

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 Rumen Radev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria William Sweeney, President and CEO, 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 Representatives of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria (TBC)
11.45 – 12.00	PRESENTATION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES JSC, THE GOLD SPONSOR OF THE CONFERENCE

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>Nikola Mugosa, State Election Commission of Montenegro</p> <p>Ana Rusu, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE/ODIHR</p> <p>Simon-Pierre Nanitelamio, Deputy Director of United Nations Electoral Assistance Division</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>Lidia Ermoshina, 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>Hisham Kuhail, Chief Electoral Officer of Central Elections Commission of Palestine</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: TBC</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: TBC</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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	Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Honorary Member of ACEEEO
	Dr. Zuhair Abu Fares, Commissioner of Independent Election Commission of Jordan
	Samuel Jones, Programme Officer – Political Participation and Representation Processes, International IDEA
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.00	BEST PRACTICES FROM THE WORLD OF ELECTIONS 2017
	Chair: Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia, IFES
	Speakers:
	Representative of the State Electoral Commission of Republic of Croatia
	Laura Matjošaitytė, Chairperson, Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania
	Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova
	Maya Grishina, Secretary, Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation
14.00 – 15.00	Recapitulation speeches, conference findings. Official closing of the 26th Conference
	Chair: Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General of ACEEEO
	Speakers:
	Augusta Featherston, Youth Focal Point and Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR
	Leonardo Valdes, Honorary Member of ACEEEO
	Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member of ACEEEO
	Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Member , Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova
	Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, President of ACEEEO, Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria
16.00 -	Cultural program