Legislative monitoring tools

+Our participatory approach means that we are keen to share other good examples of legislative monitoring tools. Have a look below, and let us know if you have something to add!

Tools and websites from around Europe

Who's who (and what do they do?)

To help you find information on MEPs roles and activities more easily, we're happy to share this useful tool that was developed during the On Our Watch Hackathon. As well as basic information, you can browse the political groups, delegations and committees that MEPs are members of, the roles they play (rapporteur, shadow rapporteur etc.), the number of questions they asked, speeches given or motions submitted!

MEPvote

MEPvote allows you to search votes of the European Parliament since 2009, either by Member State, political group or MEP. Their data is free to use for everyone. Go to the website

VoteWatch

VoteWatch Europe is a tool providing easy access to the political decisions and activities of the European Parliament (EP) and the EU Council of Ministers (Council). VoteWatch uses the EU institutions' own attendance, voting and activity data – available through their websites – to give a full overview of MEP and Member State activities. Go to the website

MEP ranking

A tool for quantitative analysis of the 8th EP activity. There you can check the MEPs' activity by state, group, committee and compare their work (number of questions, reports, motions, opinions, amendments, and more). Go to the website

ParlTrack

Parltrack is a European initiative to improve the transparency of legislative processes. It combines information on dossiers, representatives, vote results and committee agendas into a unique database and allows the tracking of dossiers using email and RSS. Most of the data presented is also available for further processing in JSON format. Using Parltrack it's easy to see at a glance which dossiers are being handled by committees and MEPs. Go to the website

MEP Twitter

A tool to make sense of what is tweeted from the &h EP: tweets analysis by MEPs, groups and states. Go to the website

MemoPol

Political Memory is a tool to help citizens reaching out to their representatives and track their voting records on a specific subject. It helps building a 'memory of political actions' by noting elected representatives according to their votes and actions. This MemoPol, ran by La Quadrature du Net, includes the European Parliament, French Senate and French National Assembly and focuses on the rights and freedoms in the digital age. Go to the website

Questionnez vos élus

'Questionnez vos élus' is a platform to get in touch with your elected representatives in France, to ask them questions and to have a look at previous exchanges. Developed to increase citizens participation through online platforms. it includes French elected representatives

at all levels including MEPs. Go to the website (in French)

Hallo Politici

'Hallo Politici' is another platform to get in touch with your elected representatives, ask direct questions and read previous exchanges. The website also provides information about the mandates, key themes and media presence of the representatives, and includes Belgian MEPs. Go to the website (in Dutch)

VoteMatchEurope

VoteMatch EU is an educational, information tool that gives access to political information related to the European Elections. It offers links to all the online voting tools that compare user's views with those of political parties available around Europe – originally for the 2014 European elections, it links to all online tools that often also provide comparing tools for national elections. Go to the website

MEP Survey Data

This University of Leicester website presents a survey of Members of the European Parliament conducted during 2015 as well as previous MEP surveys carried out by the European Parliament Research Group. Go to the website

Tools and websites from the European institutions

European Union Open Data Portal

The European Union Open Data Portal provides a range of data produced by the institutions and other bodies of the European Union that are free to use, as well as applications based on these data. Go to the website

Legislative train schedule

The Legislative Train Schedule visualises the political agenda of the European Commission by presenting the legislative elements that make up the working programme, and allowing users to monitor the progress of a number of legislative files during the five-year-term of the current European Parliament. Go to the website

Legislative Observatory

The European Parliament database for monitoring the EU decisionmaking process (sessions calendar, procedure records, documentation, etc.). Go to the website

European Parliament website

All the news and information you need on the European Parliament, its work, committees, members, and what it does for and with European citizens. Go to the website

European Parliament reports on legislative progress of the Council and Commission

European Council Conclusions: A Rolling Check-List of Commitments to Date (12th edition October 2017)

The European Commission at mid-term: State of play of President Juncker's ten priorities (July 2017)

The European Council in 2016: Overview of decisions and discussions (July 2017)