



PARLIAMENT
OF FINLAND



DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

in the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the
Presidency of the Council of the European Union

between the Houses of Parliament of
Romania (Camera Deputaţilor and Senat),
Finland (Eduskunta) and
Croatia (Hrvatski sabor)

for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020

Considering

- The competences of national parliaments in the legislative framework of the European Union, in accordance with the legal provisions deriving from the Treaties and their respective national Constitutions;
- The tasks and responsibilities that the Presidency of the Council of the European Union represents for each Member State,

Acknowledging the various challenges and opportunities for the Presidencies of the Council of the European Union held by Romania, Finland and Croatia, especially in the context of:

- The upcoming European elections and the impact they will have on the ongoing debate on the future of Europe and the institutional set-up of the European Union after Brexit;
- The new Multiannual Financial Framework and programming period;
- The recurring necessity for stronger involvement of citizens in the decision-making process in the European Union;
- The need to ensure better functioning of the European Union in the future, while safeguarding the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality,

Desiring to enhance dialogue among national parliaments and to further develop the subsidiarity mechanism and political dialogue between national parliaments and the European Institutions, in order to strengthen accountability for and ownership of European policies, including adequate follow-up of national parliaments' inputs,

the undersigned hereby declare, on behalf of their respective Houses of Parliament, the willingness to fully cooperate and provide mutual support in order to successfully prepare and implement the parliamentary dimension of their respective Presidencies of the Council of the European Union for the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Respecting the particular constitutional organisation and practice of each Member State, the Houses of Parliament of Romania, Finland and Croatia undertake to ensure communication, coordination and information exchange, at both political and administrative level, with respect to events related to the parliamentary dimension of their respective Presidency of the Council of the European Union, including effective cooperation with the European Parliament.

With this aim, the Houses of Parliament of Romania, Finland and Croatia agree to:

- Undertake regular consultations and establish ad-hoc working groups at appropriate level and at the initiative of any of them, to promote the objectives of the three parliamentary presidencies;
- Ensure effective communication of the outcome of inter-parliamentary conferences and other activities to European citizens.

The Houses of Parliament of Romania, Finland and Croatia commit themselves to have a successful, cost-efficient and environmentally friendly cooperation, by making use as much as possible of digital tools, as well as of their Brussels-based representatives.

The administrations of the Houses of Parliament of Romania, Finland and Croatia shall take all necessary measures and actions to fully, timely and duly implement the provisions of this Declaration.

Signed in Tallinn, on 23 April 2018,

In four original copies,

For the Romanian Parliament
Mr. Liviu Dragnea,
President of Camera Deputaţilor

For the Romanian Parliament
Mr. Călin Popescu Tăriceanu,
President of Senat

For the Finnish Parliament
Ms. Paula Risikko,
Speaker of Eduskunta

For the Croatian Parliament
Mr. Goran Jandroković,
Speaker of Hrvatski sabor