

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	The Federal Parliament	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.	No external visitors allowed, only essential staff.	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 parliamentarians being present in the plenary will temporarily be reduced to 25%.	25.03.2020	Click here
Greece	Ελληνικό Κοινοβούλιο	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	Houses of the Oirechats	Seanad (Senate) general elections are taking place.	In the interests of public health, access is heavily restricted.	30.03.2020	Click here
Italy	Parlamento della Repubblica Italiana	Working at significantly reduced capacity.	All buildings close at 7 pm and all visits have been suspended. Motion by Movimenta (initiative of five parliamentarians from five different political groups) for an “Agile Parliament” that keeps working remotely.	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	Tweedekamer	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 da República	Parliament is supervising state of emergency.	The state of emergency is being revise on.	23.03.2020	Click here
Romania	Parlamentul României	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	Slovenski parlament	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	Cortes Generales	Parliamentary activity heavily reduced.	Two exceptional meetings which allow electronical voting.	13.03.2020	Click here
Sweden	Riksdag	Parliamentary sessions with heavily reduced number of parliamentarians.	55 out of 349 members participate in votes in the Chamber.	18.03.2020	Click here