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The digital transformation of parliaments

Wednesday, 25 October 2023, 14:30 – 16:00
Sala Multiusos 2, second floor

Concept note

This joint workshop has two main objectives:

- To launch the new IPU-ASGP [Guide to digital transformation in parliaments](#).
- To bring together parliamentarians and secretaries general to exchange perspectives on the objectives, opportunities and challenges of digital transformation.

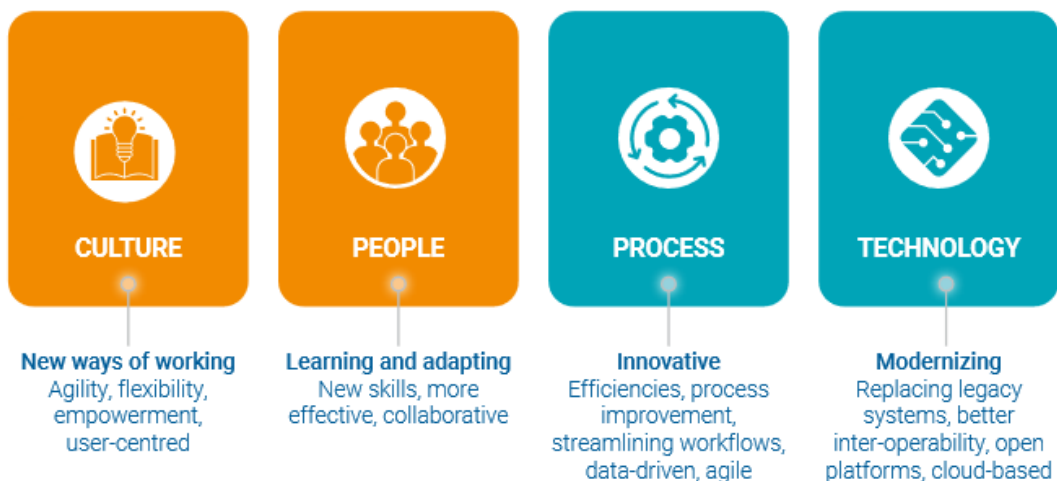
Digital transformation is the action of applying new digital-based tools and technologies to parliamentary processes and culture. It happens as part of the wider drive to modernize and improve parliaments, making them more efficient and effective.

For parliaments, digital transformation is both a necessity and an opportunity. A necessity, because as the world changes, parliaments must continue to evolve, as they always have done. To stand aside while society changes is not an option. An opportunity, because digital transformation can help parliaments to be more efficient and effective in their work, and to be more open and transparent to citizens.

Digital transformation is both strategic and operational. At the strategic level, parliament must decide what kind of institution it wants to be and how digital transformation can help to get there. At the operational level, it has to establish governance and management structures, to allocate resources and set priorities, to plan and implement projects, to constantly monitor progress and make adjustments where needed.

Digital transformation describes a journey of innovation, modernization and renewal. Each parliament starts from a different place, moves forward at its own pace and travels as far as it feels able.

The workshop will explore the four main areas of impact of a digital transformation programme: culture, people, process and technology.



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