

Report on the activities of IPEX since the first three-year Work Programme

Work Programme 2017 - 2020

IPEX's first three-year Work Programme was adopted on 19 May 2017 and covered the Slovak (2017-18), Estonian (2018-19) and Austrian (2019-20) IPEX Chairmanships. The Work Programme focused on Strengthening the promotion of IPEX, Enhancing the IPEX Network and Improving the Digital System. Many initiatives and instruments were developed, and numerous technological steps were taken to foster internal and external cooperation, to facilitate the IPEX Correspondents' work, to promote IPEX and to elaborate new functions in the database and finally establish a new website.

A report on the results of the 2017 – 2020 Work Programme was prepared by a Working Group chaired by the Austrian Parliament and adopted by the IPEX Board on 15 October 2020. The report is attached to this document.

Rolling Work Programme 2021 – 2023

The Work Programme adopted in 2017 expired in the Spring of 2020. Devising a new Work Programme has been a main Board preoccupation during the Finnish chairmanship. Some innovations to the Work Programme were discussed by the Board in October and November 2020. The static programme covering three years was replaced by a Rolling Work Programme that also has a three-year horizon but is examined annually. The Rolling Work Programme also introduces an annual review of longer-term targets, going beyond the life cycle of IPEX's current technical platform. The purpose is to ensure that there are no gaps between work programmes and that necessary technical renewal is planned in a timely and systematic manner. The Rolling Work Programme has been recast to better reflect the Board's role under the Guidelines. The new-style RWP is a terse to-do-list of tasks, benchmarks, and deadlines. The Board approved the Rolling Work Programme 2021 – 2023 on 8 March 2021.

The Rolling Work Programme is attached to this report. A draft RWP has *de facto* guided the working groups appointed by the Board in October 2020.

Launch of IPEX v.3

The launch of a new version of the IPEX website and a comprehensive upgrade of IPEX's functionalities was a focal point of the 2017 Work Programme. The European Parliament has borne overall responsibility for the IT development and the costs of this project. IPEX's working groups and Information Officer have devoted a large part of their time to developing the user interface, language adaptations, training and promotion activities that will make IPEX work. The launch is scheduled for the first semester of 2021.

Operation of IPEX

Numerical data on the operation of IPEX, compiled by the Information Officer, are appended to this report.