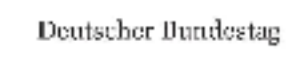


# Integrated peer-to-peer support between elected officials and parliamentary administrations

Parliamentary Development Community of Practice - Online Seminar

Session 1:  
Peer-to-Peer Parliamentary Strengthening

17 November 2021,  
15.00-18.00 CET



Staff peer-to-peer support

MP-focused exchanges

For technical and administrative activities staff-staff cooperation is sufficient

Ability to listen is really important in selecting participants in exchanges

When MPs and staff are involved together, staff tend to defer to MPs

Intercultural competence is very important

Tend to target the same type of parliamentarians - those who are more open and comfortable with 'our' values - but may not be representative of the overall political body

Sending parliamentarians abroad has not always been fruitful - risk of being seen as an opportunity to travel

Valuable to involve MPs (and staff?) who are outgoing and able to build relationships

Need to take into account the different relationships between MPs and staff in different parliaments - in many parliaments staff do not feel autonomous

Including elected officials in activities can build confidence in the programme and thus make it more effective

Specific mentorship activities such as involving chairperson-chairpers on allow focus and effectiveness

# How can we effectively design collaborative programmes between and with elected officials and parliamentary staff?



Needs

Challenges

Solutions