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e-Parliament VISION

The European Parliament plays a fundamental and growing role in the EU's law-making process. It is also currently one of the world's largest multilingual information and content producers.

The e-Parliament program aims to empower the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) by providing them, and the administration at large, with improved legislative and parliamentary services through state-of-the-art ICT tools and solutions that are intuitive, streamline current processes and adapt to changing ways of work.

e-Parliament is integral to ensuring sustainable, sophisticated administrative support for Members in their legislative work, through the replacement of outdated technologies which are no longer fit for purpose post-Lisbon, in the context of Parliament's enhanced role throughout the legislative cycle.

Legislative information created, stored and disseminated via e-Parliament tools will be much easier to access, reuse and classify, making the EU's legislative work, and the work of Parliament's Members in particular, more transparent, visible and, in turn, more accountable to European citizens.

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The main objective of the program is to facilitate and standardise the creation, edition, translation and publication of committee and parliamentary legislative work and to assure a high quality of texts via the usage of web editors which provide tools focused on the drafting activity. Moreover, the content produced by these editors is easily retrievable and reusable by all actors in Parliament, across all stages of the legislative process, from the creation of an initial draft report (AT4LEX, phase 1), through the creation of individual Members' amendments (AT4AM), their revision (DST) and translation (CAT4TRAD) to the compilation and publication of final reports (AT4LEX, phase 2) and agreements (4 column documents) and, ultimately, Parliament's Texts Adopted (AT4LEX, phase 3).

Likewise, moving towards XML format, which underpins e-Parliament, is fundamental to establish interinstitutional compatibility for the exchange of legislative material, modernise and streamline legislative document production and publication, fully capitalise on the benefits of new technology and substantially optimise the use of human resources.

The program will measure the progress towards the adoption of the new solutions to reach full compatibility of the processes. In the meantime, it will ensure adequate arrangements for conversion into XML of all the base documents (whether internal or interinstitutional) on which the European Parliament may express its position through amendments. This will enable Parliament to move forward, and improve its offer to Members, while at the same time pushing for a joined-up interinstitutional approach to the exchange of documents and adoption of a common format.

A number of eParliament components are already operational, incrementally delivering new integrated ICT tools that facilitate day-to-day legislative and parliamentary activities. MEPs can now digitally sign tabled texts from anywhere with any device and they can draft amendments using tailored editors in a collaborative environment. However, the full benefits of the e-Parliament program will only be achieved once all key components are in place, ensuring optimum substantiality and resource saving, by the end of the 8th parliamentary term.

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