

## **Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments**

## COMMUNICATION

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#### Milestones

#### 1990-92: The beginning

- ${\color{red} \diamondsuit} \ \ Multiparty, \overline{democratic parliamentary} systeminstead of one-party regime. \\$
- Parliamentary data management based on static, then on dynamic database.

#### 1992-2015: Firststeps

- \* Establishment of an access-based system.
- IT system operates on a local parliamentary network,
- and supports the processing of amendments submitted by MPs to the annual Budget Bill.

#### 2013: Decision on the development of a new IT solution which

- is web-based,
- provides the opportunity to edit and submit parliamentary papers electronically,
- makes it possible to submit bills independent of time and location,
- makes the office workflow fast and easy,
- can be used by all stakeholders taking part in the legislative process,
- \* fits requirements of modern IT security.



### The basics of development

#### Legal hierarchybased on the Constitution (Fundamental Law)

- Constitution
- Act
- Governmentdecree
- Ministerial decree
- Local Government decree

#### Codification regulation in Hungary

- Ministerial decrees on legislation
- Determination of legal structure
- \* Itemised structural elements
- Accurately defined reference-setup rules

#### Permanent parliamentary procedures fixed by Rules of Procedure

PARLEX

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- Basic/normal procedure on legislation
- Exceptional (expedited) procedures
- Special procedures
  - Budget legislative proposal (bill) PARLEX
  - · Ecclesiastical procedure
  - · International agreements/treaties

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### The procedure of development

#### Beginning of 2014

- ◆ Establishment of independent budget (approximately € 400,000).
- Technical specification, publication of public procurement.
- Bidding, signing a contract with external developers.
- Establishment of the project team: developers (10 people), employees of the Office (20 people).

#### 2014-2016

- Establishment of functional working teams involvement of the relevant organisations (departments).
- Development based on agile methodology (permanent demand conciliation, 2-3 weekly sprints, control and acceptance of product results/deliverables).
- Functional acceptance tests every half year.

#### 2016-2017

- Acceptance of ParLex.
- Two-cycle introduction (Autumn of 2016: internal, usage in the Office; Spring of 2017: full-scale usage).
- Training of key users, users training.



#### Basics of ParLex

- XML-based programme language according to international standards.
- Wide-ranging data security based on:
  - o centralised user management,
  - o rights granted by roles and grouppolicy to,
    - the MPs,
    - · the government stakeholders,
    - · the staff of the parliamentary factions,
    - · the employees of the Office,
  - remote work controlled with two-factor authentication.
- Secured permanent functioning: the opportunity to download and print documents, permanent saving of the entire database.
- User-friendly structure of the on-screen display.
- Simple usage: inbuilt automatic functions and use of templates.

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#### Main functions of ParLex

#### \* Editing parliamentary documents

- · using templates,
- · importing documents,
- · manually typing texts,
- · software automatically checks codification rules in text,
- · automatic cross-reference management,
- · downloading and printing (docx and pdf files).

#### \* Process management

- opportunity to handle workflow depending on procedural phases,
- · observing deadlines and issuing alerts,
- · data exchange with other in-house IT systems,
- · providing the opportunity to set alerts.

#### \* Pre-enforcement

- · automatic reference updates,
- · alerts user of alternative amendment proposals,
- · automatic text updates.



# Functions of ParLex in the legislative procedure





#### Editable documents:

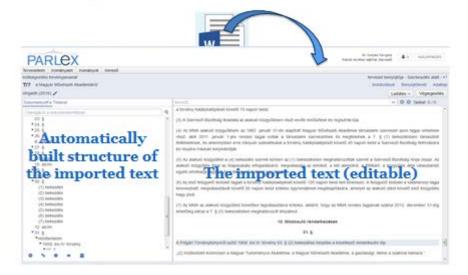
- legislative proposals (bills) according to the regulation,
- \* proposed resolutions,
- amendments,
- . other motions initiating a procedure,
- parliamentarybackgroundpapers supporting the procedure,
- text of acts for promulgation.



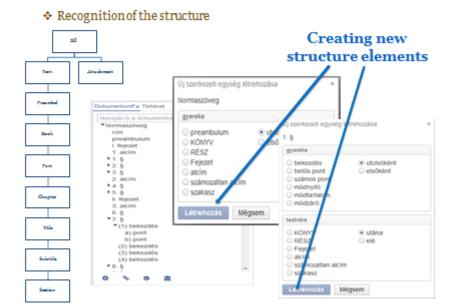
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## Editing and submitting legislative proposals

\* Import from MS Word document







 $Editing\ and\ submitting\ legislative\ proposals$ 

Marking and automated correction of errors in import text





#### Automated recognition and processing of references

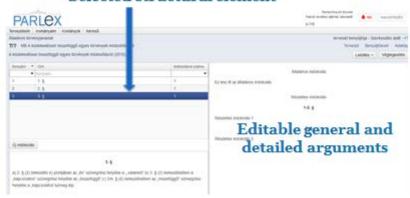




# Editing and submitting legislative proposals

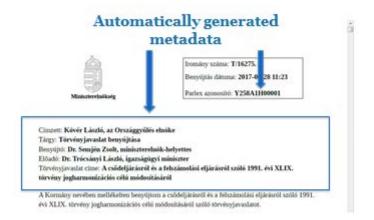
 Editing and automatic processing of arguments that are attached to a legislative proposal

#### Selected structural element





\* Electronic submitting with generated template



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## Editing and submitting legislative proposals

Submission immediately or on a defined date





# Main functions of ParLex in the legislative procedure



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#### General debate at plenary sitting

 Preparation of MPs' amendments (automated parliamentary track changes)





## General debate at plenary sitting

 Submission of amendments to the selected committees immediately or on a defined date



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## General debate at plenary sitting

- Preparation of codification background papers.
- Monitoring deadlines for submission.
- Automated alerts for processing references during writing of amendments.
- After the codification process: addition of optional selected amendments into the text.



# Main functions of ParLex in the legislative procedure



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# Detailed debate at sittings of committees Procedure of the Legislation Committee

- Recording positions of the committee, the submitter and the government,
- creating committee's report,
- submitting committee's amendment.





# Detailed debate at sittings of committees Procedure of the Legislation Committee

 Producing a preliminary text of the act by inserting amendments proposed by committees

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#### a Magyar Milvésorti Akadémiáról

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(1) A Magyar Milvécort Akadémia (a továbbaldam MMA) az ösharmányási elvés sáspaló köznentéte, amely a milvészenel – kültnesse az todalosmad, a zenével, a köpal és az tyamélyáznel, Valamiet az építészenel, a fork, a filós, az elődés és at tenc, valamiet a népítészenel –, tovább a milvésze élmasésével, támogatásával, okostárol, hazat és nemzedősit homatasísával, ködüncsel sítelével és a magyar milvészek képtozlenével oszorlóggi országos közfeldásísával ité el.

(2) Az MMA-t a rendes és a levelezó, valamint a pártoló és a tuzzietebel tagok alkorják, akik a jeles törvénybes meghatásozot közneszlet jogakat közvetén zészvénő úrján – e törvénybes meghatásozot módon – gyakorúják.

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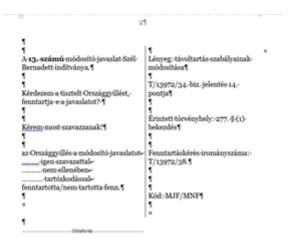
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# Final vote at plenary sitting

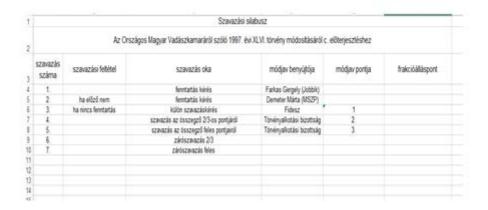
 Presenting background papers for presiding over voting at plenary sittings (downloadable docx).



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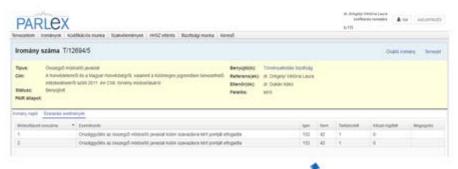
Downloadable voting syllabus for parliamentary groups (downloadable xls).



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# Final vote at plenary sitting

\* Recording the voting results.





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# Final vote at plenary sitting

The automatic rewriting of references correlated to the accepted amendments and producing the final structure and text of the accepted act for promulgation.



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# Directions of development

- Expanding ParLex to various digital platforms (mobile phones, tablets).
- Paperless Parliament.
- Digitalisation of the entire Hungarian legislative procedure (Integrated Legislation System):
  - · Governmental preparation, coordination processes,
  - · application of a common legislation-drafting scheme,
  - digital signature,
  - · promulgation by the President of the Republic (e-promulgation),
  - publishing the entire amended law automatically in the Official Journal,
  - processing references and searching for connections in the Hungarian and EU legal systems,
  - providing uniformity and assistance for decree-legislation procedures of local governments.