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INFORME DE LA CONFERENCIA DE LANZAMIENTO DEL PROYECTO INTER PARES FINANCIADO POR LA COMISIÓN EUROPEA, CELEBRADA EN EL PARLAMENTO EUROPEO LOS DÍAS 11 Y 12 DE JULIO DE 2019

Los días 11 y 12 de julio de 2019, la Comisión europea y la Fundación *International IDEA* organizaron, en la sede del Parlamento Europeo, la conferencia que marcaba el inicio del proyecto Inter Pares, de cooperación interparlamentaria, financiado por la Unión Europea y en cuya ejecución participará *International IDEA*.

Asistieron a esta Conferencia los siguientes Letrados de las Cortes Generales:

- **Excma. Sra. D^a Piedad GARCÍA-ESCUDERO MÁRQUEZ**
- **Ilmo. Sr. Ignacio CARBAJAL IRANZO**
- **Ilma. Sra. D^a Carmen SÁNCHEZ-ABARCA GORNALS**

El programa y la lista de participantes se adjuntan al presente informe como anexos 1 y 2.

Jueves 11 julio 2019

Esta primera jornada de la conferencia estaba abierta al público y fue transmitida por streaming a través de Facebook.

La apertura de la reunión a las 9 de la mañana corrió a cargo del **antiguo Presidente del Parlamento Europeo, Sr. Pat COX**, quien realizó una valoración de la situación actual de la UE, y de los retos a los que se enfrenta tanto en el ámbito económico como social, especialmente tras la crisis económica y financiera. Consideró que la UE había sido un éxito hasta ahora, pero que ello no garantiza que lo seguirá siendo en el futuro. Mencionó, desde su perspectiva como ciudadano irlandés y europeo, las graves consecuencias del Brexit, si finalmente se llegara a confirmar. Expresó asimismo su miedo tanto de los supuestos “superpatriotas” como del aumento del fanatismo y de las ideologías extremistas, que suponen una merma de los pesos y contrapesos y llevan a un mundo de líderes fuertes y de instituciones débiles. Recordó asimismo cómo el presidente de Rusia, en una reciente entrevista en el *Financial Times*, ha afirmado que los ideales liberales están obsoletos en el mundo actual. Sin embargo, la Rusia de Putin no es un modelo adecuado para la gran mayoría de los ciudadanos europeos. Frente a esta deriva,



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los nuevos líderes deben de promover unas políticas populares sin caer en el populismo, y demostrar que es mejor enfrentarse juntos a los problemas antes que caer en el aislacionismo que nos amenaza. A continuación, aludió al reciente informe realizado por el Parlamento Europeo sobre la valoración de necesidades en el Parlamento de Ucrania, en el marco de una reciente misión de cooperación interparlamentaria.

La Sra. JAGER, Directora General adjunta de Cooperación al Desarrollo (DG DEVCO) de la Comisión europea aludió a la importancia que supone el refuerzo de las capacidades de los parlamentos para la protección de los derechos humanos y para el fortalecimiento de las instituciones. Afirmó que es importante que los parlamentos nacionales se involucren, y subrayó la posibilidad de establecer importantes sinergias. Con objeto de conseguir los objetivos mencionados, la Comisión proporcionará una plataforma de coordinación en asuntos parlamentarios, para que las ayudas de la UE puedan llegar a Parlamentos en todo el mundo.

El Sr. DUCCI, Director General de Políticas Externas del Parlamento Europeo, proporcionó una visión histórica de la actividad de promoción de la democracia que ha realizado el Parlamento Europeo en los últimos 5 años, a través de los Grupos de Apoyo Democrático. La experiencia ha permitido adoptar un enfoque global, que comprende el ciclo electoral completo, incluyendo la formación de personal, la mediación (diálogo *Jean Monnet*), la defensa de los derechos humanos, la cooperación con la sociedad civil y el fortalecimiento de capacidades. Esta actividad ha sido, en cada una de sus vertientes, liderada por diputados del Parlamento Europeo, con objeto de mejorar su aceptación por instancias políticas en el parlamento huésped. Finalmente, resaltó la importancia del proyecto Inter Pares y de la cooperación con los Parlamentos nacionales, como socios para el fortalecimiento de capacidades.

La Sra. BOZKURT, presidenta del Consejo de IDEA, aludió a la importancia de la democracia desde la perspectiva del desarrollo de los derechos humanos y subrayó la importancia del dialogo.

La Sra. JABRE, directora de la división de programas de la UIP, recordó que su organización ha estado intercambiando experiencias de ámbito parlamentario desde 1889 y reconoció que las instituciones parlamentarias necesitan apoyo mutuo y reciproco.



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Sesión 1. Enfoque europeo del reforzamiento de los Parlamentos

A las 10h30 comenzó la primera sesión, que presentó el enfoque de la UE al desarrollo parlamentario desde el punto de vista de la Comisión europea, el Parlamento Europeo y el Servicio Europeo de Acción Exterior (SEAE).

En primer lugar intervino la **Sra. ADAMO, Jefa de Unidad de la DG DEVCO, Comisión europea**, quien consideró que uno de los aspectos más valiosos del proyecto Inter Pares es su enfoque global en la promoción de la democracia y apoyo del multipartidismo.

El **Sr. QUILLE, Jefe de Unidad de Mediación, Parlamento Europeo**, empleó una presentación en power point que mostraba el ciclo electoral y las medidas a adoptar en cada una de las fases del citado ciclo. A continuación, se centró en el proyecto de cooperación con el Parlamento ucraniano, citando de nuevo el informe mencionado por el Sr. COX. En el capítulo 6 de dicho informe se enumeran los retos pendientes. Hizo hincapié en que la labor del Parlamento Europeo es complementaria de la del resto de instituciones de la UE.

El **Sr. COSTELLO, Jefe de División de Democracia y Observación electoral, SEAE**, cerró esta sesión aludiendo a la necesidad de promover la idea de que la democracia es positiva. Debido a los retos y riesgos comunes, es necesaria la participación de los Parlamentos nacionales. Aludió asimismo a las misiones de observación electoral, que están presidida por un diputado del Parlamento Europeo propuesto por el propio Parlamento Europeo a la Comisión, con el fin de garantizar que la observación electoral no va a perjudicar las relaciones de la SEAE con el país huésped.

Sesión 2. Inter Pares. Introducción a la cooperación interparlamentaria.

El **Sr. JORRO-MARTÍNEZ, DG DEVCO**, realizó una presentación general del proyecto, incluyendo referencias a sus objetivos, actividades principales, interesados y socios. Insistió en la voluntad de la Comisión europea de evitar duplicidades, por lo que no se realizaría ninguna actividad que ya estuviera siendo abordada por un Parlamento nacional con financiación de la Comisión europea. Insistió en que se trata del primer proyecto global de cooperación interparlamentaria



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financiado por la Comisión europea, y que adoptaba un enfoque “inter pares”, de cooperación entre iguales, funcionarios expertos en el ámbito parlamentario. El presupuesto previsto será de 5 millones de euros para un periodo de 3 años. Los proyectos serán financiados en un 100% por la Unión Europea.

El **Sr. Jonathan MURPHY, Jefe del proyecto Inter Pares, *International IDEA***, señaló que la UE es el mayor proveedor de cooperación interparlamentaria en el mundo, y este debe ser también uno de los objetivos principales de *International IDEA*. Subrayó asimismo que la primera medida será identificar los intereses y objetivos del Parlamento con el que se desee cooperar, y así poder presentar un programa de cooperación acorde con sus necesidades.

Sesión 3. El trabajo de los socios en proyectos de intercambio de conocimientos e innovación: AGORA, *iKNOW Politics* y el Centro de Innovación en Parlamentos (CIP).

En esta sesión, moderada por la Sra. ADAMO, Jefa de Unidad en DG DEVCO de la Comisión europea, participaron la Sra. KANDAWASVIKA-NHUNDU, Jefa de Participación Política y Representación en IDEA-AGORA, quien presentó el portal AGORA de intercambio de información y de conocimientos en el ámbito de la cooperación interparlamentaria. Señaló que el mencionado portal ha estado inactivo desde 2018 por falta de financiación, pero mostró su confianza en que la colaboración con la Comisión europea en el proyecto Inter Pares permitiera reactivarlo.

La Sra. BALLINGTON, Asesora de Participación política en UN Mujeres, presentó el proyecto *iKNOW Politics*, que tiene por objeto consolidar la mejora de la presencia de mujeres en los últimos años en todos los niveles de representación parlamentaria, tanto en el ámbito político como administrativo. El proyecto que presentó constituye la mayor biblioteca online sobre la participación de las mujeres en la política, y como tal representa un recurso altamente valorado.

La Sra. BABIC, Jefa de Programas de Cooperación técnica de la Unión Interparlamentaria (UIP), Centro para la Innovación Parlamentaria, se centró en el ámbito de cooperación informática y su disponibilidad a cooperar con todos los países para mejorar su capacidad en este ámbito, gracias a una red de



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servidores presentes en todas las zonas más relevantes para los proyectos de cooperación (África del Este, África del Norte, América Latina, Caribe y Pacífico).

Una vez finalizada esta sesión, se ofreció una comida de trabajo a los participantes.

Sesión 4. Proyectos de reforzamiento de las capacidades de los Parlamentos financiados por la UE: socios, impacto y lecciones aprendidas

Tras la pausa de la comida, en esta sesión, moderada por la **Sra. VAN DEN EEDE, Jefa adjunta de Unidad en DG DEVCO, Comisión europea**, intervinieron representantes de los órganos y entidades que participan en la ejecución de los proyectos de reforzamiento de las capacidades parlamentarias que financia la Unión Europea.

Participaron la **Sra. MULLER, Gestora de proyectos en la Delegación de la UE en Sudáfrica**, que se centró en las necesidades y en los proyectos realizados en Sudáfrica, y el **Sr. GALITCHI, Experto en recursos humanos**, que explicó el proyecto de apoyo de la UE a las instituciones jordanas.

El **Sr. GODINHO GOMES, Gestor de proyecto, Pro PALOP-TL SAI, del Programa de Desarrollo de las Naciones Unidas**, se centró en los programas de cooperación interparlamentaria en los países de habla portuguesa en África y en Timor Oriental.

La **Sra. SCHWEIGHOFEROVA, asesora legal de la ONG Parlamentarios para la Acción Global**, fue la última oradora en esta sesión. Describió la labor de la ONG en la que trabaja, destinada a una cooperación personalizada con diputados, en un nivel principalmente político y adaptado a las necesidades específicas de cada parlamentario, centradas en tender puentes entre el diputado y la sociedad civil.

Sesiones 5 y 6. El papel del mundo académico y la sociedad civil en el desarrollo parlamentario. La experiencia de los Parlamentos Nacionales en el ámbito de los proyectos de fortalecimiento parlamentario financiados por la UE

Tras una sesión centrada en el mundo académico y la sociedad civil, moderada por el **Sr. MILLAR, de la DG DEVCO**, diversos funcionarios de instituciones europeas y parlamentarias procedieron a describir sus respectivas experiencias en relación



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con diferentes proyectos de hermanamiento en las que habían participado Parlamentos Nacionales.

En primer lugar, intervino la **Sra. AQUARO, jefe de equipo de hermanamientos de la DG Near de la Comisión europea**, que explicó diversos aspectos de su trabajo. A continuación, la **Sra. VIGOUROUX, jefe de la unidad de cooperación interparlamentaria de la Asamblea nacional francesa**, mencionó los proyectos de hermanamiento en lo que ha participado su Cámara con los Parlamentos marroquí y tunecino. El **Sr. KOVACS, jefe de departamento de relaciones internacionales de la Asamblea nacional húngara**, aludió a que su parlamento ha participado en 16 proyectos, en estrecha colaboración con la Asamblea nacional y el Senado de Francia. Finalmente, el **Sr. FITSILIS, del Parlamento heleno**, aludió a su experiencia como asesor residente en el proyecto de hermanamiento con el Parlamento de Serbia.

Sesión de clausura

La **Sra. ADAMO** realizó una breve intervención de cierre, que fue seguida de la intervención de la **Sra. MACHANGANA, Directora de Programas Globales de International IDEA**.

Viernes 12 de julio de 2019

A diferencia de la jornada del día anterior, los debates e intervenciones del día 12 de julio fueron a puerta cerrada.

Presentación y debate de los resultados de los análisis de base

A las 10h comenzó la reunión con la presentación de las conclusiones extraídas de las respuestas de los Parlamentos nacionales al cuestionario enviado por Inter Pares y la Comisión europea, que fue realizada por el **Sr. JORRO-MARTÍNEZ** y el **Sr. MURPHY**, y en el que se destacó que los Parlamentos llevan a cabo la cooperación parlamentaria de diferentes maneras, dependiendo de su organización administrativa. En el debate subsiguiente se planteó un problema nominativo en torno al uso de la cooperación como “capacitación” destinada a los Parlamentos que reciben la ayuda, argumentándose por varios intervinientes que se debía evitar



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colocar dichos Parlamentos en una posición similar a la de un estudiante frente a un profesor.

Por otro lado el representante del Parlamento húngaro propuso que todos los Parlamentos tuvieran acceso a las respuestas de los demás Parlamentos, siguiendo la práctica interparlamentaria habitual (CERPD; COSAC...). El **Sr. JORRO-MARTÍNEZ** y el **Sr. MURPHY** respondieron que, al no tratarse de un ámbito estrictamente parlamentario, no se había podido recurrir al CERPD, y que no era la práctica compartir respuestas que no procedían de la Comisión europea, si bien señalaron que se podría replantear la posibilidad de compartir las respuestas, en función de lo que opinaran los Parlamentos nacionales.

Taller 1. Experiencias de los Parlamentos nacionales de la UE y enfoques de cooperación interparlamentaria

El primer taller de esta jornada fue moderado por el **Sr. RIZZONI, Cámara de Diputados italiana**, y contó con la participación de funcionarios del Parlamento Europeo, de la Cámara de los Comunes británica, de la Asamblea Nacional francesa, del Bundestag alemán y del Congreso de los Diputados. El contenido de este taller tuvo un carácter más general, con presentaciones de las principales actividades de cooperación parlamentaria llevadas a cabo por los citados Parlamentos.

El **Sr. BERNACKI, Parlamento Europeo**, expuso la labor del Parlamento Europeo, desde la experiencia acumulada por la Dirección de Parlamentos nacionales en el Parlamento Europeo, y centrándose en los programas de apoyo democrático en los Balcanes occidentales.

A continuación, el **Sr. WADE y la Sra. USDEN, de la Cámara de los Comunes**, expusieron su experiencia de colaboración con el Parlamento de Myanmar, basada en un acuerdo de cooperación entre el Speaker de su Cámara y Aung San Suu Kyi. A continuación, la **Sra. VIGOUROUX, de la Asamblea nacional francesa**, repasó los proyectos y actividades de cooperación que su Cámara realiza con otros Parlamentos, dirigido a parlamentarios, funcionarios y personal de grupo. El **Sr. GUCKES, del Bundestag alemán**, tomó a continuación la palabra para exponer los programas de cooperación que realiza su Parlamento. Finalmente, el **Sr.**



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CARBAJAL intervino para explicar las diferentes actividades y programas de cooperación que se llevan a cabo por el Congreso de los Diputados.

Taller 2. Prácticas en la cooperación interparlamentaria internacional.

Tras la pausa para el almuerzo, que tuvo lugar en el salón 5 del restaurante de Diputados del Parlamento Europeo, comenzó el segundo taller, que permitió a los funcionarios de distintos Parlamentos compartir ejemplos concretos de capacitación sobre aspectos específicos del funcionamiento de las Cámaras parlamentarias, con un enfoque especial en la inclusión y la innovación.

El moderador fue el **Sr. DELTOUR, Director de Servicios Legislativos de la Cámara de Representantes belga**, y participaron como oradores principales el **Sr. DELÉPINE, DG ITEC del Parlamento Europeo**, la **Sra. GARCÍA-ESCUDERO, del Congreso de los Diputados**; el **Sr. DIGNAM** y la **Sra. CONNOLLY**, ambos funcionarios del **Parlamento irlandés**; y la **Sra. SVECOVA, del Parlamento eslovaco**.

El **Sr. DELÉPINE** realizó una exhaustiva explicación de los programas de cooperación en materia informática en los que participa el Parlamento Europeo. La **Sra. GARCÍA-ESCUDERO** expuso el contenido y la metodología de los cursos que proporciona el Congreso de los Diputados, tanto de forma presencial como por internet, sobre técnica legislativa y administración parlamentaria. El **Sr. DIGNAM** describió la cooperación realizada por el Parlamento irlandés con el Parlamento ucraniano. La **Sra. CONNOLLY**, por su parte, dedicó su intervención a explicar el funcionamiento de la Oficina Presupuestaria de su Cámara. Finalmente, la **Sra. SVECOVA** aludió al proyecto de hermanamiento de su Cámara con el Parlamento de Moldavia.

Presentación y debate de las modalidades prácticas de ejecución

Esta sesión permitió al **Sr. JORRO-MARTÍNEZ** y al **Sr. MURPHY** presentar las modalidades concretas de gestión y administración del proyecto Inter Pares. En el anexo 3 se incluye un documento en el que se resumen los elementos más importantes del proyecto Inter Pares.

En primer lugar, se creará una estructura compuesta por los siguientes órganos:



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- El Consejo Rector (*Steering Committee*) que se reunirá un par de veces al año con objeto de fijar las directrices estratégicas. Formarán parte de dicho Consejo la Comisión europea, IDEA, el Servicio Europeo de Acción Exterior, el Parlamento Europeo, la UIP y los Parlamentos Nacionales que lo deseen.
- El Grupo de Trabajo de Ejecución (*Implementation Task Force*) está compuesto por el departamento competente de la Comisión, IDEA, y los miembros del Consejo Rector que sean invitados. Este Grupo de Trabajo controla la ejecución técnica de los proyectos y se reunirá con carácter mensual o semanal.
- La ejecución técnica de los proyectos corre a cargo de la Unidad de Gestión del Proyecto (*Project Management Unit*).

En cuanto a la identificación de los proyectos, se está aún perfilando el procedimiento de trabajo, pero existe una preferencia por el siguiente:

- Inter Pares identifica las necesidades de un Parlamento con el que se desea cooperar, de acuerdo con las peticiones que han sido identificadas por el Consejo rector y de acuerdo con las recomendaciones y observaciones establecidas por la delegación de la UE en el país con el que se quiere cooperar.
- Inter Pares comunica a los Parlamentos Nacionales de los Estados miembros la intención de proceder a un determinado programa de cooperación para atender unas necesidades concretas del Parlamento de acogida. Los Parlamentos Nacionales pueden entonces expresar su interés en participar. En esta fase, Inter Pares se pondría en contacto también con aquellos Parlamentos Nacionales de los Estados miembros que consideren que tienen unos determinados conocimientos o habilidades que pueden ser útiles para el proyecto. Inter Pares tendría una base de datos con la información relevante de cada Parlamento Nacional con la finalidad de poder identificar los parlamentos y los expertos más apropiados para cada caso. Inter Pares tratará asimismo de que no siempre participen los mismos Parlamentos, atendiendo a las capacidades de cada Cámara.
- Junto con los Parlamentos Nacionales participantes y con el Parlamento de acogida se procede entonces a la elaboración de la programación con la



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identificación de las actividades necesarias para la cooperación con el Parlamento de acogida.

Inter Pares considera que este procedimiento es transparente, permite identificar las habilidades de cada Parlamento Nacional y reduce el riesgo de que los programas, una vez adoptados, sean rechazados por los Parlamentos Nacionales. La desventaja radicaría en que los Parlamentos Nacionales deben implicarse muy pronto en el procedimiento.

En cualquier caso, desde la organización de Inter Pares se puso asimismo de manifiesto que:

- El Grupo de Trabajo de Ejecución será el órgano encargado de identificar los proyectos.
- Los proyectos serán atendidos de acuerdo con prioridades europeas de cooperación, en la medida en que los fondos proceden íntegramente de los presupuestos de la Unión Europea.
- Todos los gastos correrán a cargo de Inter Pares. Sin embargo, Inter Pares no tiene ánimo de lucro, por lo que se cubrirán los gastos de viaje de los expertos, los medios necesarios para hacer su trabajo, y las dietas, si bien Inter Pares no tiene intención de proporcionar un sueldo a los expertos que intervengan en los proyectos procedentes de los Parlamentos Nacionales de los Estados miembros.

El Consejo Rector se reunirá previsiblemente en el mes de octubre. En la actualidad, la Comisión Europea e IDEA están trabajando para proporcionar un listado de países con lo que se considera que pueden aprobarse a la mayor brevedad proyectos de cooperación. El objetivo para 2019 sería identificar 5 proyectos, para lo cual se está trabajando en un listado de 16 posibles países candidatos, tratando de combinar países en diferentes fases de desarrollo y en todas las áreas geográficas.

Tras unas breves intervenciones de la Sra. **O'SULLIVAN, directora de asuntos financieros de Inter Pares**, y de la Sra. **BEECKMANS, administradora principal de programas de Inter Pares**, concluyó la conferencia a las 18 horas.

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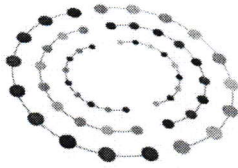
ANEXO 1: PROGRAMA DE LA CONFERENCIA Y BIOGRAFÍA DE ORADORES



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AGENDA

European Parliament, Brussels

Room PHS 4B01

Thursday, 11th July 2019

Participants: *EU Member States Parliaments, EU institutions, project partners, civil society organisations and academia*

Director of Ceremonies: *Jennifer Baker, Freelance EU Correspondent*

8:30-9:30	Registration and coffee
9:30-10:30	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Mr Pat Cox, former President, European Parliament</p> <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), European Commission - Mr Pietro Ducci, Director General for External Policies of the Union, European Parliament - Ms Emine Bozkurt, Chairperson of the Board, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) - Ms Kareen Jabre, Director, Division of Programmes, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)



10:30-11:00	<p>EU approach to parliamentary strengthening</p> <p><i>This session will introduce the European Union's approach to parliamentary development from the perspective of the European Commission, European Parliament and the European External Action Service.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit - Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance, DG DEVCO, European Commission- Mr Gerrard Quille, Head of Unit - Mediation and Dialogue Support Unit, European Parliament- Mr Patrick Costello, Head of Division - Democracy and Electoral Observation, European External Action Service (EEAS)
11:00: -11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:00	<p>INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership: An introduction</p> <p><i>This session will feature a general introduction of the project including its objectives, main activities, key stakeholders and partners.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez, Policy Officer – Parliaments and Political Parties, DG DEVCO, European Commission- Mr Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme "INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership", International IDEA <p>Open discussion</p>
12:00-12:45	<p>Project partners' work on parliamentary knowledge sharing and innovation: AGORA, iKNOW Politics and the Centre for Innovation in Parliaments (CIP)</p> <p><i>This session will present ongoing initiatives on parliamentary research, knowledge sharing and innovation that will be supported by INTER PARES.</i></p> <p>MODERATOR: Ms Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit - Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance, DG DEVCO, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Rumbidzai Kandawasvika-Nhundu, Head of Political Participation and Representation, International IDEA - AGORA



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Julie Ballington, Policy Advisor Political Participation, UN WOMEN - iKnowPolitics- Ms Norah Babic, Technical Cooperation Programme Manager, IPU - Centre for Innovation in Parliament. <p>Open discussion</p>
12:45-13:45	Lunch – provided at the European Parliament
13:45-14:45	<p>EU-funded parliamentary strengthening projects: implementing partners, impact and lessons learned</p> <p><i>This panel will feature different partners that implement EU-funded parliamentary strengthening projects around the world.</i></p> <p><i>MODERATOR: Ms Fabienne Van Den Eede, Deputy Head of Unit - Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance, DG DEVCO, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Jozet Muller, Program Manager, EU Delegation to South Africa- Mr Sergiu Galitchi, Human Resources Expert, EU support to Jordanian Democratic Institutions & Development project (EU JDID), Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)- Mr Ricardo Godinho Gomes, Project Manager, Pro PALOP-TL SAI, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)- Ms Frederika Schweighoferova, Senior Legal Officer, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) <p>Open discussion</p>
14:45-15:45	<p>The role of academia and civil society in parliamentary development</p> <p><i>This panel will enable academia and civil society, in particular parliamentary monitoring organisations (PMOs), to share their experiences in research on parliamentary matters, including through EU-funded projects.</i></p> <p><i>MODERATOR: Mr Thomas Millar, Head of Sector - Democratic Governance, DG DEVCO, European Commission</i></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Stefanos Loukopoulos, Managing Director, Vouliwatch- Dr Constanza Sanhueza, Research Associate, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg- Prof. Nicola Lupo, Director, Center for Parliamentary Studies, LUISS Guido Carli- Dr Maria Mousmouti, Lecturer in Law, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
15:45-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-17:15	<p>EU Member State Parliaments experience in delivering EU-funded parliamentary strengthening projects: twinnings.</p> <p><i>This session will highlight the successes and explore the challenges related to delivering EU-funded parliamentary strengthening projects, in particular through the twinning modality.</i></p> <p><i>MODERATOR: Mr Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez, Policy Officer - Parliaments and Political Parties, DG DEVCO, European Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Francesca Aquaro, Team Leader, Twinning, DG NEAR, European Commission- Dr Jur. Krisztián Kovács, Head of Department, Directorate for Foreign Relations EU Department, Hungarian National Assembly- Ms Marie Vigouroux, Head of the Inter-parliamentary Cooperation Unit, International Affairs and Defence Department, French National Assembly- Dr Fotios Fitsilis, former Resident Twinning Advisor, Hellenic Parliament <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
17:15-17:30	<p>Closing session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Henriette Geiger, Director - Directorate for People and Peace, DG DEVCO, European Commission- Ms Keboitse Machangana, Director of Global Programme, International IDEA



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17:30 – 19:00	Reception With refreshments and light snacks - provided at the European Parliament
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Speaker Biographies
11 July 2019

Keynote Speaker: Mr Pat Cox

President, European Parliament (2002-2004)
President, ELDR Group, EP (1998-2001)
President European Movement International (2005-2011)
President, Former Members Association, EP (2010-2014)
President, Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe (2014 -)

Educated at Ardscoil Rís, C.B.S. Limerick and Trinity College Dublin
Lecturer in Economics, Institute of Public Administration (1974 – 1976)
and at the National Institute for Higher Education, Limerick (1976 – 1982)
Current Affairs television broadcaster, RTE, Dublin (1982- 1986)
Secretary General, Progressive Democrats (1986- 1989)
Member of the European Parliament, Munster constituency (1989-2004)
Member of Dáil Éireann (1992-1994)

European Coordinator for the Scandinavian-Mediterranean TEN T (transport) Core Network Corridor (EU)

Leader of Needs Assessment and Implementation Mission on parliamentary reform for the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada, Kiev, Ukraine

Member, Appointment Advisory Committee, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

Chairman of the Board, Gore Street Energy Fund Plc, London

Chairman, SuperNode Ltd. Ireland

Chairman Public Interest Committee, KPMG, Ireland

Member of the Board, Appian Asset Management, Ireland

Member of the Board, Ecocem, Ireland

Member of the Board Yalta European Strategy (YES), Ukraine

President, Alliance Française, Dublin, Ireland

Honorary Vice President of the European Movement Ireland

Member of the Board Third Age Foundation Ireland

Senior Fellow and Member of the Board, Institute for International and European Affairs, Ireland

Member of the Board, Ireland China Institute

Chairman Finance Green Ireland National Committee, Ireland

Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur and Commandeur de l'ordre des Palmes académiques, France
National honours - Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Poland, Romania.

European Voice MEP of the Year 2001, Brussels, European Movement's Irish European of the year, 2002, European Voice Campaigner of the Year 2003, Brussels, Polish Business Oscar 2003, Inaugural AmCham EU Transatlantic Business Award, 2004

Charlemagne Prize, Aachen, Germany, 2004



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Chiara Adamo

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With almost 20 years' experience in the European Commission, she started her career in the Justice and Home Affairs area. From 2014, she headed the "Fundamental Rights Policy" unit in the European Commission for five years, in charge of overseeing the respect of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights by the EU Institutions and EU Member States. She was a member of the Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency. Prior to that, she worked for five years as head of the "Union Citizenship and Free Movement" Unit in DG Justice, in charge among other things of enforcing the right of EU citizens to stand and vote in European and local elections and of encouraging citizens' participation.

She studied International and Diplomatic Relations in Gorizia, Italy, and in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium. She specialised in European studies at the College of Europe, Bruges. Before joining the Commission, she worked for civil society organisations and local administrations on development cooperation, human rights and immigration issues.

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Francesca holds a degree in political science from the University of Florence.

Norah Babic

Prior to joining the IPU in 2003, Mrs. Babic served in several headquarters and field positions with various UN Agencies notably UNHCR (emergency and humanitarian affairs related work) and the UNDP (election organization related work) from 1990 to 2002.

Mrs. Babic manages the Institutional Capacity Building programme of the IPU. In this capacity, she guides and manages a team that directs various programmes on strengthening parliamentary capacities in developing and emerging democracies. Mrs. Babic also spearheads IPU's current work on the Common Principles for Support to Parliament, approved by the Governing Council of the IPU at the 131 IPU Assembly, October 2014 and currently endorsed by 147 national parliaments and partners.

In addition, she is Secretary for Emergency Item Resolutions adopted at both annual IPU Assemblies. She is also secretary to the IPU Group of Facilitators for Cyprus.

Jennifer Baker

Jennifer has been a journalist in print, radio and television for 20 years, the last 10+ specialising in EU policy. She has worked across a wide range of media, from editing a national daily paper in Malta, to reporting on European affairs for Middle Eastern television, and has a wealth of experience in navigating the political quagmire of the EU. As well as an address book packed with insider sources and contacts in Brussels, Jennifer is skilled at translating EU policy-speak into understandable English.



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Regularly listed as one of the top digital influencers in the EU bubble, Jennifer is a member of the Expert Council of the Good Technology Collective, as well as a GLG expert Council Member providing advice on EU Policy, and was named by Analytica as one of the world's Top 100 Influencers on Data Security 2016. She was also listed by Politico as one of the Top 20 Women Shaping Brussels in 2017.

Emine Bozkurt

Emine Bozkurt is Chair of the Board at International IDEA since June 2018. As a Member of the European Parliament representing the Netherlands for 10 years until July 2014, Emine Bozkurt worked on migration and asylum policies and civil rights, including women's rights in Turkey, partly in view of its EU candidate membership. A passionate advocate of human rights, she was appointed chairperson of the cross party Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup of the European Parliament. She organized many conferences concerning civil rights, the fight against racism and extreme-right, hate-crimes. She has actively engaged members of the minority communities in Europe in those debates. As co-chair of the European Diversity and Integration Network, she led fact-finding missions to local Muslim communities in Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Bulgaria and Spain to listen to the experiences of Muslim communities in Europe to make recommendations to the leadership of the Party of European Socialists.

In 2014 she was appointed by His Majesty the King of the Netherlands Knight in the Order of Orange-Nassau.

Patrick Costello

Patrick Costello is currently Head of the Democracy and Electoral Observation Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS). He has been an EU official for 22 years working in the European Parliament, European Commission and EEAS and has served in a number of Cabinets including those of Chris Patten, Vice-President Margot Wallström (as deputy Head of Cabinet), EP President Josep Borrell (as diplomatic adviser) and Karmenu Vella (as Head of Cabinet). Other jobs have included EEAS head of division for the Middle East and deputy to the Chair of the Political and Security Committee. Prior to joining the European Institutions, he worked for the UN in Haiti (MICIVIH) and as an electoral observer in South Africa (UNOMSA) and he started his career as a human rights campaigner on Central America.

Ludovic Delépine

Ludovic Delépine has more than 25 years' experience in IT, including IT governance for public administration, strategy, planning, enterprise architecture and digital transformation, including academia and research experience. In recent years he played a key role in leading the interinstitutional working group on Information Systems and Project Offices within the context of enterprise architecture, and specifically the business layer.

Currently, Mr Delépine is Head of Unit at DG ITEC in the European Parliament and responsible for the IT governance hub established in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Prior to the European Parliament, he worked at ENESAD (France) where he was head of research and development and responsible for training the future IT project leaders from the French Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries. During this period, he was responsible for the Master diploma "Management of Information Systems" and coordinator for the Leonardo European project GISA2E (Geographical Information System). Before ENESAD, he worked 3 years for several companies in Luxembourg where he held different roles, mainly as a consultant and project manager in the public and banking sector. Ludovic Delépine holds a Ph.D. in IT from the University of Bourgogne where his principal competencies were Artificial Intelligence and Information and Communication Technologies. He was a teacher in French universities and researcher in CNRS laboratories for over 8 years in these fields.



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Mr Ducci is the Director-General of the European Parliament's Directorate General for External Policies. He joined the European Institutions in 1991, and has been working in the field of foreign affairs in the European Parliament since 2004. He first headed the Election Observation Unit, developing through the years the concept of comprehensive democracy support approach by the Parliament and in December 2015 became the Director of the Directorate for Democracy Support. The Directorate provides expert assistance to the Members of the EP and in particular to the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) to consolidate the European Parliament's activities under a new Comprehensive Democracy Support Approach, that includes election observation and follow up, capacity building activities for parliaments, mediation. In April 2019 he was appointed Director-General.

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Before joining the European Commission, Ms Geiger held positions in the European Union's Council of Ministers, the United Nations General Secretariat as well as the private sector and NGOs. Educated in both Germany and the United States, she obtained two master degrees in social sciences and earned a distinction as Fulbright Scholar.

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Previously and for 13 years, she managed the Gender Partnership Programme of the organisation, focusing on the implementation of projects to support women in parliament and transform parliaments in institutions that deliver on gender equality. She is also currently in charge at the IPU of work on international humanitarian law and refugee protection. Before working for the IPU, Kareen Jabre worked at UNESCO in its women and gender equality coordinating unit. She holds Masters in political science and in English.



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Krisztián Kovács

Mr. Krisztián Kovács, Head of the EU Department, Directorate for Foreign Relations, Office of the Hungarian National Assembly, started his duty in the civil service in November 2002, first as an advisor and later, since October 2010 as Head of the EU Department. Before, he spent years as an editor of the international financial market pages of a Hungarian financial weekly and worked as a communication officer in the Hungarian state owned trade promotion and export development agency. By profession he has an economist and a jurist degree.

After Hungary joined the European Union Mr. Kovács transferred his knowledge and experience on EU integration and democratic transition to colleagues of national parliaments in EU Neighbourhood policy region as well as in South-East Asia. He served in 2008-2010 in the Parliament of Moldova as the first EU RTA in Moldova. In 2014-2016 he was the resident Component Leader in Banja Luka, in the National Assembly of Republika Srpska, Bosnia Hercegovina (BiH), in the first parliamentary project in the parliaments of BiH. Besides that he was short term expert in different missions of twinning and other technical assistance projects in Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Albania, Kosovo 1, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Macedonia, Laos, Tunisia and in Moldova.

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Constanza's research focuses on democracy, political representation, electoral behavior, social media, migration and public opinion and relies on expert and citizen's surveys, text analysis methods and survey experiments. She has also designed and delivered various political science courses at the Universities of Mannheim, Oslo, Gothenburg, Humboldt in Berlin and Sciences Po Paris and worked as a consultant for different national and international organizations including the European Commission and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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Fabienne Van Den Eede

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Marie Vigouroux has 15 years of professional experience at the French National Assembly. Since 2018, she is Head of the Inter-parliamentary Cooperation Unit, which provides technical assistance to foreign parliaments.

She served in 2004-2010 as an advisor for the Economic Affairs Committee and in 2011-2014 and 2015-2017 for the Committee of Budget and Public Finances, assisting the Chairperson and the *Rapporteurs* in committee proceedings, plenary sittings, legislative work, budgetary oversight and fact finding missions.

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The INTER PARES Team

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Among his career highlights, from 1997 to 2002 Jonathan was director of research in the Canadian parliament, an appointment of the Canadian prime minister. From 2012 to 2015, he headed a major UNDP project in Tunisia to support the inclusive process of development of the country's first democratic Constitution after the Revolution of 2011. From 2015 to 2018 he designed and led a European Union - UNDP project to reform the Ukrainian parliament.

Jonathan holds a doctorate in management from Cambridge University, and taught international management at Cardiff University in Wales for more than a decade. He has published six books and numerous academic articles, reports, etc. on topics including democratic development, international management, and organizational development.

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Beekmans previous work experience in the field of Parliamentary development includes the coordination of the International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics) and contribution to UNDPs Global Parliamentary Development Programme. Besides she worked as Regional Electoral coordinator for MINUSTAH in Haiti and participated since 2006 in various electoral observation mission in DRC, Haiti, Madagascar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Uganda.

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Lotte Geunis, Parliamentary Consultant

Lotte has 10 years of experience working with parliaments and political parties on open and inclusive governance, focusing in particular on women and youth. She has worked in Europe and the developing world, with a decided soft spot for the latter.

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She graduated with a Master's degree in Culture Management in the United Kingdom, where she focused on the relationship between development work, culture and art. Acquiring experience with an Art council and National Trust funded community led art project 'Adam Speaks' which was creatively led by Chris Alton and Hew Locke.

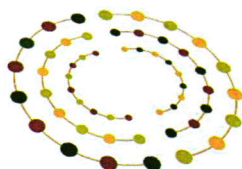
Passionate about gender equality, sustainable development and EU policy, she wants to push the agenda for cultural social development.



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Implementation Workshop

AGENDA

European Parliament, Brussels

Room PHS 4B01

Friday, 12th July 2019

Participants: *EU Member States Parliaments, EU institutions, project partners*

Director of Ceremonies: *Jennifer Baker, Freelance EU Correspondent and Marilyn Neven, Programme Manager, International IDEA*

The objective of this interactive meeting is to present the proposed implementing arrangements of the “INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership” project, gather feedback from EU Member State Parliaments to enable the project team to refine and finalise the programmatic and administrative modalities and further exchange experiences in inter-parliamentary cooperation.

08:30 – 9:30	Welcome Coffee
09:30-10:30	<p>Presentation and discussion of the results of the baseline analyses.</p> <p><i>This session will present the results of the baseline analyses of EU Member States Parliaments’ experiences and of preliminary priority partner parliaments’ needs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez, Policy Officer – Parliaments and Political Parties, DG DEVCO, European Commission- Mr Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme “INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership”, International IDEA <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>



10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>Workshop 1: EU MS Parliaments experiences and approaches in inter-parliamentary cooperation</p> <p><i>This session will enable EU MS Parliaments to share their experiences in international parliamentary cooperation, including through peer-to-peer activities, highlighting <u>different approaches, best practices, and challenges encountered</u>.</i></p> <p><i>MODERATOR: Mr Giovanni Rizzoni, Head of the International Relations Department, Italian Chamber of Deputies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Rebecca Usden (Committee Specialist, International Development Committee) and Mr Nicholas Wade (Committee Specialist, Foreign Affairs Committee), UK House of Commons- Ms Marie Vigouroux, Head of the Inter-parliamentary Cooperation Unit, International Affairs and Defence Department, French National Assembly- Dr Jochen Guckes, Coordinator Parliamentary Support Programs, Deutscher Bundestag- Mr Ignacio Carbajal, Legal Advisor, Spanish Congress of Deputies <p>Open discussion</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch - provided at the European Parliament
13:30-14:30	<p>Workshop 2: Featured practices on international inter-parliamentary cooperation</p> <p><i>This session will enable EU MS Parliaments to showcase concrete examples of parliamentary support on specific aspects of parliamentary functioning, with a focus on inclusion and innovation.</i></p> <p><i>MODERATOR: Mr Jan Deltour, Director of Legislative Services, Belgian House of Representatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Ludovic Delépine, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Innovation and Technological Support (DG ITEC), European Parliament



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14:30-15:30	<p>Presentation and discussion on practical modalities for implementation</p> <p><i>This session will present the concrete INTER PARES management and implementation modalities, including project design process, role of the Implementation Task Force (ITF) and Project Management Unit (PMU).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez, Policy Officer – Parliaments and Political Parties, DG DEVCO, European Commission - Mr Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme “INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership”, International IDEA - Ms Ruth Beeckmans, Senior Programme Officer, “INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership”, International IDEA <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:30	<p>Presentation on financial and logistical modalities</p> <p><i>This session will offer a brief presentation on INTER PARES’ financial and logistical modalities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Bridget O' Sullivan, Senior Finance Officer, INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership”, International IDEA



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16:30-17:00	<p>Main recommendations and way forward</p> <p><i>The main conference results will be presented, along with proposed next steps, which will form the basis of the conference report, the programming approach, and INTER PARES support modalities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez, Policy Officer – Parliaments and Political Parties, DG DEVCO, European Commission- Mr Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme “INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership”, International IDEA
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Implementation Workshop

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Mr Carbajal is a Legal Clerk to the Spanish Parliament since 2004. He has spent his career as Parliamentary official at the Congress of Deputies, where he was appointed Head of Department from 2008 to 2012, providing legal advice to that Chamber's Plenary, Bureau and Board of Spokespersons. He also served as Clerk of the Committee of International Cooperation for Development from 2004 to 2009, as well as Clerk of the Joint Committee for EU Affairs from 2004 until 2012. As legal advisor to the Central Electoral Board, he has participated in several electoral processes in 2004, 2007, 2008 and 2019. Mr Carbajal has also government experience, as Director General in charge of relations with Parliament at the Ministry of the Presidency, from 2012 to 2018, where he was in charge of keeping the parliamentary agenda of the Government, as well as coordinating the Ministries in their legislative and non-legislative business in both parliamentary Chambers.

Mr Carbajal has a Master's Degree from the College of Europe and a BA in Law from the Complutense University in Madrid, and is a member of the Madrid Bar since 2001.

Derek Dignam

Derek began his career in the Department of the Prime Minister working on economic and social policy and in the Private Office. He moved then to the Department of Agriculture. While there he worked in the Food Division and also served as Special Advisor to the Minister of State for Food and subsequently was posted as the Agriculture Attaché to the Irish Embassy in Paris for five years. On return he moved to the Irish Parliament where he served in a number of posts as Clerk to several committees including PAC, as Head of Corporate Services and as Head of Members' Services. Most recently he served in Brussels for four years as the National Representative of the Irish Parliament to the EU Institutions. He is currently Head of Communications, Web, Broadcasting and International Relations. Major projects include developing public engagement strategies and measures, launching of a new website, developing new content and programming for Oireachtas TV, the parliamentary channel, commemorating the Centenary of the First meeting of Dáil Éireann last January 2019 and developing various new responsibilities on protocol and international Relations.

Annette Connolly

Annette Connolly is Assistant Secretary for Communications, International Relations, and Director of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) in the Houses of the Oireachtas Service. Ms Connolly was appointed Director of the newly established PBO in August 2017. As Director, Ms Connolly has overall responsibility for developing and leading the PBO. The objective of the PBO is to support the Houses of the Oireachtas and its Committees in relation to fiscal issues and the management of the public finances. The PBO as an independent specialist unit which covers subjects such as budgetary research and analysis, economic research, the EU semester and fiscal rules.



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Prior to her appointment, Ms Connolly was head of the Central Expenditure Management Policy Unit at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, responsible for the central coordination and management of the annual estimates cycle for some €60 billion in expenditure. The role also involved responsibility for developing policy on performance budgeting and Public Sector numbers. She also had responsibility for the preparation of the Capital Expenditure Programme and the development of policy regarding Public Private Partnerships. Ms Connolly graduated with a Masters In Politics from University College Dublin and also holds a BA in Management.

Jan Deltour

Jan Deltour has been a staff member of the Belgian House of Representatives since 1986. At this moment he's, as Director, responsible for the secretariat of the Electoral Commission (controls the rules on political party funding and expenditure; rules on spending by political parties at different types of elections; political parties' annual accounts) and the coordination of working groups on political renewal and political parties. Prior to this he has been Director of the Legislative Secretariat of the Belgian House. He also worked in the Standing Committees Service and the Ombudsman Institute. He performed several missions as short term expert for twinning projects in Balkan countries. He also was a short term expert for parliamentary development projects in Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia and South America.

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She is also a full Professor of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University of Madrid, where she is a regular teacher since 1995. She teaches and delivers lectures in different courses for postgraduate students, including many courses online since 2003 for Latin America parliaments' officials and clerks, organized by the CEDDET (Center of distance education for the economic and technological development), sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and the UNED (National University of Distance Learning), and integrated into the Global network of learning of the World Bank.

She has taken part in numerous projects of international cooperation, including a project of the European Union in support of the Parliament of Uruguay and several seminars on legislative and control procedures and legal drafting in collaboration with AECID, the Spanish official Cooperation Agency, in different countries.

Jochen Guckes

Dr Jochen Guckes is team leader within the International Exchange Programmes Division at the German Bundestag, where he is in charge of parliamentary strengthening programmes and coordinates the Bundestag's EU Twinning activities. Prior to this, he was team leader in the Parliament's visitors' service, responsible for youth projects such as a simulation game on legislation and an international Youth Encounter on the occasion of January 27, the day of remembrance for the victims of Nazi crimes. Before joining the Bundestag, Dr Guckes worked as free-lancer in political and historical education.

Dr Guckes has a PhD in modern German history from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and has studied modern history, political science and economics at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.



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Fotios Fitsilis

Dr. Fotios Fitsilis has over 20 years of professional experience in science and management positions within both the private and the public sector. Since 2009, Dr. Fitsilis is Head of Department for Scientific Documentation and Supervision at the Scientific Service of the Hellenic Parliament. While operating on a global scale, he has been active in fields ranging from telecommunications and logistics to management and good governance, which has included recent papers on e-governance and institutional development. Dr. Fitsilis has been visiting Professor for parliamentary procedures and legislative drafting at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. In 2017, he founded the Hellenic OCR Team, a crowdsourcing initiative for the study of parliamentary data. Dr. Fitsilis has an academic background in Law (LL.M. in International Law), Economics (Diploma in Financial Engineering) and Engineering (Diploma in Electrical Engineering), while also holding a doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering.

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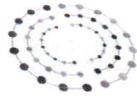
Marilyn Neven was acting Head of Programme of INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership until the project team was hired in June 2019. As a Programme Manager in International IDEA's Europe Office, Marilyn's main role is to develop and implement programmatic work of the Office and to reinforce International IDEA's relations with Belgium and with European institutions. Through her work, she aims to enhance the Institute's profile and visibility at Belgian and European Union level, as well as among democracy actors in Brussels. She also contributes to increasing the EU's focus on democratic governance, including in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Marilyn was Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Institute in 2015. Prior to International IDEA, she held positions as an adviser European affairs to several Belgian federal Ministers during the period 2008-2014, including to the Prime Minister (2010-2011). During the period 2004-2007, she was the political assistant of MEP Jean-Luc Dehaene at the European Parliament, after completing a traineeship at the European Commission in 2004. Marilyn holds an LL.M. in European Legal Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges, and a Law degree from K.U.Leuven.

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Ms. Natália Švecová is an experienced political scientist focusing on Foreign and European Affairs, electoral systems and legislative process transparency and openness. She has been working for the National Council of the Slovak Republic for eight years, previously as advisor to the European Affairs Committee and as research analyst and ECPRD Correspondent at the Parliamentary Institute. Ms. Švecová has been directly involved in parliamentary development assistance projects provided by the Slovak Parliament to the parliaments of candidate countries, potential candidate countries and countries in EU's eastern neighbourhood since 2012, acting as expert in more than 15 assessment missions, peer-to-peer reviews, seminars, interactive workshops and conferences organized in Slovakia, Western Balkan countries and Iraq. Since September 2017, she has been seconded to the Republic of Moldova as the Resident Twinning Adviser to EU-funded Twinning Project Strengthening the capacities of the Parliament of Moldova for EU approximation process, where she is responsible for planning, organization and implementation of 67 institutional and capacity-building activities.

Rebecca Usden

Rebecca Usden joined the House of Commons in April 2016 as staff of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee. Since May 2018, Rebecca has been working for the International Development Committee (IDC), where she has managed Committee inquiries into preventing sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector, and on UK aid for combatting climate change. Alongside her core work, Rebecca also sits on the committee for 'Parligender', the UK Parliament's workplace equality network for promoting a more gender-sensitive Parliament. From October 2017 – May 2018,



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Nicholas Wade is a House of Commons staff member who has worked for the Foreign Affairs Committee since 2016. He is currently managing the Committee's inquiry into how the UK's Foreign Office can support global media freedom. The other inquiries he has managed have predominantly looked at issues in the Middle East and North Africa. Between May 2018 and February 2019, Nicholas led the House of Commons' parliamentary-strengthening project in the Union (national) Parliament of Myanmar. This project is funded by the UK's Department for International Development. Prior to joining the House of Commons, Nicholas worked in the private sector and for the BBC. His background is a Middle-East analyst.

The INTER PARES Team

Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme

Over the past 20 years, Jonathan has worked and consulted with over 40 parliaments in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas, the Arab region, and the Pacific, and has conducted major reviews and policy development for international agencies including the United Nations, the World Bank, and the European Union, before joining International IDEA in 2019.

Among his career highlights, from 1997 to 2002 Jonathan was director of research in the Canadian parliament, an appointment of the Canadian prime minister. From 2012 to 2015, he headed a major UNDP project in Tunisia to support the inclusive process of development of the country's first democratic Constitution after the Revolution of 2011. From 2015 to 2018 he designed and led a European Union - UNDP project to reform the Ukrainian parliament.

Jonathan holds a doctorate in management from Cambridge University, and taught international management at Cardiff University in Wales for more than a decade. He has published six books and numerous academic articles, reports, etc. on topics including democratic development, international management, and organizational development.

Ruth Beeckmans, Senior Programme Officer

Beeckmans is senior programme officer for the INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership programme since June 2019. Beeckmans' work focuses on strengthening interparliamentary cooperation by exploring new methods and partnerships to foster exchange, dialogue and knowledge creation, with a special interest in the representation of youth, women and minorities in Parliaments.

Beeckmans previous work experience in the field of Parliamentary development includes the coordination of the International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics) and contribution to UNDPs Global Parliamentary Development Programme. Besides she worked as Regional Electoral coordinator for MINUSTAH in Haiti and participated since 2006 in various electoral observation mission in DRC, Haiti, Madagascar, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo, and Uganda.



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Bridget O'Sullivan, Finance and Administrative Manager

Bridget O'Sullivan is the Finance and Administrative Manager at International IDEA. O' Sullivan's work focuses on managing the procurement function of the Institute and the financial management of the Institutional budgets. She is responsible for overseeing compliance with the procurement policy and providing guidance and advice on procurement processes. She is one of the senior members of the Finance Team and consistently provides inputs to the ongoing development and special projects being implemented by the team.

O' Sullivan previously worked as a Project Finance Officer in International IDEA with a portfolio focusing on the West Asia and North Africa Programme, Constitution-building Programme, Secretary-General's Office, External Relations and Governance Support and Corporate Services.

Earlier in her career, following qualifying as an accountant, she worked in financial and management accounting roles in the private sector. She then spent seven years working with the International Federation of the Red Cross as Regional Finance Manager both in the field (Armenia and Central Asia) and in Geneva. She also worked as Head of Finance and Operations at the National Women's Council of Ireland and as Finance Manager for an Irish Aid funding agency.

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Ingrid's previous work experience includes working as a Senior Policy Adviser in the European Parliament, with a special focus on the Development and Foreign Affairs committees. In her capacity as a policy adviser, she led two major legislative proposals, which were both adopted by the Parliament plenary: on the role of the private sector in development, and land tenure security and property rights.

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Prior to his time in Sweden, Daniel worked in various roles and capacities within the inventory management, administration and procurement fields.

Lotte Geunis, Parliamentary Consultant

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Lotte currently leads on engagement with parliaments at the Open Government Partnership (OGP), where she also kickstarted the youth network, and is the technical advisor for Homo'poly, an ERASMUS+ project promoting awareness and acceptance of LGBT+ in schools. Before joining OGP in 2017, Lotte worked at UNDP's Fiji Office, where she advised parliaments and political parties in the



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South Pacific, and at UNDP Brussels, where she managed the AGORA Portal for Parliamentary Development. She has consulted for the World Bank Group and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Lotte is currently a PhD fellow at UNU-Merit, Maastricht University, where her research focuses on youth participation in public policy. She holds a BA from the University of Warwick and an MPhil from the University of Oxford.

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She graduated with a Master's degree in Culture Management in the United Kingdom, where she focused on the relationship between development work, culture and art. Acquiring experience with an Art council and National Trust funded community led art project 'Adam Speaks' which was creatively led by Chris Alton and Hew Locke.

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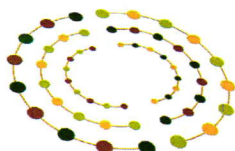
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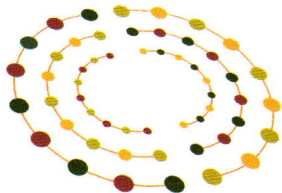
ANEXO 3: HOJA INFORMATIVA SOBRE EL PROYECTO INTER PARES



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Parliaments are pivotal democratic institutions. They represent social diversity, the legitimisation of the rule of law and the accountability of the executive to the people. Democracies are more durable where parliaments are most effective.

For the European Union, support for democratic development is a key foreign policy objective and a high priority in its international and development cooperation policy. An important thrust of these efforts is to strengthen the capacity of parliaments.

INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership

-EU Global Project to Strengthen the Capacity of Parliaments aims to strengthen representative and inclusive democracy through support to the effective functioning of parliaments in partner countries, by enhancing their legislative, oversight, representative, budgetary and administrative functions.

This Action, the first of global nature, is a further step towards contributing towards making parliaments in partner countries more effective, transparent, accountable, representative and approachable.

KEY PROJECT INFORMATION

Funded by the European Union, under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

Managed by the European Commission in coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the European Parliament

Implemented by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), with the expertise of EU Member State parliaments

Budget: EUR 5 million

Implementation period: 3 years, 2019-2021

THEMATIC FOCUS

The Action will put a special focus on the following themes:

- **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**
- **Human Rights**
- **Environmental Protection and Climate Change**
- **Youth**
- **Digital Technology for Development**
- **Citizens' Engagement and Civil Society**

ACTIVITIES

INTER PARES | Parliaments in Partnership will implement the following activities in the framework of three project components:

Conduct of peer-to-peer parliamentary strengthening activities between EU Member State parliaments and partner parliaments

Peer-to-peer professional development for staff of parliamentary secretariats

Peer-to-peer assistance to Members of Parliament, in particular in their capacity as members of parliamentary committees

Promotion of sustainable inter-parliamentary cooperation and parliamentary support approaches

Organisation of inter-parliamentary conferences

Contribution to global efforts on the adoption of international standards for democratic parliaments

Promotion of research, knowledge-sharing and parliamentary innovation

Production and updating of knowledge products on parliamentary matters and support approaches, and support to the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) Centre for Innovation In Parliaments, United Nations Women's Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (iKNOW Politics) and the e-learning platform AGORA

CRITERIA FOR THE PRIORITISATION OF PARTNER COUNTRIES

Countries in which EU Delegations were asked to implement the **first and second generations of the pilot exercise** of the EU Agenda for Action on Democracy Support.

Countries where follow up is required on **EU and OSCE Electoral Observation Missions**, aiming at supporting the implementation of recommendations.

“Graduated” countries: any of the Lower Middle-Income and Upper Middle-Income Countries, where the EU has reduced its bilateral development assistance.

Countries in (sudden) democratic transition or undergoing political reform processes: where an intervention is relevant and urgent before the EU Delegation can put in place a country-specific parliamentary strengthening project.

Exclusion criteria: where the EU is already financing a country-specific parliamentary strengthening project.

INTERVENTION LOGIC

The project will follow a methodology based on eight principles:

Peer-to-peer engagement, between Members of Parliament and parliamentary secretariat staff of EU Member State and partner parliaments

Demand-driven: The Action will remain responsive to the needs expressed by partner parliaments

Process-supportive: The Action will work with parliaments from countries that are engaged in processes to review their democratic institutions and where the EU is engaged in such processes, so the knowledge and peer-to-peer assistance contribute to impact and a multiplier effect

Action-oriented: Parliaments participating in peer-to-peer exchanges, both EU Member State and partner parliaments, will agree on Follow-up Action Plans, whereby they commit to specific, mutual actions

Gender-sensitive: The Action will mainstream gender equality and women's empowerment to leverage the Action's influence on the institutionalisation of gender equality commitments

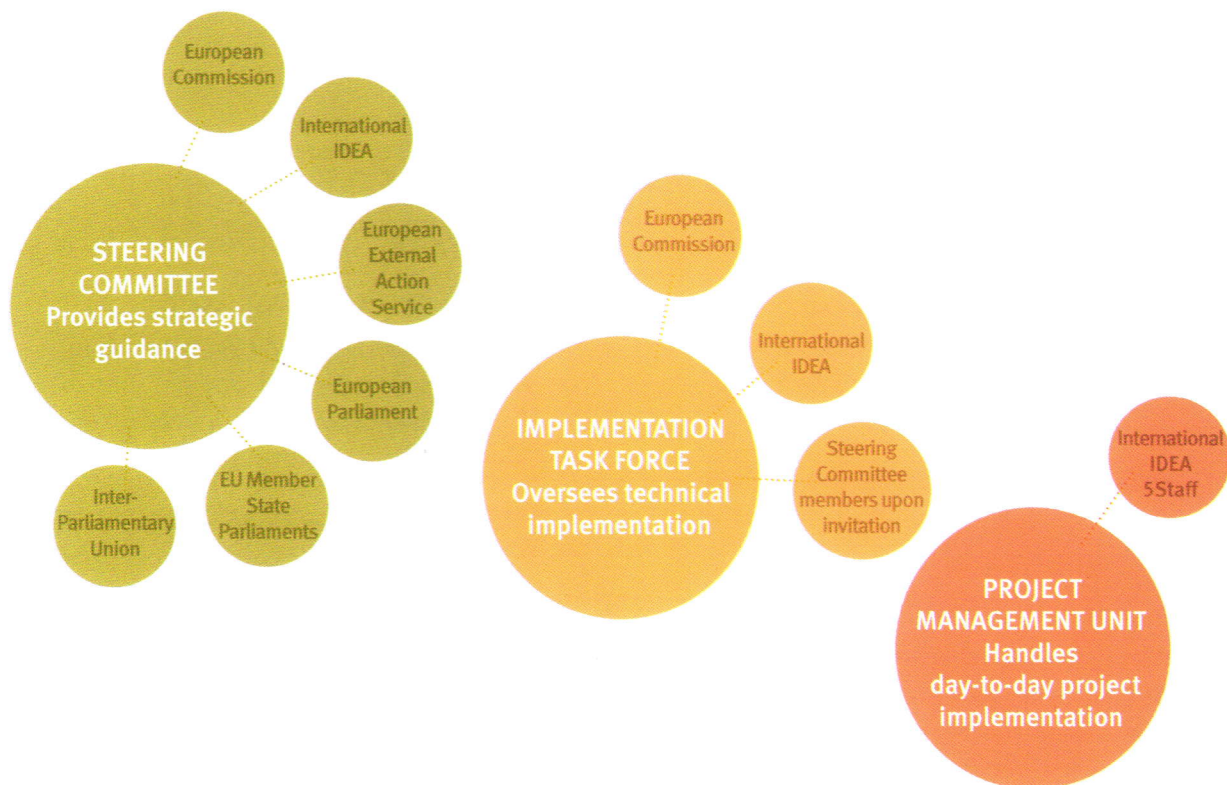
Rights-based Approach (RBA): All activities will be carried out in full application of the RBA's five working principles: (1) Applying all human rights (legality, universality, indivisibility), (2) Participation and access to decision-making process, (3) Non-discrimination and equal access (4) Accountability and access to the rule of law, and (5) Transparency and access to information

Multi-party: The Action will conduct peer-to-peer exchanges and organise networking opportunities giving equal opportunity to participate to Members of Parliament from both the opposition and ruling party

Tailored modalities of implementation: The Action will adapt the specific modalities of peer-to-peer exchanges to specified criteria and contextual appropriateness. The following types of activities will be considered:

- **Training workshops**
- **Exchange visits**
- **Shadowing**
- **International mentoring**
- **Remote assistance**
- **Induction and orientation programmes**
- **Seminars**
- **Dialogue facilitation**
- **E-learning**
- **Briefings**

GOVERNANCE



“RULES OF PROCEDURE” FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE PEER-TO-PEER PARLIAMENTARY STRENGTHENING ACTIVITIES

