

26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACEEEO

DRAFT AGENDA

CONSCIOUS VOTERS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Sofia, Bulgaria

8-10 November 2017

8 November 2017 (Wednesday)

15.00 – 16.00	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (for Executive Board members)
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30	ACEEEO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (for ACEEEO members)
19.30 –	Dinner

9 November 2017 (Thursday)

9.30 – 10.30	OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION Chair: Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria Speakers: Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria Michael D. Svetlik, Vice President, Programs, IFES Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General of ACEEEO
10.30 – 11.00	GROUP PHOTO, VISITING THE EXHIBITION
11.00 – 11.45	WELCOME TO BULGARIA! PRESENTATION OF THE CEC BULGARIA Speaker: Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria
11.45 – 12.00	PRESENTATION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES JSC, THE GOLD SPONSOR OF THE CONFERENCE Mihail Konstantinov, Chairman of the Board Of Directors, Information Services JSC

12.00 – 13.00	<p>PLENARY SESSION I.</p> <p>CONSCIOUS VOTERS IN THE DIGITAL AGE – GENERAL BACKGROUND</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ana Rusu, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE/ODIHR</p> <p>Simon-Pierre Nanitelamio, Deputy Director of United Nations Electoral Assistance Division</p> <p>Rositsa Mateva, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria</p> <p>Dr. Zuhair Abu Fares, Commissioner of Independent Election Commission of Jordan</p> <p>Yordanka Gancheva, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria</p>
13.00- 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>PLENARY SESSION II.</p> <p>CONSCIOUS VOTERS IN THE DIGITAL AGE – CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Chair: Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Election Commission of Latvia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Lidziya Yarmoshyna, Chairperson, Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections</p> <p>Ingrid Bicu, Director of the Communication and International Affairs Department, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Dr. Suad Arnautović, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Natia Zaalishvili, Director of the Centre for Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Trainings of CEC of Georgia</p> <p>Aleksandar Andreev, Member and Spokesman of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria</p> <p>Maya Grishina, Secretary, Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – HOW TO REACH THE YOUNGER GENERATION?</p> <p>Moderator: Augusta Featherston, Youth Focal Point and Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić, President, Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Kristine Berzina, Head of the Information Department, Central Election Commission of Latvia</p> <p>George Kobakhidze, Senior Operations and Civic Education Officer for Europe, IFES</p> <p>Dmitriy Gladey, Director of the International Institute of Monitoring Democracy, Parliamentarianism and Suffrage for the IPA CIS Member Nations</p>
17.00 – 18.00	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION – DIGITAL SOLUTIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE VOTER’S CHOICE</p> <p>Moderator: Leonardo Valdes, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Rumyana Siderova, Member of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria</p> <p>Dan Malinovich, Electoral Assistance Specialist of UNDP</p>
19.00 -	Dinner

10 November 2017 (Friday)

9.30 – 12.00	<p>WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Including visiting the exhibition hall, coffee break</p> <p>WORKSHOP A – IS THIS OUR RESPONSIBILITY? THE ROLE OF THE ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES IN MAKING CONSCIOUS VOTERS</p> <p>Moderator: Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Maria Musorlieva, Deputy-chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Bulgaria</p> <p>Hisham Kuhail, Chief Electoral Officer of Central Elections Commission of Palestine</p> <p>Liana Simonyan, Independent electoral expert</p> <p>WORKSHOP B – SHOULD ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS BE REGULATED? THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF A RESTRICTED POLITICAL AREA</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Speakers:</p>
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	<p>Konstantin Petrov, Deputy Chairman, Central Election Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Samuel Jones, Programme Officer – Political Participation and Representation Processes, International IDEA</p> <p>Pierre Garrone, Head of Division, Elections and Political Parties Division, Venice Commission of the Council of Europe</p>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.00	<p>BEST PRACTICES FROM THE WORLD OF ELECTIONS 2017</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia, IFES</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Representative of the State Electoral Commission of Republic of Croatia</p> <p>Laura Matjošaitytė, Chairperson, Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania</p> <p>Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Nurjan Shayldabekova, Chairperson, Central Commission for Elections and Referendums of the Kyrgyz Republic</p>
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Recapitulation speeches, conference findings. Official closing of the 26th Conference</p> <p>Chair: Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General of ACEEEO</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Augusta Featherston, Youth Focal Point and Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR</p> <p>Leonardo Valdes, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p>Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member of ACEEEO</p> <p>Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria</p>
16.00 -	Cultural program and dinner