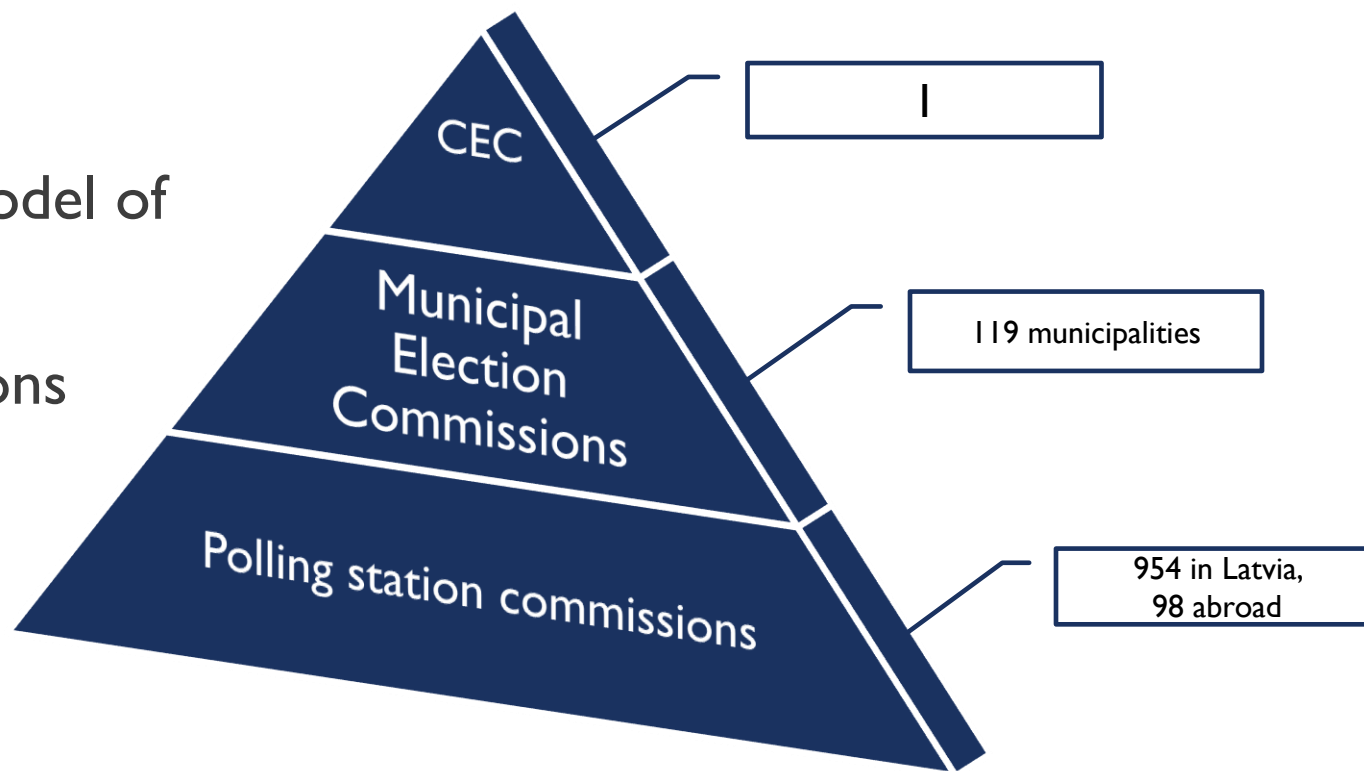

INDEPENDENT AND DE-CENTRALIZED MODEL OF EMB's: CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CEC AND LOCAL ELECTION COMMISSIONS IN LATVIA

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ELECTION COMMISSION IN LATVIA

- Independent, de-centralized model of election administration
- Three-level election commissions



SOURCES FOR FINANCING THE ELECTION COMMISSIONS



	Parliament Elections	European Parliament Elections	Local government elections	Referenda
CEC			State budget	
Municipal Election Commissions	State budget	State budget	Municipal budget	State budget
Polling station commissions				

ELECTION COMMISSIONS IN LATVIA

	Established by	Term of office	Members	Who nominates the representatives?	Requirements for the candidates
CEC	Parliament, during the period of 6 month after the Parliamentary elections	4 years	9	8 members - MPs 1 member – Supreme Court among judges	Defined by the Parliament
Municipal Election Commissions	Municipal Council, during the period of 3 month after the local government elections	4 years	7-15	1) parties, parties' associations; 2) groups of voters; 3) council members	- Latvian citizenship; - knowledge of the Latvian language; - secondary (college) education as the minimum.
Polling station commissions in Latvia	Municipal Election Commission	~60-40 days	7	1) parties, parties' associations; 2) groups of voters; 3) members of municipal election commission	Limitations: - deputy candidate; submitter of the candidate list - member of the Parliament, European Parliament, Municipal Council, - member of another election commission
Polling station commissions abroad	CEC	~30 days	3-7	Diplomatic and consular missions	

EMB's MODEL OF LATVIA: PROS AND CONS

Advantages

- **Independence** in decision making
- Involvement of municipal election commissions in decision making – higher **sense of responsibility** for election process.
- Heads and members of election commissions represents different political parties, parties' associations, groups of voters - **objective feedback** is possible, because there is no need to represent the official political view.


Challenges

- CEC must ensure uniformed and correct application of the electoral law. CEC cannot influence the personnel of the election commissions.
- CEC must work with the elected staff.
- Slower execution of the tasks and decisions made by higher election commissions.
- The decisions and tasks made by CEC must be understandable to and acceptable by election commissions.
- **Communication between CEC and lower level election commissions is crucial.**

COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION

The most important elements in this model

- (1) Cooperation and supportive communication between the CEC, municipal election commissions and polling station commissions
- (2) Supervision whether the election laws are applied uniformly and properly
- (3) Feed-back. How to create it?



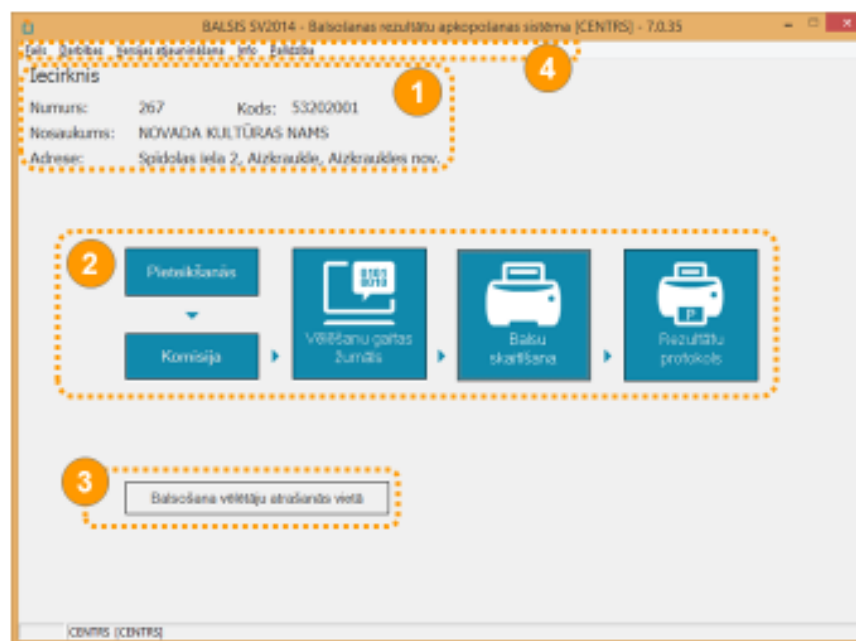
Solution in Latvia - online electronic journal of the voting process

MAIN MENU

Galvenā izvēlne



1. Pamatinformācija
2. Galvenās pogas
3. Biežāk lietoj. pogas
4. Retāk lietoj. pogas



TEST MODE

Izmēģinājuma režīms



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Taís Ģeģēbe Šimšis atjauninātāja info Palīdzība

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Dežūra Vēlēšanu diena Rezultātu apkopošana

Pilns Vēlēšanu gaitas žurnāls

Balsošana VMēšanu atzīmētais vietā

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Vēlēšanu gaitas žurnāla sadaļu izvēlne

Vēlēšanas gaitas žurnāls

Strādāju ar iecirkņa datiem.

267: NOVADA KULTŪRAS NAMS

DDK1 Dežūra, darba kārtība (pirmdien, 29.septembrī)

1	Redzamā vietā izlikts paziņojums par komisijas darba laiku	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Vēlētājiem pieejamas priekšvēlēšanu programmas, kandidātu saraksti, ziņas par kandidātiem	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Vēlēšanu aplokšņu uzskaitē (kopskaits no VA)	Saņemtās aplokšnes
4	Iecirknis atvērts vēlētājiem plkst. Vēlētāju iesniegumu reģistrācijas žurnāls balsošanas organizēšanai vēlētāju atrašanās vietā	
5	Iecirknis slēgts vēlētājiem plkst.	
6	Dežūras gaitā fiksēto notikumu skaits	Notikumi
7	Reģistrēto pieteikumu skaits balsošanas organizēšanai vēlētāja atrašanās vietā	Pieteikumu skaits

Sadaļa nav nosūtīta!

Aizvērt izvēlni

Saglabāt un aizvērt

Sūtīt

Rādīt sadaļu izvēlni (F11)

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The Journal of the Voting Process

1 Polling station commission

2 Duty and early voting

3 Election day

4 Reports on off-site voting

5 Accounting of voting envelopes

6 Sealing of the ballot box

7 Events and complaints

8 Number of voting envelopes found in the ballot boxes and registration envelopes

9 Number of ballots cast for the each candidate list

10 Number of changed and unchanged ballots cast for candidate lists

11 Number of ballots cast for each candidate

12 Observers



THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?

