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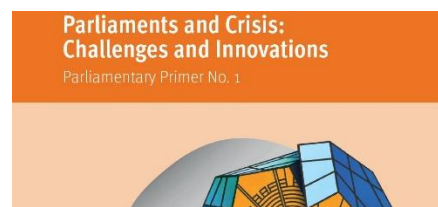


We are pleased to introduce **the first edition of the new INTER PARES newsletter**. It's another way for us to communicate with you about the different programming and activities we're carrying out around the world in conjunction with our partners in European Union Member State Parliaments, the European Parliament, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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Have a look at [our special COVID-19 section](#) on parliamentary innovations in times of crisis on [our new website](#), launched on 8 May 2020.



Read the first INTER PARES Primer "[Parliaments and Crisis: Challenges and Innovations](#)" which was published on 11 May 2020.



2020 marks the 25th Anniversary of International IDEA. To celebrate 25 years of supporting sustainable democracy worldwide, International IDEA aims to highlight its work across programmes and regions throughout the year ([read more on the activities organised by INTER PARES in June on our website](#)). The 25th anniversary will culminate in a global online conference in November which will discuss the future of democracy, and its challenges and opportunities going forward.

Partnerships

Since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, we have worked to re-evaluate what can be done to continue peer-to-peer partnership activities given the global lockdown.

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E-learning

INTER PARES will complement its in-person peer-to-peer exchange activities with online learning opportunities. [Continue reading...](#)





Responding to COVID-19: Watch the interview with the staff of the Czech Parliamentary Institute and learn more about the Czech Parliament's Education initiative

Podcast Mini-series

The first episode of the INTER PARES podcast, entitled 'Making parliaments work for people' features interviews with [Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez](#), Policy Officer – Democracy – Parliaments and Political Parties, European Commission, [Laura Thornton](#), Director of Global Programme, International IDEA, and [Jonathan Murphy](#), Head of Programme, INTER PARES. The podcast is hosted by by [Ingrid Walker](#), Associate Programme Officer at INTER PARES. [Read more](#)

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SAVE THE DATE: INTER PARES Live Stream on 30 June

A global lens on parliaments' responses to the pandemic and the importance of parliamentary oversight

How have parliaments around the world responded to the COVID-19 crisis? What measures were adopted to continue sessions and meetings? How did parliaments carry out their oversight role? In order to answer these questions, we have collected and compared open source data from more than 100 countries and will be pleased to launch this global research project with you **on 30 June, the International Day of Parliamentarism, 16h30 - 17h30 CEST.**

More information will be coming soon

As a part of our social media campaign, we've asked our staff members and partners to share what they appreciate about the INTER PARES project. More will be published on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

The graphic is a social media post with an orange background and decorative geometric shapes. It features the following elements:

- Top left: European Union logo with the text "Funded by the European Union".
- Top center: "#IDEA25years" in white text.
- Top right: "IDA 25th Anniversary" logo.
- Center: A white box containing the INTER PARES logo and a quote: "Parliamentary development is a niche in the international technical assistance world. A fact that directly contradicts the status of parliaments as Democracy's supreme institutions. Hence, projects like INTER PARES, with powerful institutional partners rather than business entities or political organizations, are of fundamental significance."
- Right side: A circular portrait of Dr. Fotis Fitsilis, a man in a suit and tie.
- Bottom right: A white box with the text: "Dr. Fotis Fitsilis, Head of Department, Scientific Documentation and Supervision, Scientific Service, Hellenic Parliament".



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"What I like about the INTER PARES project is that it is founded on the principle that together we learn and together we are stronger."

Bridget O'Sullivan,
Finance and Administrative
Manager, INTER PARES



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