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Questionnaire for the 30th Bi-annual Report of COSAC
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:
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   - 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?

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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:


- 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 report¹, 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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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\(^2\)?

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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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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\(^3\) 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"\(^4\) 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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\(^3\) [https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2030_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2030_en)

   ▪ 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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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 (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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