



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE EXAMPLES FROM THE PRACTICE OF THE HELLENIC PARLIAMENT

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Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue

- Inter parliamentary dialogue
- Hellenic Parliament examples of the work and results of staff level inter parliamentary dialogue
- EU twining projects
- ECPRD network

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EU twinning projects

■ Twinning projects

instrument of pre accession assistance

- ✓ transfer expertise aiming at strengthening institutional capacities
- ✓ structured based on the cooperation of same level officials
- ✓ open a channel of communication and dialogue benefiting both parties and resulting to more effective and long term solutions

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EU twinning projects



- **Hellenic Parliament – two twinning projects**
 - members of staff established dialogue with counterparts to recommend and provide effective solutions that would meet needs of beneficiary parliament - bringing it closer to EU standards
 - task involved series of steps: First to assess the current situation, secondly to provide comparative examples, third to present good practices and finally to propose made-to-measure changes

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- **essential element**
- to *establish meaningful dialogue* above and beyond language barriers, reservations as to effectiveness of the effort made by the two sides and the time invested in it
- to work side by side rather than at the opposite sides of the table
- *dialogue* to be formed in a way as *to indicate* clearly that both sides aim ultimately at a *common cause*

Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue ECPRD network



- ❖ **European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation**
 - network of people who exchange information on every aspect requested by parliaments
 - 66 Parliamentary chambers
 - 41 in the European Union
 - 54 countries and European Parliamentary institutions
 - 110 Correspondents and Deputy Correspondents

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□ Operational basis of ECPRD

- need for current updated information
 - data from other countries and inspiration
 - direct knowledge network
 - answer to the “how do they know”
 - enabling MPs to make best possible choices and address needs of citizens
- ❖ *Tool of parliamentary democracy in order to reinstate and increase credibility of institutions and Parliamentarism*

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- **Development of the European Union**
 - ECPRD contributes to integration procedure of candidate states
 - alignment of the acquis, embedding practices and procedures and nurturing a European consciousness
- **National parliaments crucial role**
 - as barriers of the executive branch's introversion
 - by guarding the European common values and orientation

Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue Suggestions

- **common parliamentary library in digital form**
 - bibliography, studies, articles, comparative researches and conference materials
 - enabling knowledge and information on parliamentary issues
- **parliamentary staff networking**
 - parliaments would benefit from experience exchange
 - better position to apply and adapt to changes

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