

IN COOPERATION WITH THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE 8 (RCLS) OF THE



## “INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT”

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### Agreements of workshop participants on general aspects of the core set of questions for future (national) MP surveys

Participants agreed that

- the core set of questions is included in any (national) MP survey they are going to conduct in the next years.
- the obligatory core set should not be composed of more than 10 questions (in case of batteries probably less).
- questions should be clearly related to at least one of the following topics: representative roles; parliamentary activity, nomination & candidacy; professionalization; career ambitions, views on democracy – with the first two considered as most important.
- no open questions shall be included in the *core set of questions*.
- in a step-by-step approach more legislative specialists are to be encouraged to include the *core set of questions* in their national surveys.
- the discussion on the additional questions for the *core set* should be concluded soon.
- Cooperation and coordination of MP surveys should go beyond the *core set* of common questions.