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IN-PERSON EVENT

11:00-12:15

📍 Martens Centre HQ, Rue du Commerce, 1000 Brussels

Paper Launch

Six Ways to Better Involve National Parliaments in EU Affairs

ABOUT THE EVENT

How can national parliaments be better embedded in the EU's multilevel democratic system and further contribute to its legitimacy? Our latest [research paper](#) demonstrates that while there is no single model for involving national parliaments across the 27 Member States, there is a rich diversity of successful strategies.

This launching seminar will explore the legal and political drivers of effective national parliamentary oversight of EU legislation and policymaking. Drawing on six emblematic case studies - featuring practices from the Danish, Finnish, German, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish Parliaments - the discussion will highlight actionable best practices. We will examine how national legislatures can secure direct access to EU dossiers, scrutinise the European Council, integrate MEPs into domestic activities, and drive cross-border interparliamentary cooperation.

Join us for a focused roundtable discussion as we map the mechanisms that empower national assemblies to actively shape EU decision-making and hold their governments more accountable for it.

PROGRAMME

- 10:30** Registration and Coffee
- 11:00** Welcome Remarks
- 11:05** Paper Presentation
- 11:20** Panel and Roundtable Discussion
- 12:15** End of event and lunch

SPEAKERS

Welcoming Remarks:

Tomi Huhtanen

Executive Director, Martens Centre

Discussants:

Cristina Fasone

Associate Professor of Comparative Public Law, LUISS University, Rome

Nicola Lupo

Professor of Constitutional and Public Law, LUISS University, Rome

Olivier Rozenberg

Senior Fellow, School of Government, LUISS University

Klaus Welle

Chair, Academic Council, Martens Centre; former Secretary General (2009-2022), European Parliament

Moderator:

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Strategic Coordinator and Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre

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