



**Salience as a pre-emptive measure
in vote counting disputes:**
the Latvian experience with a fast and
cost-effective vote scanning system

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- (1) Is the count performed by polling-station officials, or are other persons involved?
- (2) Do election officials appear to understand and adhere to the required procedures?
- (3) Are ballots counted in an orderly and secure manner?
- (4) Is the count conducted in a transparent environment, with adequate arrangements for domestic observers?
- (5) Does the number of registered voters recorded as having voted correspond to the number of ballots cast?
- (6) Are unused ballots secured, cancelled, or destroyed after being counted?
- (7) Are invalid ballots properly identified in a uniform manner? Are invalid ballots appropriately segregated and preserved for review?
- (8) Do the ballots contain any unusual markings intended to violate the secrecy of the vote?
- (9) Does the number of invalid ballots seem inordinately high?

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- (10) Does the counting adhere to the principle that the ballot is deemed valid if the will of the voter is clear?
- (11) Are ballots for each party or candidate separated correctly and counted individually?
- (12) Are any disputes or complaints resolved in a satisfactory manner?
- (13) Are official counting records correctly completed at the end of the count and signed by all authorized persons?
- (14) Are domestic observers and poll watchers from political parties able to obtain official copies of the protocol for the polling station?
- (15) Are the results publicly posted at the polling station?
- (16) Are there inappropriate activities by police and/or security forces, such as taking notes and reporting figures or results by telephone?
- (17) Did polling-station officials agree on the vote-counting procedures and results, and, if not, what action was taken in case of disagreement?

Many ballot-papers,
a lot of counting.

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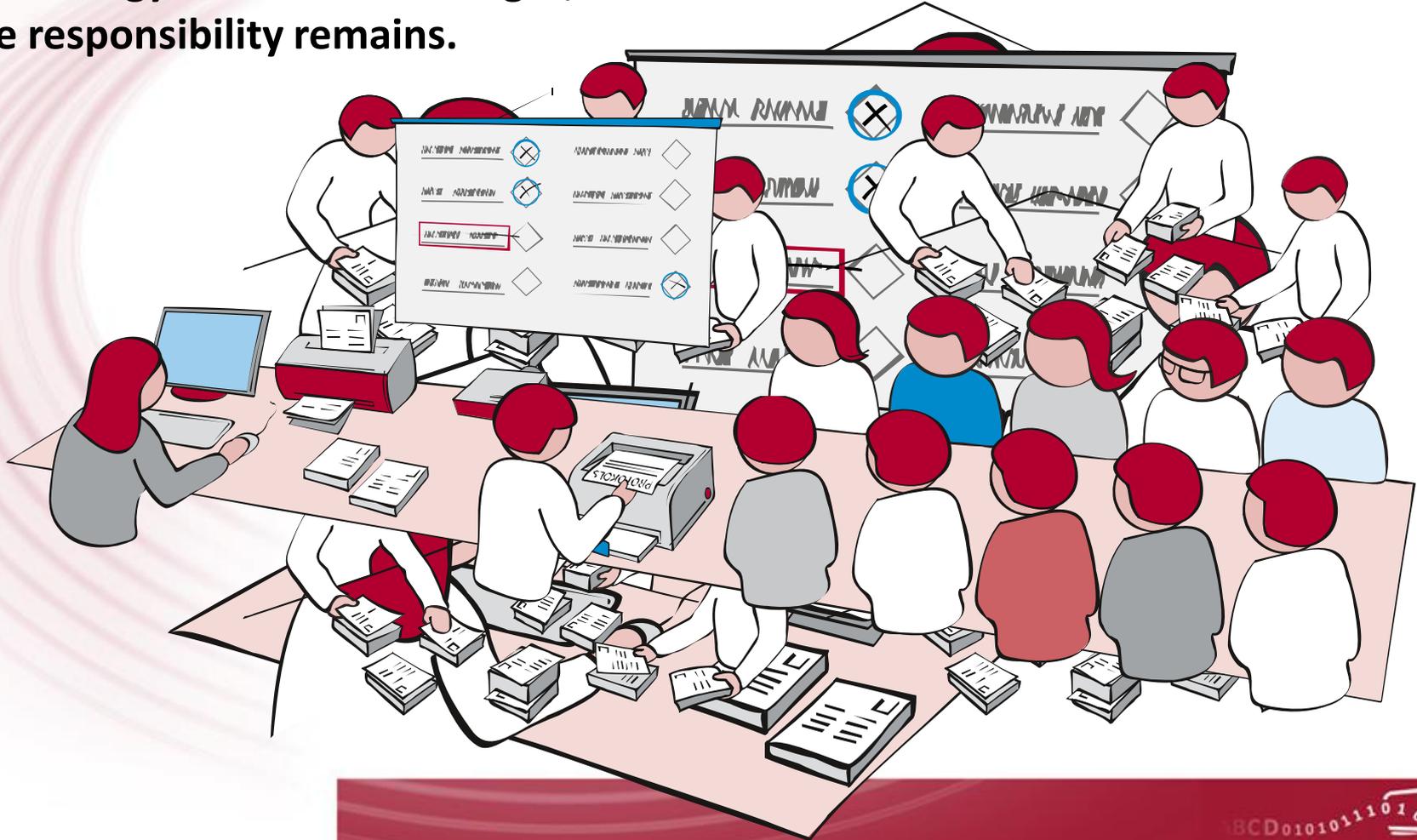
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