

**SUMMARY OF THE
REPLIES TO THE ECPRD REQUESTS N° 456 AND 642 ON
“Participation of the European states’ parliaments in interparliamentary forums”**

- A. To what interparliamentary assemblies, conferences, associations, organisations ... does your parliament or chamber belong, as a participant, member, associate member, observer, ..., currently?

1. CONFERENCES / MEETINGS OF SPEAKERS / PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENTS

✧ **GLOBAL RELATIONS**

- [World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments](#)¹ [also IPU Conference of Presiding Officers or “UN Speakers”]
Replies from: Andorra, Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [participants]
- Conference of the Speakers of the Lower Chambers of G8 Countries [G8 Speakers’ Conference]
Replies from: Italy (Chamber of Deputies), United Kingdom (House of Commons) [participants]

✧ **PAN-EUROPEAN RELATIONS²**

- [European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments](#) / Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the Council of Europe
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [participants]
- [Association of European Senates](#)
Replies from: Austria (Bundesrat - Federal Council), Belgium (Senate), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly³), France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Italy (Senate), Poland (Senate), Romania (Senate), Switzerland (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Lords) [member]

✧ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPE (AS A CONTINENT)**

- Meetings of the Presidents of the Parliaments participating in the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative
Replies from: Croatia, Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Slovenia (National Assembly) [participants]

¹ Organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in cooperation with the United Nations (UN).

² Pan-European Relations, it means potentially encompassing all member states of the Council of Europe.

³ Bicameral Parliamentary Assembly or Skupstina consists of the national House of Representatives or Predstavnički Dom and the House of Peoples or Dom Naroda. To the Association of European Senates belongs the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- Meetings of the Presidents of the Parliaments participating in the “high” Quadrilateral Initiative
Replies from: Croatia, Hungary, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Slovenia (National Assembly) [participants]
- Meetings of the Presidents of the Parliaments participating in the “low” Quadrilateral Initiative
Replies from: Albania, Bulgaria, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), FYRO Macedonia [participants]
- ✂ **EUROPEAN STATE OR GROUPINGS OF STATES EXTERNAL RELATIONS**
- [Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers Conference \(CSPOC\)](#)
Replies from: Cyprus, United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [member]
- Conference of the Presidents of the Portuguese Speaking Parliaments
Replies from: Portugal [member]
- ✂ **EUROPEAN UNION INTERNAL RELATIONS / GOVERNANCE**
- [Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU](#)
Replies from: Austria (Parliament⁴), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Hungary, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly & National Council), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), Sweden, United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [members]; Croatia, FYRO Macedonia, Turkey [observers]
- ✂ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION**
- Meetings of the Presidents of the Parliaments of the [Visegrad Group](#) (V4) States
Replies from: Poland (Sejm & Senate), Slovakia [participant]
- Meetings of the Presidents of the [Regional Partnership](#) Parliaments of the Republic of Austria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Slovenia
Replies from: Poland (Sejm & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council) [participants]
- ✂ **EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL RELATIONS**
- [Conference of Speakers of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliaments](#)
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate) [members] {UK does not attend}
- Conference of Speakers of five Countries of South Europe and five Countries of North of Africa (5+5 Group)
Replies from: Portugal [member]

⁴ The Austrian Parliament consists of the two chambers: the National Council and the Federal Council (Bundesrat).

2. INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNIONS / COUNCILS / ASSEMBLIES / JOINT COMMITTEES / ASSOCIATIONS / CONFERENCES / FORUMS⁵

✧ GLOBAL RELATIONS

- Interparliamentary Union ([IPU](#))
Replies from: Andorra, Armenia, Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Georgia, Germany (Bundestag), Greece, Israel, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Moldova, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Portugal, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Russia (State Duma), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly and National Council), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), Sweden, Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [members]

✧ NORTH-ATLANTIC OR TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

- [NATO Parliamentary Assembly \(NATO PA\)](#)
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Bulgaria, Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Denmark, Estonia, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Germany (Bundestag, Bundesrat), Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords), United States (House of Representatives, Senate) [members]; Armenia, Austria (Parliament), Croatia, Finland, Georgia, Israel, FYRO Macedonia, Moldova, Russia (State Duma), Sweden, Switzerland (Federal Assembly) [associate members]; Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly), Cyprus [observer]
- Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly ([OSCE PA](#))
Replies from: Andorra, Armenia, Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Georgia, Germany (Bundestag), Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Moldova, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Russia (State Duma), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), Sweden, Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [members]; Israel [observer]
- Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue
Replies from: U.S. House of Representatives

✧ PAN-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe ([PACE](#))
Replies from: Andorra, Armenia, Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Georgia, Germany (Bundestag), Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Moldova, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Russia (State

⁵ Delegations formally nominated by member parliaments of the unions / assemblies / conferences / forums.

Duma), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), Sweden, Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords)] [members]; Israel [observer] {The Bundesrat is not a member of PACE}

✧ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPE (AS A CONTINENT)**

- Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference ([BSPC](#))
Replies from: Germany (Bundestag), Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Russia (State Duma), Sweden [members]
- Central European Initiative ([CEI](#)) - Parliamentary Dimension
Replies from: Austria (Parliament), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly), Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), FYRO Macedonia, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly) [members]
- [Assembly of WEU](#) - Interparliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Germany (Bundestag), Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Portugal, Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [full members]; Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly) [affiliate members]; Norway [associate member]; Bulgaria, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate) [affiliate associate members]; Austria (Parliament), Denmark, Finland, Sweden [permanent observers]; Cyprus [affiliate permanent observer]; Croatia, FYRO Macedonia [affiliate associate partner]; Russia (State Duma) [permanent guest]; Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly) [special guest]
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation ([PABSEC](#))
Replies from: Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Russia (State Duma), Serbia [members]; Germany (Bundestag), Israel, France (National Assembly), France (Senate) [observers]
- [Nordic Council](#)
Replies from: Denmark, Norway, Sweden [members]; Russia (State Duma) [observer]; Greece [guest]
- Ukrainian - Polish Interparliamentary Assembly
Replies from: Poland (Sejm & Senate) [member]
- Assembly of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine / Lithuanian - Polish Interparliamentary Assembly
Replies from: Lithuania, Poland (Sejm) [members]
- Lithuanian - Polish - Ukrainian (Inter)Parliamentary Assembly
Replies from: Poland (Sejm) [member]
- GUAM [Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Moldova] Parliamentary Assembly
Replies from: ... [member]
- Forum of Parliamentarians of the Group for Interparliamentary Relations with the Russian Federation of the Seimas of the Lithuania and of the Kaliningrad Oblast Duma
Replies from: Lithuania [participant]
- South Caucasus Parliamentary Initiative (SCPI)
Replies from: Armenia, Georgia [participant]

- European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Parliamentary Committee⁶
Replies from: Norway, Switzerland (Federal Assembly) [member]
- [Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region](#)
Replies from: Finland, Norway, Russia (State Duma), Sweden [members]; Poland (Senate) [participant]
- ✧ **EUROPEAN STATE OR GROUPINGS OF STATES EXTERNAL RELATIONS**
- Interparliamentary Assembly of the Parliamentary Forum of the Portuguese Speaking Countries
Replies from: Portugal [member]
- ✧ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION**
- [Interparliamentary Consultative Benelux Council \(Benelux Parliament\)](#)
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives & Senate), Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Luxembourg [members]
- [Baltic Assembly](#)
Replies from: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (Seimas), Finland [members]
- [British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body \[BIIPB\]](#)
Replies from: United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords)
- ✧ **EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL RELATIONS**
- [Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly \(EMPA\)](#)
Replies from: Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies), Czech Republic (Senate), Denmark, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Germany (Bundestag), Greece, Israel, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Assembly), Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate), Sweden [members]; Germany (Bundesrat), Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies) [observers]; FYRO Macedonia [invited (participated) only once]
- Joint Parliamentary Committees (JPCs): European Economic Area (EEA) (Switzerland, Iceland, Norway), EU-Croatia, EU-FYRO Macedonia, EU-Turkey
Replies from: Croatia, FYRO Macedonia, Norway, Switzerland (Federal Assembly) [members]
- Parliamentary Cooperation Committees (PCCs): EU-South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia), EU-Moldova, EU-Russia, EU-Ukraine
Replies from: Moldova [member]
- European Parliament Delegations for relations with the countries: South-East Europe (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia-Montenegro), Belarus
Replies from: ...
- ✧ **COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES INTERNAL RELATIONS**
- Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States ([IPA CIS](#))
Replies from: Armenia, Moldova, Russia (State Duma) [members]

⁶ Since the entry into effect of the EEA Agreement, there have been two EFTA parliamentary Committees: the Committee of Members of Parliament of the EFTA States (MPS), which deals with EEA-related matters and forms the EFTA side of the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), and the Committee of Members of Parliament of the EFTA countries (CMP), which deals with all other matters, including relations with third countries.

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Belarus-Russia Union
Replies from: Russia (State Duma) [member]
- ✧ **NON-EUROPEAN STATES OR GROUPINGS OF STATES RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN STATES**
- Andean Parliament (Parlamento Andino)
Replies from: Spain (Congress of Deputies) [observer]
- Central American Parliament (Parlamento Centroamericano)
Replies from: Spain (Congress of Deputies) [observer]
- Latin American Parliament (Parlamento Latinoamericano)
Replies from: Spain (Congress of Deputies) [observer]
- Iberoamerican Parliamentary Forum (Foro Parlamentario Iberoamericano)
Replies from: Andorra [participation]; Portugal [member]; Spain (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]

3. CONFERENCES / MEETINGS OF CHAIRPERSONS OR REPRESENTATIVES OF CORRESPONDING PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEES

- ✧ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPE (AS A CONTINENT)**
 - Meetings of committees of the Parliaments participating in the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative
Replies from: Croatia, Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Slovenia (National Assembly) [participants]
- ✧ **EUROPEAN UNION INTERNAL RELATIONS / GOVERNANCE**
 - Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the EU (**COSAC**) organized and hosted by the Parliament of the state holding the EU Presidency
Replies from: Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Denmark, France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [members]; Bulgaria, Croatia, FYRO Macedonia, [observers]
 - Conference of the Chairpersons of Foreign Affairs Committees of the Parliaments of the Member States of the European Union, the European Parliament and the Parliaments of the Candidate States organized and hosted by the Parliament of the state holding the EU Presidency
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [members]; FYRO Macedonia [observer]
 - Meetings of Chairpersons or representatives of corresponding standing committees of the Parliaments of the Member States of the European Union, the European Parliament and the Parliaments of the Candidate States organized and hosted by the Parliament of the state holding the EU Presidency
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate) [participants]; Portugal, United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [regular participation]

- Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union (NCEO)
Replies from: Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [participant]
- Meetings of European Parliament standing committees with representatives of corresponding standing Committees from the EU Member and Candidate States' Parliaments
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate) [participants]; United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [regular participation]; FYRO Macedonia [observer]
- ✧ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPEAN UNION**
- Meetings of the Foreign Affairs, National Defence and EU Committees of the Parliaments of the Visegrad Group (V4) States
Replies from: Poland (Sejm & Senate), Slovakia [participant]
- Meetings of the EU Committees of the Parliaments of Visegrad Group
Replies from: Poland (Sejm) [participant]
- Meetings of Benelux parliamentary committees [??]
Replies from: Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate) [participants]
- Meetings of the EU Committees of the Parliaments of Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland
Replies from: Latvia, Lithuania, Poland (Sejm & Senate) [participants]
- Meetings of committees [transport, finance] of the Regional Partnership Parliaments of the Republic of Austria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Slovenia
Replies from: Poland (Sejm & Senate), Slovakia [participant]
- ✧ **EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL RELATIONS**
- Conference of the European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the Stabilization and Association Process Countries (COSAP)
Replies from: FYRO Macedonia [member]

4. INTERPARLIAMENTARY / PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATIONS / ASSOCIATIONS / CONFERENCES / MEETINGS / NETWORKS [FOR MPS]

- ✧ **GLOBAL RELATIONS**
- Parliamentarians for Global Action ([PGA](#))
Replies from: Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [regular participation]; Lithuania, Norway, Slovenia (National Council), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Belgium (House of Representatives), FYRO Macedonia [very rarely]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- Parliamentary Network on the World Bank ([PNoWB](#))
Replies from: Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [member]; Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate) [participation]; Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Finland, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]

- [Parliamentary Conference on the WTO](#)
Replies from: Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Slovenia (National Council), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [regular participation]; Norway, Slovakia [participation]; Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate)
- International Parliamentarians' Association for Information Technology ([IPAIT](#)) [Inaugural Convention, IPAIT 2002 (Seoul, Korea)]
Replies from: Finland, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [members]; Belgium (House of Representatives), Lithuania, Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- Global Parliamentarians on Habitat Forum
Replies from: Croatia, Finland, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Italy (Chamber of Deputies) [participants]; Spain (Senate) [occasional participation]
- [Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment \(GLOBE\)](#) [[US branch](#)]
Replies from: Estonia, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Russia (State Duma) [participants]
- Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC)
Replies from: Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [participant]; Slovenia (National Council), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- Inter-parliamentary Drug Control Conference
Replies from: Italy (Chamber of Deputies) [participant]
- Interparliamentary Conference on Human Rights and Religious Freedom
Replies from: Italy (Chamber of Deputies) [participant]; United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]
- International Parliamentarians' (or Parliamentary) Association for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (IPAAF)
Replies from: Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate) [participant]; Russia (State Duma) [observer]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- Parliamentary Standing Forum on Light Short Firearms
Replies from: Spain (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- ✂ **PAN-EUROPEAN RELATIONS**
- Inter European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development ([IEPPFD](#))
Replies from: Russia (State Duma) [participant]
- ✂ **SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN EUROPE (AS A CONTINENT)**
- Parliamentary dimension of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECF)
Replies from: Bosnia and Herzegovina (Parliamentary Assembly), FYRO Macedonia, Greece, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate) [participants]
- the Cetinje (formerly Balkans) Parliamentary Forum
Replies from: Greece, FYRO Macedonia, Norway, Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [participants]; Slovenia (National Council), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]

✧ EUROPEAN STATE OR GROUPINGS OF STATES EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa ([AWEPA](#))
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives) [regular participation]; Austria (Parliament), Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Norway, Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [participants]; Belgium (Senate), Lithuania, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- Barents Parliamentary Conference
Replies from: Norway, Russia (State Duma) [participant]
- Europe-Asia Conference of Young Parliamentarians⁷
Replies from: Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Spain (Senate) [participant]
- Conference of Parliamentarians of Italian Origin
Replies from: Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate) [participant]
- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean ([PAM](#)) [before 2006 - Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean ([CSCM](#))⁸]
Replies from: France (Senate), Greece, Portugal, Slovenia (National Assembly) [main participants]; FYRO Macedonia [member]; Poland (Senate) [associate participant]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]; Poland (Sejm) [observer]
- Assembly of French-Speaking Parliamentarians / [l'Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie](#) (APF)
Replies from: Andorra, France (National Assembly), France (Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Switzerland (Federal Assembly) [members]; Bulgaria, FYRO Macedonia, Moldova, Poland (Sejm & Senate) [associated members]; Armenia, Latvia, Lithuania [observers]
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association ([CPA](#))
Replies from: Cyprus, United Kingdom (House of Commons & House of Lords) [members]
- World Hellenic Interparliamentary Union
Replies from: Greece, Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [member]
- [Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy](#) (IAO)
Replies from: Armenia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Russia (State Duma) [members]
- Interparliamentary Committee on the Union of the Dutch Language
Replies from: Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate) [member]

✧ EUROPEAN UNION INTERNAL RELATIONS / GOVERNANCE

- Joint Parliamentary Meetings co-chaired by European Parliament and national parliament of country holding the EU Presidency, on the future of Europe, Lisbon Strategy or other topics
Replies from: United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [regular participation]

⁷ Europe-Asia Conference of Young Parliamentarians (or Europe-Asia Young Parliamentarians' Conference) is organised under the auspices of the Asia Europe Foundation ([ASEF](#)). The fourth Europe-Asia Conference of Young Parliamentarians was held in Venice/Italy, November 17-20, 2002.

⁸ It has transformed into Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) [[050626](#), [051213](#), [Malta](#), [WEU](#)]. The inaugural session of PAM was on 10 and 11 September 2006 in Amman (Jordan).

- European Parliaments Research Initiative ([EPRI](#))
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Greece [regular participation]; Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Poland (Senate), Portugal, Slovakia [participation]; Belgium (Senate), Lithuania, Poland (Sejm), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate), Spain (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- Interparliamentary Conference [EUREKA](#)
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Greece [regular participation]; Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Slovakia [participation]; Belgium (Senate), Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Poland (Sejm & Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]; Romania (Senate), Spain (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- European Interparliamentary Space Conference (EISC)⁹
Replies from: Belgium (Senate), Italy (Chamber of Deputies) [participants]; Romania (Chamber of Deputies) [occasional participation]; Spain (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- ✂ **EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL RELATIONS**
- [Parliamentary Conference of the Countries of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe / Stability Pact Parliamentary Conference](#) (SPPC)
Replies from: Croatia, Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), FYRO Macedonia, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Moldova, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Serbia, Slovakia [members]; Norway [occasional participation]
- Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Women Parliamentarians
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives & Senate), Cyprus, Greece, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Italy (Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Romania (Senate), Slovakia, Spain (Congress of Deputies & Senate) [participants]
- Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP)
Replies from: Belgium (Senate), Finland, Italy (Chamber of Deputies), Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate) [participation]; Slovenia (National Council), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [occasional participation]
- ✂ **NON-EUROPEAN STATES OR GROUPINGS OF STATES RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN STATES**
- Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace ([AAPP](#))
Replies from: Cyprus, Russia (State Duma) [participation]
- Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum ([APPF](#))
Replies from: Russia (State Duma) [participation]
- Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Conference on Environment and Development (APCED)
Replies from: Russia (State Duma) [participation]
- Annual Congress of the Ibero-American Ombudsman Federation (Congreso Anual de la Federacion Iberoamericana de Ombudsmann: FIO)
Replies from: Spain (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]

⁹ It should be mentioned that the EISC counts between its members some non-EU countries that are members of European Space Agency (ESA). It is true that not all member countries of the European Union are members of ESA and not all ESA Member States are members of the EU. ESA is an entirely independent organisation although it maintains close ties with the EU through an ESA/EC Framework Agreement. The two organisations share a joint European strategy for space and together are developing a European space policy.

5. ASSOCIATIONS / MEETINGS OF SECRETARIES GENERAL OF PARLIAMENTARY CHANCELLERIES

✧ GLOBAL RELATIONS

- Association of Secretaries-General of Parliaments ([ASGP](#))
Replies from: Andorra, Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate) [members]; United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [member, UK Commons supplies one of the Joint Secretaries]
- [Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments](#) ([SCAT](#))
Replies from: United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [member, UK Commons Clerk of the Overseas Office is ex officio Secretary]

✧ PAN-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

- Meetings of Secretaries General of PACE / ECPRD member Parliaments¹⁰
Replies from: Andorra, Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [participants]

✧ EUROPEAN UNION INTERNAL RELATIONS / GOVERNANCE

- Meetings of Secretaries General of EU Parliaments¹¹
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Croatia, Cyprus, Germany (Bundestag), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [participants]; FYRO Macedonia [observer]

6. MEETINGS / NETWORKS OF CIVIL SERVANTS OF PARLIAMENTARY CHANCELLERIES

✧ GLOBAL RELATIONS

- [Libraries and Research Services for Parliaments Section](#) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions ([IFLA](#))
Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Greece, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Slovakia, Spain (Senate), Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [members]; Romania (Senate) [*status hasn't been specified*]
- International Council on Archives (ICA), Section for Archives of Parliaments and Political Parties
Replies from: Spain (Senate)

✧ PAN-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

- Network of the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation ([ECPRD](#))
Replies from: Andorra, Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Cyprus, France (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Netherlands

¹⁰ The meetings are held simultaneously with the European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments.

¹¹ The meetings are held in advance (to prepare) the Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU.

(House of Representatives & Senate), Norway, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Russia (State Duma), Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), Switzerland (Federal Assembly), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [members - correspondents]; Israel [observer]

- [European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network \(EPTA\)](#)

Replies from: United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [member]

- ✧ **EUROPEAN UNION INTERNAL RELATIONS / GOVERNANCE**

- Network of the EU member and candidate states parliaments liaison officers for contacts with the Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU

Replies from: Greece, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Senate), Romania (Chamber of Deputies), Spain (Senate) [liaison officer]

- Network of the EU member and candidate states parliaments liaison officers for contacts with the European Parliament

Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Lithuania, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Spain (Senate) [liaison officers]

- Network of permanent representatives of the EU member and candidate states parliaments to the European Parliament

Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Lithuania, Portugal, United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [permanent representatives]

- Network of the [COSAC](#) (Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union) parliamentary delegations officers

Replies from: Austria (Parliament), Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Cyprus, Greece, Netherlands (House of Representatives & Senate), Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [parliamentary delegations officers]; FYRO Macedonia [observer]

- Network of the IPEX (Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange)

Replies from: Belgium (House of Representatives), Belgium (Senate), Germany (Bundesrat), Greece, Lithuania, FYRO Macedonia, Poland (Sejm & Senate), Portugal, Romania (Chamber of Deputies & Senate), Slovakia, Slovenia (National Council), Spain (Senate), United Kingdom (House of Commons, House of Lords) [correspondents]

- B.** What interparliamentary assemblies / conferences / associations / organisations ... does your parliament / chamber envisage joining, as a member, associate member, observer, ..., in a foreseeable future?

- ✧ **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

- NATO
- European Union

- ✧ **CROATIA**

- European Union
- NATO

- ✧ **CYPRUS**

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

✂ **FRANCE (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)**

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

✂ **GERMANY (BUNDESRAT)**

- [Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly \(EMPA\)](#) [change of the status from the current *observer* to a *member*]

✂ **LITHUANIA**

- Lithuanian - Polish - Ukrainian (Inter)Parliamentary Assembly

✂ **FYRO MACEDONIA**

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)
- Parliamentary Dimension of the Ionian Adriatic Initiative
- COSAC

✂ **POLAND (SENATE)**

- Assembly of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- Meetings of the EU Committees of the Parliaments of the Visegrad Group (V4) States
- Lithuanian - Polish - Ukrainian (Inter)Parliamentary Assembly
- Network of Permanent Representatives of the EU member and candidate states parliaments to the European Parliament

✂ **PORTUGAL**

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (probably)

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