



For the attention of all ECPRD Correspondents

ECPRD Seminar "Parli@ments on the Net XII: From e-Parliament to smart-Parliament: How to improve citizen's participation using web technologies and social media? And how can parliamentary rules of procedure support transparency and participation?" (AoI ICT in Parliaments and AoI Parliamentary Procedure and Practice)

**Rome, Camera dei deputati and Senato della Repubblica
12-13 June 2014**

Invitation

8 April 2014

Dear Colleagues,

We have the pleasure of inviting you, in particular the web experts in your Parliaments and colleagues working in the field of rules of procedures in committees, in research, communication and web sites departments and in ICT departments, to the next ECPRD Parli@ments on the Net seminar. It will be organized from 12-13 June 2014 jointly by the Italian Camera dei deputati and the Senato della Repubblica in the framework of the ECPRD Areas of Interest ICT in Parliaments and Parliamentary Procedures and Practice.

This seminar is focused on the rules and practices implemented by Parliaments to ensure openness and transparency of decision-making procedures as well as citizens' participation in and control over the decisions taken. To this end, existing procedures both in the legislative process and in parliamentary oversight ought to be explored. The objective is to highlight the best practices developed by Parliaments both in the field of the regulatory standards and in the use of new technologies.

In preparation for the seminar, a specific questionnaire will be drafted in order to survey existing best practices in Europe's Parliaments with respect to the different areas covered by the seminar: openness, transparency and participation using web technologies and social media.

The two chambers of the hosting Parliament are keen to have contributions that demonstrate case studies and practical experiences on how social media, open data and the evolution of parliamentary procedure are treated in your assembly.

In particular, Camera dei deputati and Senato della Repubblica invite contributions on the use of **social media** as a way to inform citizens about parliamentary activities, to promote public openings and to enhance their own documental heritage. It would also be interesting to know more about dedicated YouTube channels, institutional Facebook and Twitter accounts, specific accounts devoted to topics of parliamentary interest and to learn about experiences of parliamentary institutions that take social networks and citizens' feedback into account.

The seminar organizers are also keen to have contributions on the use of **open data** and the publishing of Parliamentary web platforms where a set of Linked Open Data concerning parliamentary activity and bodies - also related to the current situation – can be freely downloaded, consulted and re-used.

Finally, contributions are invited on the evolution of **rules of parliamentary procedure** and internal practices that have been changed (or are about to be changed) in order to include procedures about the new technologies by which transparency and citizens' participation is implemented and in order to meet the new requirements related to technological development and new uses of the Internet.

The meeting is aimed primarily at parliamentary managers and specialists of research departments, communication and web departments and ICT departments and/or decision-makers in national parliaments in Europe. You are kindly called upon to inform colleagues in your Parliament about this event.

A more detailed seminar programme, the list of hotels and practical information are published on the special conference website.

Please find more information on this seminar in the attached documents. A specific website has been created under:

<https://ecprd.secure.europarl.europa.eu/ecprd/ipsecured/seminar/home.do?id=182191>

or under www.ecprd.org, then go to Seminars. The temporary login for this site is *ecprdrome*, password *Rome2014*.

You will receive an e-mail about the seminar which allows online registration. You are kindly invited to forward this e-mail, together with other documents and the login data for the website, to the competent colleagues in your parliamentary chamber.

The preferred deadline for the online registration is **23 May 2014**.

If you would like to make a presentation or ask questions on the content of the seminar, please contact Mr Carlo Simonelli simonelli_c@camera.it or Mr Marc van der Hulst marc.vanderhulst@dekamer.be and put in copy the seminar mailbox:

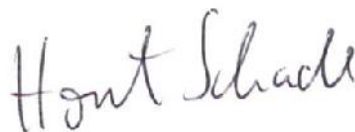
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The ECPRD warmly thanks our Italian colleagues for the preparation of this seminar and looks forward to welcoming you in Rome.

Yours sincerely,



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