



# THE VOTERS' CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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# ELECTIONS TO THE SEIMAS



## THE COMPOSITION OF THE PARLIAMENT (SEIMAS)

**141** MEMBERS;

ELECTED FOR FOUR-YEARS TERM;

**71** MEMBERS ARE ELECTED  
IN A SINGLE-MEMBER  
CONSTITUENCIES;

**70** MEMBERS ARE ELECTED  
ACCORDING TO A PROPORTIONAL  
ELECTORAL SYSTEM.

## WHO CAN BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE SEIMAS

ANY CITIZEN OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF LITHUANIA WHO:

IS NOT BOUND BY AN OATH  
OR A PLEDGE TO FOREIGN  
STATE;

ON THE ELECTION DAY IS NOT  
YOUNGER THAN **25** YEARS;

PERMANENTLY RESIDES IN  
LITHUANIA.

## THE ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES

THE TERRITORY OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA IS  
DIVIDED INTO **71** SINGLE-MEMBER  
CONSTITUENCIES, WHERE **71**  
SEIMAS MEMBERS ARE ELECTED.

**70** SEIMAS MEMBERS ARE  
ELECTED IN ONE MULTI-MEMBER  
CONSTITUENCY ACCORDING TO  
A PROPORTIONAL ELECTORAL  
SYSTEM.

# ELECTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT



**THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC IS ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM.**

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**THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING THE PRESIDENT:**

- A LITHUANIAN CITIZEN BY LINEAGE;
- A RESIDENT OF LITHUANIA FOR NOT LESS THAN THE LAST THREE YEARS;
- 40 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER;
- MAY STAND FOR ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF THE SEIMAS.

**THE SAME PERSON CANNOT BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.**

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**THE RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

**THE CANDIDATE TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WHO, DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF VOTING IN WHICH NOT LESS THAN HALF OF ALL THE VOTERS PARTICIPATES, RECEIVES THE VOTES OF MORE THAN HALF OF ALL THE VOTERS PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTION IS DEEMED TO BE ELECTED.**

**IF LESS THAN HALF OF ALL THE VOTERS PARTICIPATES IN THE ELECTION, THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTES, BUT NOT LESS THAN 1/3 OF THE VOTES OF ALL THE VOTERS, IS DEEMED TO BE ELECTED.**



# ELECTIONS TO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS



## MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS

VOTERS ELECT COUNCILLORS (EXCEPT A MAYOR) BY A PROPORTIONAL ELECTORAL SYSTEM.

ONE MUNICIPALITY FORMS ONE MULTI-MEMBER CONSTITUENCY.

ANY PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF A PARTICULAR MUNICIPALITY, WHO IS AT LEAST **20** YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION DAY, MAY BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THAT MUNICIPALITY.

THE RIGHT TO ELECT MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS IS ENJOYED BY PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITY, WHO ARE **18** YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION DAY.



## THE MAYOR

A SINGLE-MEMBER CONSTITUENCY, COMPOSED OF THE WHOLE MUNICIPALITY, ELECT THE MAYOR, WHO IS ALSO COUNCILLOR OF THAT MUNICIPALITY BY RIGHT, BY A MAJORITARIAN ELECTORAL SYSTEM.

A CITIZEN OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA WHO MAY BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF A MUNICIPALITY MAY BE ELECTED AS THE MAYOR OF THAT MUNICIPALITY.

THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (INCLUDING THE MAYOR) ARE ELECTED FOR A FOUR-YEARS TERM.

# ELECTION INFORMATION

**IN THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (CEC) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA AND PEOPLE PERMANENTLY RESIDING IN LITHUANIA ABOUT ELECTIONS AND FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS.**

**THE CEC SEARCHES TO PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:**

- **PEOPLE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE;**
- **HOW ELECTORS CAN CHECK THE VOTERS' LISTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEY HAVE BEEN DULY INCLUDED IN THEM;**
- **WHAT TYPE OF ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD;**
- **WHERE, WHEN AND HOW TO VOTE;**
- **WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES;**
- **HOW TO FILE COMPLAINTS.**

THE CEC IS SEEKING TO REACH VOTERS IN DIFFERENT WAYS

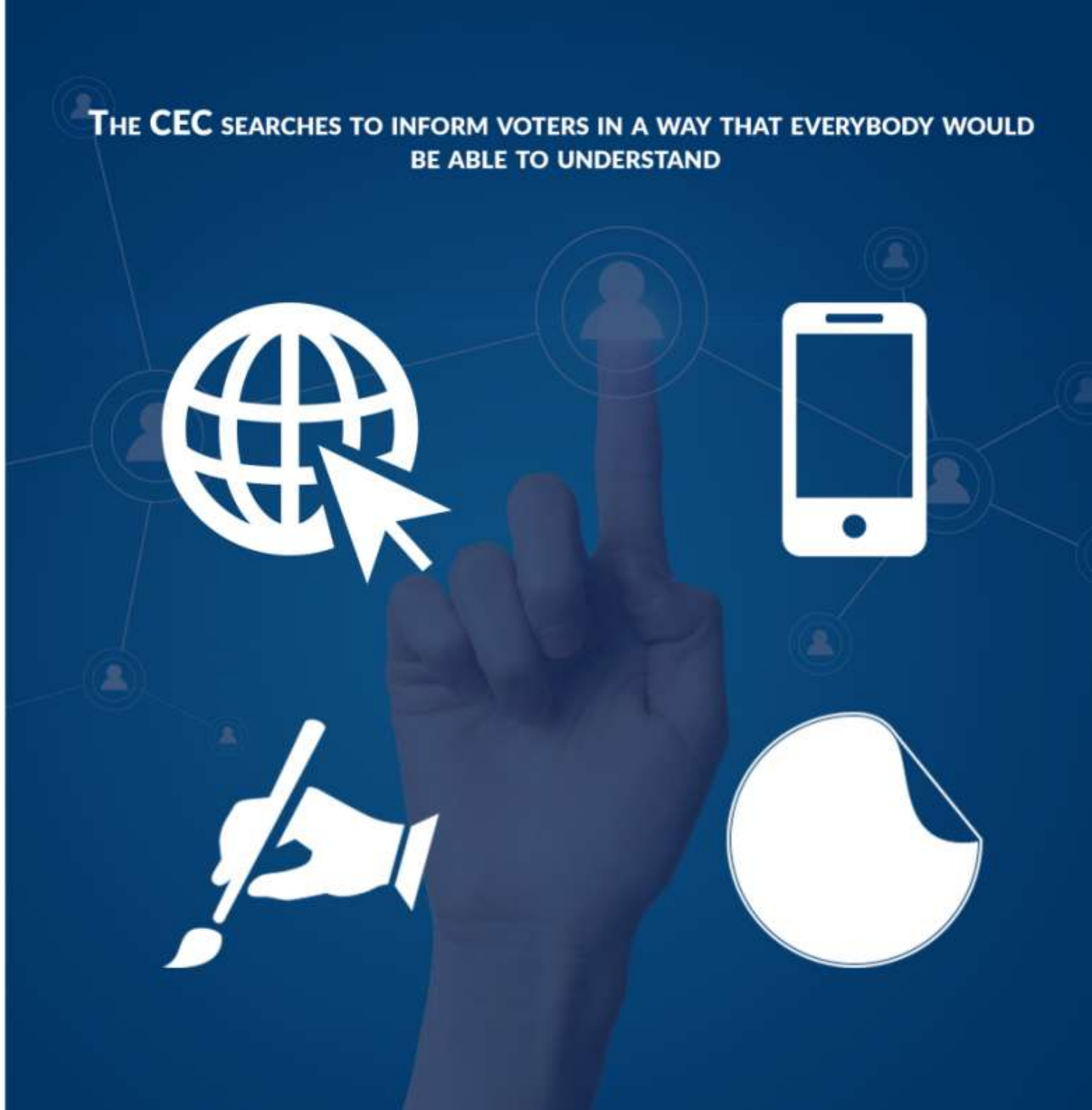
**BASIC WAYS  
OF INFORMING  
VOTERS**





## OTHER WAYS OF INFORMING VOTERS

THE CEC SEARCHES TO INFORM VOTERS IN A WAY THAT EVERYBODY WOULD  
BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND





## COLLABORATION

THE CEC BELIEVES THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SOCIETY INTO ELECTORAL PROCESSES IS THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE THAT VOTERS WILL BE MORE READY TO TAKE PART ACTIVELY IN ELECTION.





## THE CONCLUSIONS

**IN EVERY ELECTION, VOTERS' EDUCATION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ALL VOTERS UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS, THEIR POLITICAL SYSTEM, THE CONTEST IN WHICH THEY ARE ASKED TO DECIDE, AND HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE.**

**FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTION, VOTERS MUST:**

- A) UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHTS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES,**
- B) BE WELL INFORMED IN ORDER TO CAST BALLOTS WHICH ARE LEGALLY VALID AND**
- C) PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY IN THE VOTING PROCESS.**

**THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION: TO WORK NOT ONLY IN ORDER TO GRANT THAT ELECTIONS AS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS REACH THEIR AIM, BUT ALSO THAT THE DEMOCRACY WOULD BE ENSURED BY INFORMED VOTES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**