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**Meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments**

**February 9 and 10, 2025, Budapest**

***DRAFT CONCLUSIONS ON IPEX***

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***The Secretaries General***

1. Take note of the Annual Report on IPEX and thank the IPEX Board for its work in 2024.
2. Approve the following composition of the IPEX Board during the Hungarian Chairmanship, starting after the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments which will take place on May 11-13, 2025 in Budapest:

***Ex-officio members:***

- *Hungary (Hungarian Parliament), which will assume the Chairmanship of the IPEX Board after the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments*
- *Denmark (Danish Parliament)*
- *Ireland (Houses of the Oireachtas)*
- *Poland (Sejm, Senate)*
- *European Parliament*

***National Parliaments willing to actively participate in the Board and its activities:***

- *Austria (Austrian Parliament)*
- *Bulgaria (National Assembly)*
- *Cyprus (House of Representatives)*
- *Germany (Bundestag)*



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- *Finland (Finnish Parliament)*
- *France (National Assembly, Senate)*
- *Greece (Hellenic Parliament)*
- *Italy (Chamber of Deputies, Senate)*
- *Luxembourg (Chamber of Deputies)*
- *The Netherlands (House of Representatives)*
- *Portugal (Assembly of the Republic of Portugal)*
- *Romania (Chamber of Deputies, Senate)*
- *Slovenia (National Assembly)*
- *Spain (Congress of Deputies)*
- *Sweden (Swedish Parliament)*

According to the IPEX Guidelines, the IPEX Information Officer, COSAC, the ECPRD, the European Commission and the Council also participate in, and contribute to IPEX Board meetings.

3. Recognize IPEX as a unique platform that fosters interparliamentary cooperation and provides a wide range of EU-related information and appreciate the efforts put into the development of IPEX v3. Moreover, the Secretaries General are in favour of continuing to raise awareness about the role of IPEX within interparliamentary cooperation, paying special attention to adjustments to users' needs and ensuring the technical accuracy, accessibility, and reliability of the entire IPEX platform.
4. Recognize the successful ongoing implementation of the IPEX Rolling Work Programme for years 2024- 2026 as well as the work done by the members of the current Working Groups, their effort aimed at the updates of IPEX v3, the improvement of the content and IPEX Network, training National Correspondents and the promotion of IPEX.
5. Take note of the follow-up to the Live Poll related to promotional material and social



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media that was conducted during the Annual Correspondents Meeting held in Madrid, on November 7 and 8, 2024, which was presented at the Board meeting in January 2025, and thank the Working Group on Promotion and Social Media for the preparation and analysis of the results of the referred Live Poll. Its suggestions for further action represent a major input for the 2024-2026 Rolling Work Programme.

6. Acknowledge the Rolling Work Programme for years 2024-2026 adopted by the Board on January 19, 2024, which is supporting the ongoing smooth development of IPEX v3 to be reliable one-stop-shop for EU-related matters in the context of interparliamentary cooperation. The Secretaries General invite members of the IPEX Board to actively participate in the work of the Working Groups.
7. Thank the Spanish Chairmanship of the IPEX Board for organising the Annual IPEX Correspondents Meeting on November 7 and 8, 2024, in Madrid. The Secretaries General underline the importance of the Annual IPEX Correspondents Meetings as an excellent opportunity for additional training, exchange of best practices, and for further encouraging the Correspondents to promote IPEX within their Parliaments.
8. Underline the essential role of IPEX National Correspondents for providing the information and therefore encourage the IPEX National Correspondents to upload content on the IPEX website timely and if need be, with a summary in English to facilitate to exchange of information.
9. Thank the Belgian Senate for its continuous availability to formally employ the IPEX Information Officer, the European Parliament for providing financial and human resources for the development and operation of the IPEX v3 website. The Secretaries General also appreciate the willingness of the Italian Parliament to organise the next IPEX Users Meeting in Rome, March 28, 2025.
10. Welcome the continuous cooperation between IPEX and the Democracy Support Network (DSN) and call on national Parliaments to actively share information on democracy support activities through the IPEX platform and the DSN.
11. Welcome the decision of the Parliament of Georgia to join the IPEX network and look forward to future constructive cooperation with all new members of the platform.