

## 19<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN SENATES Bucharest, 14-15 June 2018

AES meetings topics:

- *The European Senate - The road towards a closer link with EU citizens? and Second Chambers facing the challenges of time* (2017);
- *The fight against terrorism in Europe and The weight of the Senate in parliamentary decision-making* (2016);
- *Spotlight on the Senate - Modern concepts in the functioning of Senates in bicameral parliamentary systems*, with the following sub-themes: *Hard power vs. Soft Power; Composition of the Senate; The importance of public opinion* (2015);
- *Relationships between upper and lower Chambers and Senates and the use of social media* (2013);
- *The fight against the international economic and financial crisis: what role for Parliaments and in particular for the second European Chambers* with the following sub-themes: *Is there a supervisory role for Parliaments in the governance of the euro zone?; What forms of cooperation could help restart growth in Europe?; What role can Parliaments play in helping find answers to the crisis?* (2012);
- *The Senate and its mechanisms for collaboration with the regions and the local entities* (2011);
- *The evolution of Parliamentary Diplomacy in the 21st Century. The Role of Senates and The Role of Senates between Local Government and the European Union* (2010);
- *Democracy in Europe twenty years after the first free elections East of the Berlin Wall - Europe and the world twenty years after the end of the Cold War* (2009);
- *The role of the Senates on the European continent* (2009);
- *The role of parliaments' upper Houses in cultural and inter-civilizational dialogue development and The features of legislative ensuring the formation of common European legal and humanitarian standards* (2008);
- *The contribution of information and communication technologies to the legislative process* (2008);
- *Ensuring a transparent and accountable governance - the contribution of the Senates and Enhancing the administrative capacity of the Senates - examples of good practice* (2007);
- *Upper Chambers of Parliaments and their functions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century* (2006);
- *The Senates' contribution towards grass-roots politics* (2006);
- *Bicameralism and federalism in a process of change – current developments and reform projects* (2005);
- *The role of upper Chambers of national parliaments in the European Union and in the process of European integration* (2004);

- *A different composition of the Chambers in bicameral parliaments as a precondition for their efficiency? Modes of constitution, conditions of membership, terms of office, dissolution (2003);*
- *Government control by upper Chambers (2003);*
- *Bicameralism - Democracy and the role of civil society (2002);*
- *The Senates and the quality of legislation (2001);*
- *Senates and representation of local authorities (2001).*