

What role do national Parliaments have in EU affairs?

The Treaty of Lisbon set out for the first time the role of national Parliaments within the European Union. National Parliaments can, for instance, scrutinise draft EU laws with regards to their respect for the principle of subsidiarity, participate in the revision of EU treaties or take part in the evaluation of EU policies on freedom, security and justice. The Lisbon Treaty also specified that the European Parliament and national Parliaments shall together determine the organisation and promotion of effective and regular interparliamentary cooperation within the EU.



What does the EP's Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments do?

The Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments advises the political bodies, Members and the secretariat of the EP in their institutional cooperation and legislative dialogue with the national Parliaments. It provides support for interparliamentary activities, contributes to the implementation of the Treaty provisions on interparliamentary cooperation in the EP and provides expertise throughout the legislative cycle and other EP political competences.

Are you looking for the latest **EU-related documents** from national Parliaments?

Would you like to **get in touch** with national Parliamentarians working on a specific topic?

Would you like to know **which tools** you can use **to cooperate** with national Parliaments?

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We assist the political bodies and committees of the European Parliament in the organisation of official meetings with national Parliaments. We also support the European Parliament delegations to interparliamentary conferences.



We provide Members of the European Parliament with administrative and logistical (not financial) support for official visits of national Parliaments.



We assist the political bodies, committees and Members of the European Parliament to organise videoconferences with national Parliaments which save a lot of time and money.

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YOUR GATEWAY TO NATIONAL PARLIAMENT DOCUMENTS



We help to run the IPEX website where the Parliaments of the European Union exchange EU-related documents and information.

WWW.IPEX.EU



We manage the Connect database on the EP intranet which contains all EU-related documents that national Parliaments have officially transmitted to the European Parliament since 2010.

WWW.CONNECT.EP.PARL.UNION.EU



We provide political bodies, committees, office-holders and rapporteurs of the European Parliament with briefings and information about the EU-related activities of national Parliaments.

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YOUR INTERFACE BETWEEN THE EP AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS



We manage the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD), a network for information exchange between Parliaments. We support the EP in preparing information requests and issue the "Spotlight on Parliaments in Europe".

WWW.ECPRD.EUROPARL.EUROPA.EU



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WWW.CORCOM.EP.PARL.UNION.EU



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