



# LX COSAC

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Questionnaire for the 30th Bi-annual Report of COSAC

## PARLIAMENT/CHAMBER AND CONTACT DETAILS

Please enter the name of your Parliament/Chamber and your contact details.

Contact person:

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### Chapter 1: The role of national Parliaments in ensuring transparency and bringing the EU closer to its citizens

#### Section A: Involvement of citizens in parliamentary proceedings

##### ***1. In which way can citizens follow the plenary meetings in your Parliament/Chamber?***

- They can attend them
- They can follow them online
- Both of the above
- Other, please specify:

##### ***2. How is the documentation of plenary meetings made available to the public?***

***(multiple answers possible)***

- Written verbatim reports
- Full video and/or audio recording available on the website
- Partial recordings/summaries
- Via Social Media Channels
- Other, please specify:

##### ***3. In which way can citizens follow the committee sittings in your Parliament/Chamber?***

- They can attend them
- They can follow them online
- Both of the above
- Other, please specify:

**4. How is the documentation of committee sittings made available to the public?**

**(multiple answers possible)**

- Written verbatim reports
- Full video and/or audio recording available on the website
- Partial recordings/summaries
- Via Social Media Channels
- Other, please specify:

**5. Please name other ways citizens are involved in your Parliament/Chamber activities (consultations, crowd sourcing, etc.). (maximum 500 characters)**

**6. How and how often do civil society organisations participate in plenary or committee meetings?**

	Plenary meetings	Committee sittings
Regularly		
Sometimes		
Occasionally		
Never		

Please specify: (maximum 500 characters)

**7. Has there been an ongoing debate on how to strengthen transparency in your Parliament/Chamber?**

- Yes
- No
- No but it intends to do so

If yes, please specify:

**8. Is there a specific period in your Parliament's/Chamber's calendar reserved for visits in the constituencies?**

- Yes, less than five days per month
- Yes, more than five days per month
- No

**9. Did/Does your Parliament/Chamber participate in a program for democracy education?**

- Yes
- No
- If yes, please specify whether it is targeted to a certain group (e.g. youth, schools, first-time voters, etc.):

**10. Is your Parliament/Chamber involved in information or awareness raising actions linked to national parliamentary elections?**

- Yes
- No
- If yes, please specify:

**11. Does your Parliament/Chamber plan special initiatives related to the European Parliament elections in 2019? (multiple answers possible)**

- Yes, own initiatives
- Yes, jointly with national election authorities
- Yes, jointly with EP Office/EC representation
- No

If appropriate, please specify:

**Section B: Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"**

**12. Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed the report<sup>1</sup>, produced by the Task Force on Subsidiarity, Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"? (multiple answers possible)**

- Yes, during committee sittings
- Yes, in plenary sessions
- Yes, in other formats
- No, but it intends to do so
- No

If yes, please summarise briefly the position of your Parliament/Chamber: (maximum 500 characters)

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/report-task-force-subsidiarity-proportionality-doing-less-more-efficiently\\_0.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/report-task-force-subsidiarity-proportionality-doing-less-more-efficiently_0.pdf)

**13. In the opinion of your Parliament/Chamber, should the work of the Task Force continue in the future? (multiple answers possible)**

- Yes, there should be a permanent format
- Yes, the Commission should regularly exchange views with members of national/regional Parliaments
- Yes, but with the participation of the European Parliament
- No, there are already enough existing formats for exchange of views on the topic

**14. According to your Parliament/Chamber, how can the coordination on the subsidiarity check be improved? (multiple answers possible)**

- Creation of a permanent COSAC working group
- Creation of a permanent topic to be included in the agenda of every plenary COSAC
- Through the network of the national representatives in Brussels
- Through the network of IPEX correspondents

Other, please specify:

**15. Are there regional Parliaments with legislative competences in your country?**

- Yes
- No

**16. How are they involved in the decision making process on EU matters? Are there considerations enhancing their participation? (maximum 500 characters)**

**17. Following the publication of the Task Force report, is your Parliament/Chamber of the opinion that there are policy areas, where, over time, decision-making and/or implementation could be re-delegated in whole or in part or definitively returned to the Member States?**

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

If yes, please specify:

**18. Does your Parliament's/Chamber's support the idea of the common assessment grid included in the final report?**

- Yes, the proposed one is suitable
- Yes, but in a different format
- No
- No opinion

Please specify: (maximum 500 characters)

**19. If you wish to provide any additional information on Chapter 1, please do so below:  
(maximum 500 characters)**

## **Chapter 2: Climate policy and Energy Union**

### **Section A: Present state**

**1. Does your Parliament/Chamber have an environment and energy committee?**

- Yes, both
- Only an environment committee
- Only an energy committee
- No

**2. If yes, how often do(es) the relevant committee(s) of your Parliament/Chamber meet per year?**

- One to six times
- More than six times

**3. Name up to three main environmental or energy topics that have been debated in your Parliament/Chamber during the past year:**

**4. What level of importance does your Parliament/Chamber attach to the five dimensions of the Energy Union Strategy<sup>2</sup>?**

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	No Opinion
Security of Supply					
Internal Energy Market					
Energy efficiency					
Decarbonisation of economy					
Research, innovation and competitiveness					

**5. In the view of your Parliament/Chamber, should there be any action to support the closer cooperation among the EU Parliaments/Chambers on any of the five dimensions?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify on which dimension:

**6. How would your Parliament/Chamber assess progress on international climate policy and action in 2018 compared to 2013?**

- Significant progress
- Some progress
- No progress
- No opinion

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<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/energy-union-and-climate\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/energy-union-and-climate_en)

## Section B: Future cooperation

**7. According to your Parliament/Chamber, is there a need for more coordination and interaction of Member States' climate and energy policies at EU-level?**

- Yes, full harmonisation is needed
- Yes, there should be more coordination without full harmonisation
- No, there is already a sufficient level of coordination
- No, there should not be any interference by the EU

**8. Which one of the key targets of the 2030 climate & energy framework<sup>3</sup> does your Parliament/Chamber find the most difficult to reach?**

- 40% cuts in greenhouse gas emissions (from 1990 levels)
- 27% share for renewable energy
- 27% improvement in energy efficiency
- No opinion

**9. Has your Parliament/Chamber included the "Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050"<sup>4</sup> of the European Commission in your national climate and energy action plan?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify:

**10. If you wish to provide any additional information on Chapter 2, please do so below: (maximum 500 characters)**

## Chapter 3: State of play of Brexit – implications for the future of the EU

### Section A: Brexit and national Parliaments

**1. Does your Parliament/Chamber have a special committee dealing with Brexit?**

- Yes
- No

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<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2030\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2030_en)

<sup>4</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52011DC0112&from=EN>

**2. Did your Parliament/Chamber examine the European Commission Draft Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community?<sup>5</sup>**

- Yes
- No

**3. What is the frequency of exchange your Parliament/Chamber has had with the European Chief Negotiator for the United Kingdom Exiting the European Union, Michel Barnier?**

- Regularly
- Sometimes
- Occasionally
- There has been no direct exchange

**4. In which format did the exchange take place? (maximum 500 characters)**

**5. Does your Parliament/Chamber have regular access to the documents concerning the withdrawal?**

- Yes
- No

**6. Has your Parliament/Chamber had bilateral visits of members of the UK Parliament?**

- Yes
- No

**7. Has your Parliaments/Chamber made Brexit related delegation visits to the UK, to other Member States or to the EU Institutions?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify: (maximum 500 characters)

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<sup>5</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/draft-agreement-withdrawal-united-kingdom-great-britain-and-northern-ireland-european-union-and-european-atomic-energy-community\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/draft-agreement-withdrawal-united-kingdom-great-britain-and-northern-ireland-european-union-and-european-atomic-energy-community_en)

**8. Has the subject of Brexit been discussed in your Parliament/Chamber (either in committee sittings or in plenary meetings)?**

- Yes, regularly
- Yes, but only rarely
- No but it intends to do so
- Not at all

**9. How did/does your Parliament/Chamber monitor the Brexit negotiations? (maximum 500 characters)**

**10. Has your Parliament/Chamber has adopted a specific position on Brexit?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify: (maximum 500 characters)

## **Section B: Future relationship with the United Kingdom**

**11. Has your Parliament/Chamber discussed the impact assessment of the different scenarios after Brexit on the economy of your country and the EU as a whole?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please specify:

**12. How does your Parliament/Chamber envisage the future cooperation with the UK after Brexit? (maximum 500 characters)**

**13. Is your Parliament/Chamber in favour of continuing to invite the UK to interparliamentary formats such as COSAC?**

- Yes
- Yes, under certain conditions
- No
- No opinion

Kindly elaborate on your answer:

**14. In the opinion of your Parliament/Chamber, should the Rules of Procedure of COSAC be amended, so that it would allow countries outside of the EU to regularly attend meetings?**

- Yes
- No, present arrangements are sufficient
- No opinion

If yes, please specify:

**15. When the UK leaves the EU on 30 March 2019, it becomes a third country. Negotiations on the future Free Trade /Association Agreement will be conducted according to the Treaty<sup>6</sup> (Article 218 TFEU). Does your Parliament/Chamber think that during the negotiations, further parliamentary dialogue would be appropriate, in addition to UK Parliament's possible participation in COSAC. If yes, please elaborate (maximum 500 characters).**

**16. If you wish to provide any additional information on Chapter 3, please do so below (maximum 500 characters)**

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<sup>6</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=EN>