

Upgrading Inter-parliamentary Cooperation in the EU

Questions:

- What does inter-parliamentary cooperation mean?
- Does it work?
- How can it be improved?

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“[...] the European Parliament and the national Parliaments of the Contracting Parties will together determine the organisation and promotion of a conference of representatives of the relevant committees of the European Parliament and representatives of the relevant committees of national Parliaments in order to discuss budgetary policies and other issues covered by this Treaty.”



Inter-parliamentary Cooperation: why?

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The distribution of parliamentary prerogatives is not a zero-sum game

The European Parliament cannot guarantee democratic control on its own





Unequal participation among the national parliaments:

Vilnius, 16-17 October 2013



Brussels, 20-22 January 2014

