40 years ECPRD
a real contribution to the effectiveness of democracy in Europe

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A network of people

Established in **1977** by the Speakers of Parliaments.

Membership is based on the principle that a President of Parliament is member of the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament

65 Parliamentary chambers from 54 countries.

More than 110 (Deputy) Correspondents 300-400 staff from parliaments meeting every year in thematic seminars
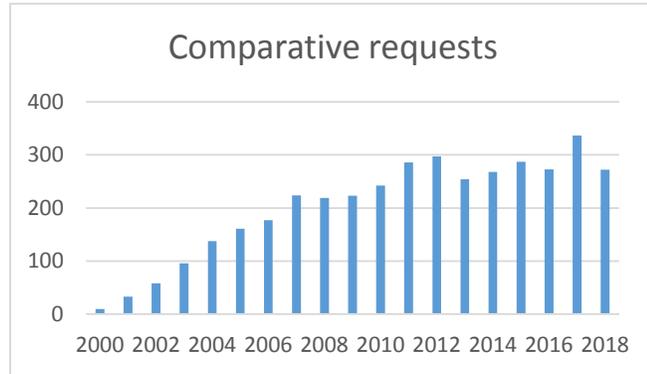
Structure

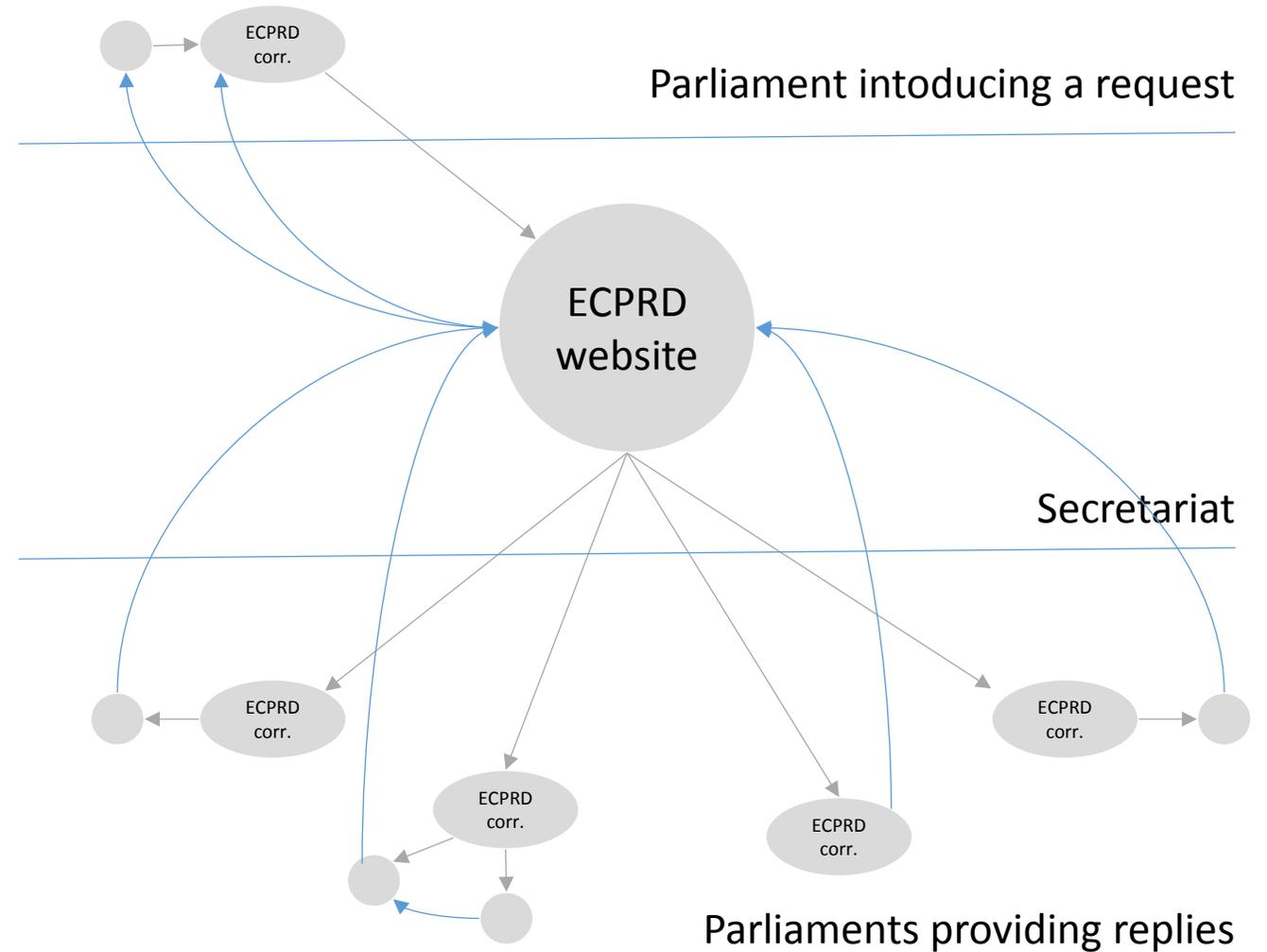Four functions make up the ECPRD's governing structure:

1. Two **Co-Directors**, each of whom assisted by a co-secretary
2. The Conference of **Correspondents**
3. The **Executive Committee**
4. **Coordinators** for the four Areas of Interest on:
   - Economic and Budgetary Affairs
   - Information and Communication Technologies in Parliaments
   - Libraries, Research Services and Archives
   - Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Requests

Comparative requests

Data 2018 includes only January to September

Parliament intoducing a request

ECPRD website

Secretariat

Parliaments providing replies

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Seminars

ECPRD

1-2 seminars every year for each of the four Areas-of-interest
hosted in a member parliament,
bringing together expert parliamentary staff (40-100 participants)
sharing information and experiences

Recent ICT seminars:

- *Digitalization of Society*, Sep-18, Oslo
- *Implications of budgetary pressure*, Sep-17, La Valetta
- *Cloud resources used by parliaments*, Nov-16, The Hague
- *A digital facelift for parliaments*, Jun-16, Berlin
- *eParliament services from everywhere at any time*, Nov-15, Ankara
- *Digitalization of processes and transparency*, Apr-15, Brussels

Website

www.ecprd.org

- A **private website** open to all staff of member parliaments

- Offers the **workflow** to exchange information and keeps an archive

- Has **seminar** specific **sub sites** and archives the presentations

- Includes **basic data** about member parliaments and the ECPRD structure

- Provides specific sections for the **Areas of Interest**

- **All content** is indexed and can be **searched** for

Success factors

Need	Win-win	Reference source	A shared Idea
Facilitators	Commitment	No red-tape	Network of good colleagues

Challenges

- ✓ all success factors
- ✓ Keep the website running
- ✓ Expectations management
- ✓ Workload management
- ✓ Last but not least - continuity!

Questions?