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 twining 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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- 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
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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ECPRD network

- 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
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
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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
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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