

Meeting of the IPEX Correspondents 27-28 October 2022

Workshop Topic 1: IPEX today – How the work of IPEX national Correspondents has changed with the launch of IPEX v3

On 28 October, the participants of the NCM took part in a workshop (taking place in two groups) focusing on the use of IPEX today, the added value of the new tools provided for by IPEX v3 and exchange of experiences of the NC work on IPEX-related issues. The workshop was moderated by Calin Racoti (IPEX Information Officer) and Livia Spada (Chair of the WG on Training, IPEX Correspondent of the Swedish Parliament).

During the workshop, the participants were asked to share information on i.a. how they use IPEX in their day-to-day activities and how they work with the new functionalities that were introduced with IPEX v3, cooperation with other departments of their respective administration when it comes to IPEX-related issues and ways of improving the way Correspondents (NC) use IPEX. The participants were also asked to give suggestions on how the IPEX Board and the Working Groups could share information on their work to the Correspondents. The IPEX IO also took the opportunity to give a practical demonstration on how to work with i.a. News and Own content. Lastly, the IPEX IO also stressed the importance of keeping the National Parliaments pages up to date.

The discussions during the workshop (both groups) can be summarized with the following findings and suggestions:

- Some parliaments have an automated process for uploading scrutiny information on IPEX while others upload information manually.
- The use of tools on IPEX varies among the NPs according to their scrutiny procedures.
- Many participants confirmed the trend of NPs focusing more on contributions within the political dialogue (PD) than reasoned opinions (RO).
- In order to make the training materials more visible, it was suggested to present new training materials during short online sessions, e.g. after Board meetings and/or to publish them on the (public) IPEX website. Another suggestion, with the aim of raising awareness of the work of the IPEX Board and Working Groups, was to send a periodic update by email on the development of the work including information on new training materials.
- Many NC publish news, although it depends on what time they have at hand since it is not necessarily part of their usual routine. In this regard, some participants also mentioned that the EN translations add an extra task which may affect the choice of publishing news or not.
- Most NCs find the new way of publishing news to be more intuitive and convenient. Some issues were however raised: the uploading of pictures and

editing of news (extra steps required, by choosing EN language version to enter the text).

- There could be a reactive trend when it comes to the number of news items published on IPEX, with an uptick in news when there are big events in the EU such as CoFE, Brexit and Commissioners' visits to the NPs.
- The new feature on uploading Own content provides many possibilities such as cross-linking, adding keywords and sharing the information on social media. The tendency to upload Own content, as well as the events triggering the publishing of Own documents, varies among the NPs.
- The procedure for uploading Own content is intuitive, up until the last step when finding target places. In this context, some participants also mentioned that they had experienced problems, with the Own content not showing in the IPEX front office once published.
- Most participants, as well as their colleagues in the capitals, tend to navigate on IPEX in the EN language version rather than in their own language. The main reason for this is that it is more user friendly. If the information would be provided in another language, all information would have to be available in that language to avoid having to change into EN to access some information.