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The platform for EU Interparliamentary Exchange

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IPEX: objectives and structure



Under the EU Treaty, national parliaments scrutinise draft EU legislative acts with regard to their respect for the principle of subsidiarity, participate in the revision of EU treaties and take part in the evaluation of EU policies on freedom, security and justice.

In the context of political dialogue, they issue opinions on EU legislative and non-legislative proposals.

The European Parliament and national parliaments determine together the organisation and promotion of effective and regular interparliamentary cooperation within the EU. IPEX is a tool to enable the abovementioned powers to be used effectively.

The main objective of IPEX is to support interparliamentary cooperation by providing a platform for the electronic exchange of EU-related information between parliaments in the EU.

The **Conference of Speakers** of EU Parliaments lays down the objectives of IPEX.

The **Secretaries General** oversee IPEX work and appoint the IPEX Board and its Chair.

The **IPEX Board** ensures the ongoing and effective management and maintenance of IPEX and that its objectives are achieved.

The **IPEX Information Officer** assists the Board in achieving its tasks, offers technical advice and support to the IPEX correspondents' network and oversees the functioning of the IPEX website.

The **national correspondents** are appointed by the Secretaries General of their respective parliaments/chambers. Once a year, they meet to exchange best practices and to familiarise themselves with the functions on the IPEX website.

Today, 39 Chambers of 27 national parliaments and the European Parliament use IPEX in their daily activities.

IPEX was launched as an initiative of EU national parliaments and developed with the technical assistance of the European Parliament.

IPEX is a network

IPEX is also a network. The network consists of the Board, designated correspondents from national parliaments and the Information Officer. The representatives of national parliaments to the EU institutions are closely linked to IPEX. Furthermore, IPEX can host parliamentary networks established for the exchange of information on various subjects among EU Parliaments.



Who may I contact?

Every national parliament/chamber and the European Parliament designate IPEX correspondents from their respective administrations whose main tasks consists in:

- uploading and updating information related to the scrutiny of EU draft legislative acts and other documents;
- sharing information, documents and news on EU-related activities of their Parliaments;
- participating in the promotion of IPEX; and
- acting as contact points for any EU and IPEX-related issues.



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Parliamentary documents and EU scrutiny

A brief overview of parliamentary scrutiny on EU Affairs is available on the IPEX front page. Recent documents with important issues ¹ and documents with high activity ² are highlighted.



The screenshot displays two main sections on the IPEX front page:

- Important Issues:** Features a news item dated 24/09/2021 (marked with a red circle 1) titled "On Tuesday, the 21st September 2021, the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs of the House of Representatives of C aspects of the Europ to the Fit-f...". It also lists documents COM/2021/0555 (marked with a red circle 1) and COM/2021/0558.
- Documents with High Activity:** Features three document proposals (marked with a red circle 2):
 - COM/2020/0682: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on adequate minimum wages in the European Union.
 - COM/2020/0610: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on asylum and migration management and amending Council Directive (EC) 2002/109 and the proposed Regulation (EU) XXX/XXX (Asylum and Migration Fund).
 - COM/2020/0825: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a Single Market for Digital Services (Digital Services Act) and amending Directive 2000/31/EC.

A "VIEW MORE" button is visible at the bottom right of the screenshot.

Under [Documents](#) section, ³ a search tool is available for EU documents, opinions and reasoned opinions as well as information about the scrutiny progress on EU documents in a parliament/ chamber (EU legislative database). The section also offers information about deadlines for the submission of reasoned opinions (scrutinised EU documents and details of the scrutiny procedure). Methods and filters are available for searches.

Parliaments also exchange information about resolutions, reports, research papers, information notes and newsletters. These can be found in [EU Affairs Documents](#) or the [Research & Information](#) section.

How parliaments deal with EU affairs

Information on the different procedures for scrutiny of EU documents or parliamentary work on EU affairs is available under the [Parliaments](#) ⁴ section.



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Agendas and information about interparliamentary EU Conferences



Interparliamentary cooperation in the EU takes place within a framework of permanent, recurring and other interparliamentary meetings. The framework also includes support structures jointly set up by national parliaments and the European Parliament. IPEX is the only platform that hosts all these frameworks and provides information and documents in the [Conferences](#) section. **5**

Interparliamentary activities



The calendar is an easy way to discover important events. It includes EU-related previous and scheduled conferences and meetings. You can find it on the front page **6** or in the Calendar section. **7**

Upcoming events

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SEP S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	10:11 - 16:00 Videoconference / Ljubljana, Slovenia (tbc) Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union	10:00 Videoconference / IPEX Board	10:10 - 16:00 Videoconference / EP, Brussels (tbc) Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europe

News



Parliaments publish news about EU-related activities on the IPEX website. **8** You can also find the news in the Parliaments/[News](#) section. **9**

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24/09/2021	14/09/2021	07/07/2021
The Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs of the House of Representatives of Cyprus examined certain aspects of the European Green Deal.	The Commission wants to continue the dialogue on strategic foreign policy with Parliament	The House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs of the Cyprus Parliament discussed the Conference on the Future of Europe

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Contacts



Contact information to EU Speakers and/or Secretaries General, as well as to COSAC, the IPEX Board, Correspondents and the Information Officer and Representatives of National Parliaments in Brussels, is available under the [About](#) section. **10**

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THE EU LEGISLATIVE DATABASE

Search in Documents

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Procedure information



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Code ²

Dossier Code

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Documents

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☐ Subject to deadline ⁴

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Scrutiny Information



Chambers ⁵

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☐ **R** Reasoned Opinion ⁷

☐ **E** Important information ⁷

☐ **D** Political Dialogue ⁷

☐ **V** Veto ⁷

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Limit text search to a specific language ⁹

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SEARCH DOCUMENTS

HOW TO USE

The [EU legislative database](#) is available in the Documents section. It offers various options and filters for documents search. Options or filters can be combined, offering an advanced method of searching. Next to each option there is a text explaining its use.

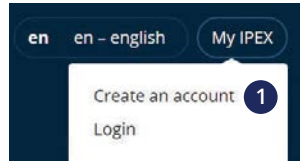
The search tool allows you to:

- 1 Search by using a keyword or phrase related to the document.
- 2 Search by using a document reference ("code", "year", "number").
- 3 Limit your search only to documents that triggered the "yellow" or "orange" card procedure.
- 4 Narrow your search to find only documents subject to the subsidiarity deadline.
- 5 Limit your search to a specific chamber (or use it in combination with options 6, 7 and 8).
- 6 Search by scrutiny status.
- 7 Narrow your search to display only documents for which national parliaments issued an opinion, or reasoned opinion, declared they have to share important information or vetoed a document.
- 8 Narrow your search to display only documents transmitted within a certain timeframe.
- 9 Limit your search to a specific language.

The results for each search can be stored by subscribing to an account called "My IPEX".



Create your account **1** to set up alerts/notifications and stay updated on all that IPEX has to offer.



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Obtain notification about every important issue of interparliamentary cooperation.

NEW features

The latest version of the website features a responsive design, new sections where "important issues" and "documents with high activity" are highlighted.

All pages are redesigned, new types of documents have been added and an improved search functionality has been implemented.



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