

Conclusions on IPEX

1. The Secretaries General take note of the Annual Report on the current developments of IPEX and thank the IPEX Board for its work in 2020 - 2021.
2. The Secretaries General confirm the following composition of the IPEX Board in 2021 – 2021 during the German IPEX Chairmanship beginning after the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments on 10 – 11 May 2021 in Berlin:

Ex officio members of the Board (Art 4.1. a,b and d, IPEX Guidelines)

- Germany (Bundestag and Bundesrat), as Chair
- Slovenia (Državni zbor and Državni svet),
- Czech Republic (Senate and Chamber of Deputies),
- Portugal,
- European Parliament,

National Parliaments that wish to participate and commit to contributing to working groups set up by the Board (Art 4.1. c, IPEX Guidelines)

- *[names may be added until the SGs' meeting]*

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According to the IPEX Guidelines, COSAC, the ECPRD, the European Commission and the Council participate in and contribute to Board meetings.

3. The Secretaries General sincerely thank the European Parliament for its efforts and engagement in financing the new IPEX website. The improvements in the IPEX Digital System and the new IPEX website are vital for the future of IPEX as a repository of information on parliamentary handling of EU decision-making and European inter-parliamentary cooperation. The Secretaries General take note that a successful relaunch depends on the efforts of IPEX National Correspondents and also needs full support by their administrations. The Secretaries General hope that the remaining technical issues can be resolved so that the new website will be operational in the beginning of the German chairmanship of IPEX.
4. The Secretaries General take note of the need for enhanced training and information activities in connection with the IPEX Digital System and the new IPEX website. The Secretaries General expect that the IPEX Board can resume Annual IPEX Correspondents' Meetings and regular Users' Conferences as soon as conditions permit.
5. The Secretaries General take note of the Board's new Rolling Work Programme to guide the work of the Board and Working Groups. The Secretaries General observe that it is the Board's responsibility to programme its work. It is essential that the programming cycle is uninterrupted and provides at any given time direction for IPEX's development in the short, medium, and longer term. Given IPEX's core tasks and the pace of technical development, programming should be an ongoing task and discussed at least annually.