

Parliamentary Projects Support Division

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## **WEBINAR**

### **Virtual work of the Parliament: remote voting system**

*Organised by*

**The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**

*for Members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*

**18 June 2020**

**10am - 12.30pm CET Strasbourg, France**

**(11.00 - 13.30 time for Ukraine)**

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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## BACKGROUND

This action is part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018 -2021. The Verkhovna Rada, like all the parliaments in the world have confronted with the coronavirus pandemic which forced them to restructure their work and adopt innovative technological tools. Lack of the appropriate legislation and practice makes it difficult for parliaments to quickly adapt to the imposed by the pandemic changes, including to the distance voting system.

The Webinar will provide members of the Verkhovna Rada with the opportunity to become acquainted with and discuss the effectiveness of parliamentary models of virtual work and remote voting procedures, as well as to share personal views on parliamentary achievements at national level in this domain.

## PARTICIPANTS AND WORKING LANGUAGES

- Members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- Parliaments of Greece and Brazil
- PACE Secretariat
- International experts

The working languages will be English and Ukrainian.

## PROGRAMME

10.00

### WELCOME AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Welcome by

**Mr Wojciech SAWICKI**, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

*Moderator:*

**Mr Geza MEZEI**, Head of Secretariat, PACE Project Support Division

### Session I

#### *The UK's virtual Parliament*

**Speakers:**

**Dr Hannah WHITE**, Deputy Director of the Institute for Government, UK

Exchange of views with participants

### Session II

#### *Technology transfer for the remote parliamentary work in Brazil*

**Ms Patricia GOMES REGO de ALMEIDA**, Coordination of Digital Innovation Governance and Strategy Directorate of Innovation and Information Technology, Chamber of Deputies - Brazil

Exchange of views with participants

### Session III

#### *Remote activities of the Parliamentary Assembly: new mechanism and methods*

**Speaker:**

**Ms Yeva SUSHKO**, PACE Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Exchange of views with participants

### Session IV

#### *Remote voting system in the Parliament of Greece*

**Speakers:**

**Mr Georgios KATROUGKALOS**, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, Member of the PACE Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Exchange of views with participants

**12:30** End of the webinar

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