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Possible subjects for Round-Table discussion, Wednesday 27 October 2004, 1530-1615

- How is ICT affecting the traditional representative democracy? Is there a tendency that increased use of ICT in parliaments boosts a new, faster or more direct form of democracy?
- Can we see an emerging digital divide in parliaments between those members who are frequently on the net, feels confident on the net etc. and those who are not yet hooked up?
- How do parliamentarians deal with the growing tension between the need to answer e-mail, manage their web sites, be present on the net etc. and the ambition to communicate with people through traditional channels and meet their voters in real life?
- How do parliaments and parliamentarians protect themselves from different ICT-related security threats? Are these threats taken seriously today?
- What are the best and worse cases in relation to political use of ICT? Are there lessons to be learnt from outside Europe?