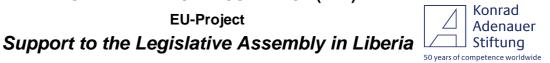


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## Overview on Study Tours to be organised in the framework of the project

(provisional plan, to be reviewed during the implementation phase of the project following the results of the comparative studies of different Study Tours and of the methodology concept for the selection of participants, the decision on agenda, content and sustainability of results in agreement with the Liberian Parliament) (updated: 10 May 2006)

	Thematic field 1	key topics	thematic field 2	key topics	place	time <sub>.</sub>
1	Information on EC institutions, meetings with EC Representatives, Meeting with German Politicians, Staff And Political Party Representatives	Visitors services, information of parliament on it's work, the European Council, the European Commission, working procedures, other Organizations related to Liberia, Relations to Liberia Meetings with political representatives on different level (federal, state & LGs) in Germany, diff. govt. institutions,	Structures, procedures, administrative services in the parliament Role of certain govt. institutions like Budget office, Political Party Structures and their work on different levels	rules of procedures, committees, structure of parliamentary administration, services to MPs, committees and plenary, structure of political parties and their work	Brussels Germany Cologne Duesseldorf Berlin	Month 13
2	Parliament in Luxembourg,	Information on Parliament and its work,	Structures and procedures	Rules of procedures, committees	Luxembourg	month 14
	Role of some International and German Organizations with special relation to Liberia	Their work, procedures and spec. relationship to Liberia	Maritime Law and Affairs, Alphabetization Adult Education, Health Policy,	Workshops with representatives from these organizations, possible linking and possible further cooperation, background knowledge for work in committees	Hamburg	
	State Parliament in Hamburg	Their spec. organization and procedures	Structure and Procedure	Rules and procedures, meeting with pol. Parties (role of opposition)		
3	Development of structured co- operation with other Parliaments	capacity building, long-term and sustainable partnerships on exchange of experiences and further assistance in capacity building	Possible ways for cooperation	Partnership with Ghanaian Parliament	Accra	Month 15
	Workshop on Post-Conflict Governance Issues	Regional, national and Human Rights causes for conflict and Peaceful conflict-management	Strategies of Peaceful Conflict management	Strengthening rule of Law, Involvement of civic structures	Accra Kofi Annan Centre	
4	Role of the Parliament in oversight of the executive	Inquiry rights of MPs and Parliament, access to information at government institutions and department, adhoc commissions and investigatory commissions,	Role in policy development	choice of political personnel by parties, selection and qualification of staff of parliament, organisation of open legislative process, role of	England	month 17.

		petitions of citizens, exercise or of state budget decision and control rights		external experts and public consultation, scientific services for MPs and staff of committee		
	Role of Parliament in the Reconciliation Process	Background knowledge for members of the committees on Reconciliation, Meeting with civic groups operating in the reconciliation field Experiences made and lessons learned	Role of Parliament and possible intervention in The Reconciliation Process	Reconciliation Process and its different facettes	N-Ireland	
5	Workshops and Working Sessions with Govt. on the Reconciliation Process	Experiences made during the Reconciliation Process in South Africa in Workshops and Working Sessions with representatives from govt. and other (church etc) bodies	Background knowledge for members of the Committees on Reconciliation	Possible adaptations to the Liberian situation	Pretoria Jo'burg Cape Town	
	SA Parliament Workshop	Inquiry rights, investigory adhoc commissions, petitions of citizens, access to information at govt. institutions	In view of a number of expected dismissals from office in Liberia	Giving background knowledge to a political situation which might play an important role in the near future of the country		
6	Representatives from Govt. who are involved in the Reconciliation Process	Experiences made with the reconciliation process in Rwanda, problems and prospects of the Judiciary, role of Parliament in the process, Meetings with civic groups (villagers)in which a village court has taken action or is acting	Adaptations to the Liberian situation	Providing the necessary background knowledge for the lawmakers who in the near future will be confronted with this issue	Kigali	
	Workshop with Rwandan Lawmakers	Presence of MPs in their respective constituencies, role of public discussions in the constituencies, access of citizens to their MP	Relationship Parliament and Civic Society	Contacts with citizens as source of information and Its impact in the legislative process		
	Information and Experience made on the Work of the UN Tribunal	Most likely an UN Tribunal will be set up in Liberia. This will also effect a number of Lawmakers (former warlords). This absolutely needs capacity building amongst the lawmakers	Relationship of Parliament, the Public and the work of the Tribunal	Suggestions may mainly come from the TRC but they are not involved in the legislative process	Arusha	