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
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
Seminars

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?