

Parliamentary Practice of legislation in Europe Workshop on the “Day of Parliamentarism”

Budapest, 2nd May 2017, 14:00-16:00

Venue: Parliament Building, Budapest. Main Floor, Room 21

Legislative procedure neither begins nor ends in Parliament. But democratic deliberation only takes place there, it is therefore the most democratic, but also most spectacular and transparent part of legislation. Parliaments as institutions with great traditions nowadays often face with new challenges including lack of information or time pressure caused by political agendas. Outstanding practitioners share their knowledge and experience at our workshop about the rules and practice of the legislative procedure of their parliaments, from both “old” and “new” democracies of Europe. They will talk about the procedural rules, timeframe and other aspects of the parliamentary legislative process of their own parliament, and will also include questions like ‘fast-tracking’ and ex-ante scrutiny of legislation.

The Centre for Parliamentary Research commemorates the constituent session of the first free elected parliament (2nd May, 1990) with this event.

Programme

Opening remarks: Gergely GULYÁS MP, chair of the Legislative Committee, vice-president of the National Assembly of Hungary

Presentations (25 minutes+5 minutes Q&A):

- *Legislative Procedure in the UK Parliament*: Paul EVANS, principal clerk, House of Commons, United Kingdom
- *Legislative Procedure in the German Bundestag*: Andrea ERIKSSON, legal advisor, Parliamentary Law Division, Bundestag, Germany
- *Legislative procedure in the Portugese Parliament*: Ana Paula BERNARDO, Head of the Plenary Support Division, Assembly of the Republic, Portugal
- *Concluding Remarks*: Péter SMUK PhD, associate professor, Széchenyi István University, research fellow, Centre for Parliamentary Research

Moderator: Zsolt SZABÓ PhD, adjunct professor, Károli Gáspár Reformed Church University, research fellow, Centre for Parliamentary Research

The working language of the event is English, with simultaneous translation into Hungarian.

There is no entrance fee for the event, but registration is necessary **until 27th April** via e-mail (with full name, institution and ID-number): pkk@sze.hu Entry into the Parliament Building: between 13:30-13:55 at Gate 17 (north entrance).

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