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Advancing democracy and strengthening parliaments through digital transformation

17–18 November 2026, Brussels, Belgium

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Preliminary programme

Pre-conference event for parliamentary staff: Monday, 16 November

Ahead of the World e-Parliament Conference, we are pleased to offer a pre-conference event for chief information officers (CIOs), chief technology officers (CTOs), information technology (IT) managers and senior technical staff. This will provide a chance for peer exchange, to share good practice and examples of technology innovation in parliaments.

Time	Session title	Room	Track
Monday, 16 November 2026			
13:00–14:00	Registration – Security checks		
14:00–14:15	Welcome and objectives for the pre-conference	4B1	
14:15–15:15	Peer-to-Peer Session 1 – From paperless to intelligent parliaments: Digital workflows for legislative work <i>End-to-end digital legislative processes – draft-law systems, e-signatures, secure data exchange and interoperability – and modern voting systems designed for trust and transparency.</i>	4B1	Technology, innovation & implementation
15:15–15:30	Networking		
15:30–16:30	Peer-to-Peer Session 2 – Real-time parliament: Enhancing transparency in parliamentary proceedings <i>How parliaments can provide real-time access to proceedings to encourage public engagement and support transparency. Technical and organizational solutions to ensure transparency, public engagement and timely information delivery.</i>	4B1	Technology, innovation & implementation
16:30–16:45	Networking		
16:45–17:45	Peer-to-Peer Session 3 – Innovation showcase: Clouds, managing data and hybrid infrastructures <i>Parliaments sharing examples of their innovation with participants as part of a peer learning experience.</i>	4B1	Technology, innovation & implementation
17:45–18:00	Wrap-up	4B1	

World e-Parliament Conference

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The World e-Parliament Conference is the leading global forum on innovation and the use of digital technologies in parliament, bringing together members of parliament, Secretaries General and senior parliamentary staff from around the world.

The Conference tracks:

- Parliamentarians in a digital society: Evolving roles and needs
- Strategic leadership for the digital transformation of parliaments
- Technology, innovation & implementation

Time	Session title	Room	Track
Tuesday, 17 November 2026			
08:00–09:00	Registration – Security checks		
09:00–09:30	Opening ceremony	Hemicycle	Plenary
09:30–11:00	Keynote 1 – What does AI mean for parliaments and for democracy? <i>Scene-setting keynote on AI's implications for parliaments and democratic life, followed by open discussion.</i>	Hemicycle	Parliamentarians in a digital society
11:00–11:15	Coffee break		
11:15–12:45	Keynote 2 – The future of parliaments: From digital maturity to digital sovereignty <i>Launch of the World e-Parliament Report; introducing the concept of digital-maturity tiers; resilience building: cyber-maturity, business continuity and digital sovereignty.</i>	Hemicycle	Strategic leadership
13:00–14:00	Buffet lunch		
14:00–15:00	Discussion Session 1 – The sovereignty paradox <i>How to reclaim control and autonomy of your technology and data while agreeing on common rules.</i>	4B1	Parliamentarians in a digital society
15:00–16:00	Discussion Session 2 – Truth or dare: Building trust in an age of dis/misinformation <i>Building trust is more important than ever but is getting harder as dis/misinformation increases. Strategies include digital literacy, parliamentary openness and transparency, and supporting greater participation in the digital public sphere.</i>	4B1	Parliamentarians in a digital society
14:00–15:00	Discussion Session 3 – Strategic compass: Digital maturity tools and the transformation culture <i>Leading and learning on parliament's digital transformation journey: looking at maturity-assessment frameworks from the IPU Digital Maturity Assessment (DMA) and European Parliament IT Maturity Assessment Tool (IMAT), and translating the results into transformation as a strategic pillar.</i>	7C50	Strategic leadership

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15:00–16:00	Discussion Session 4 – Modernizing parliament's digital infrastructure <i>Cloud architectures and new ways of working offer parliaments greater operational efficiencies, create opportunities to build resilience but raise questions around data sovereignty. This session highlights how infrastructure assessments and road maps can guide digital modernization.</i>	7C50	Strategic leadership
16:00–16:30	Coffee break		
16:30–18:00	Discussion Session 5 – Combatting digital violence against MPs <i>An exchange of experiences drawing on the IPU's work on non-consensual intimate images and political violence against parliamentarians.</i>	7C50	Parliamentarians in a digital society
16:30–18:00	Discussion Session 6 – Implementing AI in practice <i>Exploring the real-world use of AI in legislative work – automation, transcription and translation, intelligent search, analytics, AI-assisted drafting and agentic AI – with lessons from implementation.</i>	4B1	Technology, innovation & implementation
18:00	Networking event		
Wednesday, 18 November 2026			
09:30–10:30	Discussion Session 7 – Lessons from digital transformation in parliaments <i>Experiences relating to modernization and digital transformation. This session highlights how infrastructure assessments and road maps can guide digital modernization.</i>	4B1	Strategic leadership
09:30–10:30	Discussion Session 8 – Building a smart parliament for better parliamentary services <i>Enhancing the experience of MPs through digital platforms, AI-powered assistants, intelligent research tools and integrated parliamentary systems.</i>	7C50	Technology, innovation & implementation
10:30–11:00	Coffee break		
11:00–12:00	Discussion Session 9 – Developing AI literacy for members and staff <i>Building on the Kuala Lumpur Declaration Recommendation 4 on continuous AI capacity-building, this session will discuss strategies parliaments can employ to ensure continuous upskilling of members and staff to support their effective adoption of AI.</i>	4B1	Strategic leadership
11:00–12:00	Discussion Session 10 – Digital accelerators for developing parliaments <i>Demystifying digital transformation for smaller legislatures, building strong foundations for governance, data management, connectivity and AI. How parliaments can start small and scale with confidence.</i>	7C50	Technology, innovation & implementation
12:00–13:00	Discussion Session 11 – Creating value in communities of practice <i>Communities of practice enable parliaments to accelerate their digital transformation through benchmarking and the adoption of solutions already</i>	4B1	Strategic leadership

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	<i>validated in comparable contexts, avoiding the cost and risk of solving the same challenges in isolation.</i>		
12:00–13:00	Discussion Session 12 – Showcasing digital innovation in the European Parliament	7C50	Technology, innovation & implementation
13:00–14:00	Buffet lunch		
14:00–15:00	Keynote 4 – Harnessing AI promises while ensuring it serves peoples <i>Parliaments must ensure the benefits of AI are for all while they must protect citizens from its harmful impacts, especially children and workers, to preserve human dignity, agency and societal trust.</i>	Hemicycle	Plenary
15:00–16:00	Keynote 5 – Reinventing parliament <i>Parliaments must adapt to an environment characterized by technological acceleration, increasing cyber threats and citizens wanting greater transparency. Digital transformation is the glue that binds together modernization, innovation and resilience.</i>	Hemicycle	Plenary
16:00–16:30	Conclusions and next steps <i>Synthesis of conclusions across the three tracks; adoption of the Conference Outcome document.</i>	Hemicycle	Plenary
16:30	Closing ceremony	Hemicycle	Plenary