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Network of Parliamentary Committees for Economy, Finance and European Integration of Western Balkans (NPC)

Organisational Charter and Governance Structure

I Organisation

The Network of Parliamentary Committees for Economy, Finance and European Integration of Western Balkans (NPC) was informally established in 2009 and defined its work in the declaration that was passed at the 2009 conference. On the basis of the declaration passed in 2009 on June 2nd 2013 at a regional conference in Becici, Montenegro, members of the existing network decided to formally extend the membership in the Network to the committees for European integration from the parliaments from the Western Balkans region, thus renaming and reshaping the existing network into a **Network of Parliamentary Committees for Economy, Finance and European Integration of Western Balkans (NPC)**.

In addition to expanding the existing participation, a decision was passed to set up a board of the Network and further develop the organisational and governance structure.

The Network holds no international legal subjectivity, it is not an international organisation and each participant in the Network speaks on their own behalf. The participation of committees and MPs in the Network is on a voluntary and inclusive basis and in line with established regional initiative participation practices.

II Participating Parliaments

The Network participants comprise of elected representatives serving in the parliamentary committees on Economy, Finance and European integration of 8 Western Balkan parliaments from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina¹, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo*. The participants of this Network are:

¹ For Bosnia and Herzegovina based on the constitution of BiH, there are 3 parliaments in the Network: the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina; the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the National Assembly of Republic of Srpska.

*This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Parliament of Albania

- Economy and Finance Committee
- European Integration Committee

Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Finances and Budget Committee
- Joint committee for economic reforms and development
- Joint Committee on European Integration

Parliamentary Assembly Of Federation Of Bosnia And Herzegovina

- Committee for economic and financial policy
- Committee for European Integration

National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska

- Finances and Budget Committee
- Committee for European Integration and regional cooperation
- Committee for Economy

Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia

- Committee on Finance and Budget
- Committee on Economy
- Committee on European Integration

Parliament of Montenegro

- Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget
- Committee on European Integration

National Assembly of Serbia

- Committee on Finance, State Budget and Control of Public Spending
- Committee on the Economy, Regional Development, Trade, Tourism and Energy
- Committee for European integration

Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Oversight committee on Public Finance
- Committee for European Integration
- Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade and Industry

Admission of new (NPC) participants and board members requires the consent of all the existing Network participants.

III NPC Board

Board members of NPC are chairpersons/ deputies or members/deputies of the committees on Economy; Finance and European integration from the participating parliaments.

Board members are nominated for a term of 2 years. The current mandate of the board is from July 19th 2017 to July 18th 2019. Participation is on voluntary basis.

In case there are elections in one of the participating parliaments during the existing NPC mandate, following the establishment of the new parliament, board members in NPC will be nominated again by the respective committees, until the end of the current mandate.

The NPC Board is composed of:

- 1 MP from each participating parliament and 1 deputy member from each participating parliament that participate in the work of the Network. In composing the NPC Board, the NPC will take into consideration, as much as possible, that there is a balance between governing and opposition members from participating parliaments.
- The NPC board is chaired by a rotating chairperson that presides with the work of the board.
- The rotating chairperson is elected at a NPC board meeting with a term of 6 months and serves until the next chairperson is elected.
- The participating parliament, from where the chairperson of the board comes from and the relevant committee where the chairperson serves, will serve as an informal liaison for the Network for the duration of the rotating chairpersonship.
- In an event that a standing board member cannot participate at a board meeting he/she will nominate the deputy board member to participate and make decisions during the board meeting/s.

IV Responsibilities of the NPC Board

- The NPC board guides the work of the Network.
- Prepares and adopts an annual work and action plans that define the scope and timeline for activities of the Network.
- Forms working groups to address specific network initiatives.
- Reports to the participants in the NPC.
- Decides on and guides the Networks cooperation with international organisations, governmental and non-governmental organisations, donors, parliaments from Western Balkans and other relevant regional and international initiatives.
- Establishes a secretariat of the Network.
- Adopts the NPC Board Rules of Procedures
- Prepares the annual NPC Conference
- Decides on other activities that will advance the development of regional and international cooperation of the Network

V. Board Meeting format

The (NPC) Board will aim to conduct regular quarterly governance meetings:

- The Quarterly Governance Meeting of the Board (NPC) ensures coordination and guides the work of the Network.
- Quarterly Meetings of the board of NPCB are open to representatives of other parliaments, international organizations, NGO and partners as guests upon invitation from the NPC Board, if the Board finds that their participation is valuable towards the development of the work of the Network.
- The NPC Board provides operational guidance and supervision of the network in between the NPC Annual Meetings.
- The Board adopts the NPC Strategy and Work Programme, reviews progress in the course of the year and provides proposals and initiatives for further development of regional cooperation.
- Board meetings are convened by the Board chairperson and prepared by the Network Secretariat.

VI Annual NPC Conference

Once per year the NPC will convene a meeting with representatives of committees that participate in the work of the Network to review work from the past year and provide suggestions and direction to the Board for future Network activities.

NPC annual conference participants are the chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of Committees on Economy and Finance and EU Integrations and board members.