljubljana 2007



ECPRD Services (3)

Website development

- Created in November 1996
- Two parts:
 - Public section (EN+FR+DE) only information for the broad public
 - Private section (EN), with password + ID (confidentiality !!)
- 2008 complete new version
 - New layout + user-friendly structure
 - Creation of Areas of interest
 - Workflow for input from Correspondents
 - Notifications



The ECPRD Website

www.ecprd.org

- Private site with restricted access to ECPRD members
- Two types of user account
 - Generic per chamber
 - personal
- Main sections
 - News
 - Internal Organisation = Directory of ECPRD members
 - Comparative requests + Publications and studies
 - Seminars



Website Structure

What's new ?

Since it was first established at the request of the speakers of European Parliamentary Assemblies in June 1977, the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD) has been a useful tool for inter-parliamentary cooperation and information exchange. Areas of Interests, seminars and surveys by individual parliaments on particular topics offer all those involved the chance to work together. The advent of the internet has made the Centre more accessible than ever.

More specific news on the ECPRD Areas of Interest pages

- [Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives](#)
- [Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments](#)
- [Parliamentary Practice and Procedure](#)
- [Macroeconomic Research](#)

Each Area of Interest is accompanied by a discussion forum. Registration is necessary in form of a request to the responsible Co-Ordinator. Access to a forum can also be granted to non-ECPRD members. ► [ECPRD Areas of Interest Forum](#)

Top News

Invitation sent out for the ECPRD Seminar Seminar Parli@ments on the Net VII which will be organised from 28th to 29th of May 2009 in Lisbon by the Portuguese Parliament <...>

Seminar on Press Services for MPs in Bern - invitation, draft agenda and registration details sent out <...>

Latest News

Title	Published
Final Summaries for ECPRD requests 486 and 1208	2009-05-25
New publications about the Council of Europe	2009-05-07
Lisbon Treaty: European Parliament welcomes increased powers for national parliaments	2009-05-06
Euractiv: Few EU expats to vote locally in June elections	2009-05-04
Council of Europe - Activity report 2008	2009-04-30
IPU - New edition of the Guidelines for parliamentary websites	2009-04-30
Referenden in den Mitgliedstaaten der Europäischen Union	2009-04-30
IPU - New section for minorities and indigenous groups in parliaments	2009-04-30
IPU World Directory of Parliaments	2009-04-30
Final Summary for ECPRD Request 1176 - Blogs and personal pages of MPs	2009-04-28



ECPRD Services (4)

Areas of Interest

- Information and communication technology in Parliaments
- Parliamentary practice and procedures
- Parliamentary Research Services, Libraries and Archives
- Macro-economic Research
- Network and dedicated webpage managed by Coordinators



Areas of Interest

- Blog style
- Content added by the Coordinator with the help of the ECPRD Correspondents
 - News
 - Documents
 - Events
 - Links
- On the private site only
- Accompanied by a discussion forum



Areas of Interest

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Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments

Friday, March 06, 2009

Seminar: Parliaments on the net 2009

The ECPRD ICT area has resumed the organisation of seminars on "Parliaments on the Net", and a seminar will take place in the Assembly of the Republic, in Portugal, on 28 and 29 May 2009.

The main theme of the 2009 seminar "Parliaments on the Net" is "How to bring parliament closer to the citizens through the use of the Internet". More information at "[Parliaments on the net](#)".

Posted by jviegas at 17:43 - [News](#) - [Comments \[0\]](#)

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

Forthcoming ICT Seminars

ICT 2009 – Madrid, 12-13 November (subject to be confirmed)
ICT 2010 – Bucharest (date and subject to be confirmed)
ICT 2011 – Athens (date and subject to be confirmed)
ICT 2012 – Budapest (proposal)

Posted by jviegas at 11:42 - [News](#) - [Comments \[1\]](#)

Wednesday, September 03, 2008

Seminar on Designing Specific IT Solutions for MPs and Parliaments - ICT Area

The Danish Parliament, the Folketing, will be hosting the ECPRD Conference on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Copenhagen from October 29th - October 31st 2008 at the Danish Parliament, Copenhagen.

Visit the official web site at <http://www.ft.dk/ecprd-ict2008/index.htm>

Posted by jviegas at 22:12 - [News](#) - [Comments \[0\]](#)

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Areas of Interest

- Information and Communication Technology**
- Parliamentary Practice and Procedure
- Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives
- Macro Economic Research

Category

- News
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- Other
- All

Keyword

All keywords

Informations

The Area of Interest on "Information and Communication Technology in Parliaments" deals with topics like **ICT developments in parliaments** (e-Parliament (services & technologies); Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) and Web Services; Digital signature; Electronic voting system; Digital information archiving), **ICT strategies in parliaments** (Security & Business continuity; Open source versus licence-based systems), **ICT knowledge database** (structure and functioning of ICT in Parliaments), and **E-Representative Project to support the mobile elected Representative**.

Co-ordinator of this Area of Interest is [Ioan Viegas Abreu](#)

Links

- Discussion forum

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Aol Discussion Forum

- Separated from the ECPRD website
- Space for opinions and discussions
- open also for external users on invitation and after authorization by the Coordinator
- Registration procedure distributed on paper to all participants



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What can ECPRD offer to be attractive to IT and Website specialists in parliaments?