

How European National Parliaments act during the Corona Crisis



Country	Parliament	Status	Details	Date	Source
Austria	Nationalrat	Parliament operates under safety distance measures.	At meetings on 2 – 3 April attendance will be reduced by half.	20.03.2020	Click here
Belgium	Belgium Senate	Committee Meetings and Plenary sessions cancelled.	Government is temporarily authorized to implement legal measures without approval of parliament.	27.03.2020	Click here
Bulgaria	National Assembly	Assembly will only meet on bill and acts related to the state of emergency.	Scrutiny will be in written form; the committees continue working.	26.03.2020	Click here
Croatia	Sabor	Parliament operates with only two members of each party group attending sessions.	Due to earthquake damages the meetings in INA building.	24.03.2020	Click here
Cyprus	House of Representatives	Parliamentary activities under precautionary safety measures.	Committee meetings held via telephone.	25.03.2020	Click here
Czech Republic	Czech Parliament	Plenary sessions under precautionary measures.	Access to Chamber denied to outsiders	27.03.2020	Click here
Denmark	Folketinget	Closed for visits but essential work continues.	Only critically important functions running.	12.03.2020	Click here
Estonia	Riigikogu	Only time-critical issues will be discussed.	Committees function by teleworking	16.03.2020	Click here
Finland	Eduskunta	MPs may follow parliament's work and propose legislative initiatives digitally, but not vote.	Only necessary meetings of committees are held.	24.03.2020	Click here
France	Assemblée Nationale	Parliamentary activity reduced to essential activities.	Non-essential staff works remotely.	19.03.2020	Click here
Germany	Bundestag	Plenary sessions continue with distance of at least 1,5m, only every third seat is occupied.	The quorum of at least 50% of MPs being present in the plenary will temporarily be reduced to 25%.	25.03.2020	Click here
Greece	Hellenic Parliament	Continues its legislative work by drastically limiting the presence of members.	Only one draft bill shall be put to vote each week	17.03.2020	Click here
Hungary	Országgyűlés	Government rules by decree without needing parliamentary approval to implement legislation.	Measure aimed at extending a state of emergency and granting the government special powers to take extraordinary measures to contain the spread of novel coronavirus.	23.03.2020	Click here

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Ireland	House of the Oirechats	Seanad (Senate) general elections are taking place	In the interests of public health, access to the count is restricted.	30.03.2020	Click here
Italy	Senato	Working at significantly reduced capacity	All buildings close at 7 pm and all visits have been suspended	14.03.2020	Click here
Latvia	Saeima	Plenary Sittings and the Committee Sittings of the Saeima are not cancelled.	All events are indefinitely postponed	12.03.2020	Click here
Lithuania	Seimas	The work of the Seimas continues despite the event of emergency	The Spring schedule is significantly revised.	24.03.2020	Click here
Luxembourg	Chamber of Deputies	Parliamentary scrutiny limited through state of emergency.	The Chamber of Deputies can, at every moment, suspend the state of crisis	19.03.2020	Click here
Malta	Parlament Ta' Malta	Plenary and committee sessions continue.	Travel and access to the public restricted	12.03.2020	Click here
Netherlands	Tweede Kamer	Only meetings about Coronavirus are taking place	MPs can ask written questions to the government and conduct written committee consultations.	14.03.2020	Click here
Poland	Sejm	Parliamentary sessions are conducted remotely	The voting took place using a special system via parliamentary tablets	27.03.2020	Click here
Portugal	Assembleia de Republica	Parliament is supervising state of emergency	The state of emergency is being revised	23.03.2020	Click here
Romania	Chamber of Deputies	In the current state of emergency votes can be collected by electronic means.	Parliament voted the new government on 14 March 2020	17.03.2020	Click here
Slovakia	Národná	The new Parliament held 3 regular sessions.	It is discussed if official should reduce their salary	27.03.2020	Click here
Slovenia	National Assembly	Parliament works continues with 1,5m distance between all participants.	In order to ensure the distance hallways and additional chairs are being used.	30.03.2020	Click here
Spain	El Parlamento	Parliamentary activity heavily reduced.	2 exceptional meetings which allow electronical voting.	13.03.2020	Click here
Sweden	Riksdag	Parliamentary sessions with heavily reduced number of MPs	55 out of 349 members participate in votes in the Chamber.	18.03.2020	Click here

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