

7th February – GLOBAL ELECTIONS DAY

Global Election Day has been established in 2005 at the Global Elections Officials Conference in Hungary on the first Thursday of February and is a symbol of common civil right to participate in elections and acknowledgement of its influence on designing generality of democratic law and civil liberty.

The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights enshrined the right to vote as a basic human right in 1948 and this democratic principle is included in international and national legal acts.

We all are authors, participants and recipients of this idea. Our right and obligation is to foster and strengthen it, for political and social values of elections may be realized only when legitimacy of elections is unquestionable.

Improvement and development of democratic procedures is necessary also today, in order to improve electoral law, broaden electoral knowledge and voter's participation in the elections.

In polish electoral law, during organization process and conducting the elections, besides professional services, a wide participation of public gremium is predicted, such as: electoral commissions of appropriate level, election committees and theirs attorneys and persons of trust. The majority of participants of these links actively and responsibly participate in realization of these tasks and electoral activities, confirming in practice transparency, integrity and honesty of electoral process. Specialized authorities and electoral services are functioning properly and sacrificially: election commissioners, National Electoral Office and electoral officials.

National Electoral Commission on the occasion of the Global Elections Day would like to thank all of the mentioned authorities and activists for their participation and contribution to realization electoral activities and for civil attitude to this activities.

National Electoral Commission at the same time appeals to present and future voters, members of electoral authorities and subjects, activists and employers of electoral services of

all levels – to continue their active interest in these issues and assistance in carrying out electoral tasks and activities. Because democratic elections are foundation of democracy in every country.

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