Remote Access to Reading and Knowledge Services: recent developments

During the period in which parliamentary activity is interrupted (white weeks) the Directorate of the Library and knowledge services will continue to provide all services to Members and staff as usual while closing its reading spaces in the three places of work.

Knowledge services offered via remote access include:
- the library online helpdesk for reference, enquiries and services on demand
- **a digital library** available 24/7.

The ***EP Library Catalogue***, is available anywhere without login and allows access to all EPRS publications (including Comparative Law Library and Library on the Future publications), open access e-books (100 000+) and e-journals (36 000+).

Use EP LibGuides for quick access to knowledge sources in the fields of your interest arranged by Policy Streams:
- ***Selected Online Reading guides***: Handy compilations of library e-books and e-articles to dig into the policy issue of your interest.
- ***Research Guides***: Concise gateways to relevant library sources (databases, e-books and e-articles) for an efficient search in the policy area of your interest.

For any assistance email: **library@europarl.europa.eu**

Members and colleagues who only have the capacity to connect from a personal device using an EP token can continue to use:
- ***PressReader*** App or website giving access to thousands of newspapers from all over the world
- ***BrowZine*** - a gateway to thousands of academic journals
- On ***EP Library Catalogue***, users have digital access to e-books and e-journals, including subscriptions and open source material. However some hyperlinks to the subscription e-books/journals may not work.
- all EP research publications available both via the *Catalogue,* the *EPRS App* and the *EPRS Think Tank*
- The EPRS intranet site and all its content can be viewed from outside the EP using the *EP login (2-step authentication)* with your physical or SMS token. Here it is possible to use the Members' Hotline, find all EPRS publications and access certain Library services, search **News Agency content** and create alerts to receive via email. Some databases will be available, but others will require a personal login or a VDI connection.

Members and staff who have not yet subscribed to one of the **services on demand** can still request to do so and receive the services on their mobile device.

Request a personal login to: Balkan Insight, BBC Monitoring, Cicero Pulse, Complex Új Jogtár, Eurointelligence, European Audiovisual Observatory Yearbook, **Factiva**, **Financial Times**, FIS, Ius Info, **Politico Pro**, Polityka Insight. A vast e-book collection is accessible through the ***Proquest Ebook Central Platform***.

Sign up to newsletters and **major press agencies** to your email: **AFP**, **Agence Europe**, Agra Europe, Agra Facts, **ANP**, **ANSA**, **Belga**, **BNS**, Borderlex, Bruxelles 2, Cicero Pulse, Contexte, **DPA**, **EFE**, ENDs Europe Daily, EU Observer, EuroComment, Eurointelligence, **MBI**, **PAP**, **Ritzau**.

With the download of the Virtual Desk Top Infrastructure (VDI) application on their computer at home - or if they have opted for a hybrid device - Member and staff now have all sources which they would enjoy in their own office: the complete content of the catalogue, a range of major press agencies and professional databases. They can also subscribe to personalised alerts or access to specific press agencies.

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI):

All Members, Accredited Parliamentary Assistants and Local Assistants based in Members' constituencies, as well as Staff, can all have remote access to the European Parliament's ICT systems through the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure. Full details on how to get set up are available here: *https://epintranet.in.ep.europa.eu/home/browse-as/it-support/work-outside-office/remote-office-desktop-vdi.html*

We hope that a large number of Members and staff will test our remote access offer and help us to improve it further.