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# **ECPRD Priorities and Programme**

**2015 – 2016**

## 1. ECPRD Priorities 2015 – 2016

According to the ECPRD Statutes, the institution's main objective is to promote the exchange of information, ideas, experience and good practice among the administrations of parliaments in Europe. The ECPRD network provides a unique forum for making requests and receiving answers on issues of common and comparable concern to parliaments and their members throughout Europe. Correspondents contribute with strong commitment to this joint effort to exchange information among national parliaments, since this is in a way the ECPRD's very *raison d'être*. 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 2015-2016 could be defined as follows:

### Objectives

1. 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
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. To develop further the ECPRD website so that it remains a user-friendly environment on which parliamentary information (on legislation, studies, administration, ICT, best practices, etc.) can be easily found and used.
5. 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.
6. To co-operate with other networks dealing with the exchange of parliamentary information with a view to avoiding duplication of activities with other parliamentary exchange networks (e.g. IPEX).

## 2. Programme of seminars and meetings 2015-16

Several seminars and meetings are intended to be organised in the years 2015 and 2016. The detailed list of seminars can be found below.

Event	Place	Date
<b>2015</b>		
<b>Seminars</b>		
Seminar (Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives)		
Seminar 'Public involvement in the procedure of the drafting and enactment of laws' (Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)	Zagreb	May/June
Seminar ICT in Parliaments (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	Ankara	Autumn
Seminar 'Parliaments on the Net XIII' (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	EP, Brussels	Spring
Seminar 'Growing income inequality and democratic stability' (Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs)		
<b>Statutory Meetings</b>		
Meeting of Executive Committee	Rome (tbc)	March
Meeting of Executive Committee		September
Annual Conference of Correspondents	Bern	October
<b>2016</b>		
<b>Seminars</b>		
Seminar (Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives)		
Seminar (Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure)		
Seminar ICT in Parliaments (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)		
Seminar 'Parliaments on the Net XIV' (Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments)	Berlin, Bundesrat	Spring
Seminar (Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs)	Baku	
<b>Statutory Meetings</b>		
Meeting of Executive Committee	NN	March
Meeting of Executive Committee	NN	September
Annual Conference of Correspondents (tbc)	Moscow	October