

**28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACEEEO IN
LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA**

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1

24 September 2019 (Tuesday)

15.00 – 16.00	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (for Executive Board members)
16.15 – 17.00	DISCUSSION WITH SENIOR ELECTORAL OFFICIALS FROM THE ACEEEO REGION Moderator: Zsolt Szolnoki Discussants: Arnis Cimdars Csaba Tiberiu Kovacs Mykhailo Okhendovskyi
17.00 – 17.30	Coffee break
17.30 – 19.00	ACEEEO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (for ACEEEO members)
19.00 – 21.00	Dinner

Day 2

25 September 2019 (Wednesday)

9.30 – 10.00	OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION Chair: Dušan Vučko, <i>President, ACEEEO; Director, Office of the State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia</i> Speakers: Rudi Medved, <i>Minister, Ministry of Public Administration Republic of Slovenia</i> William J. Hybl, <i>Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors, IFES</i> Zsolt Szolnoki, <i>Secretary General, ACEEEO</i>
10.00 – 10.15	PRESENTATION THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA Presenter: Peter Golob, <i>President, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia</i>

10.15 – 11.15 **PLENARY SESSION I.**

JUDICIAL PROTECTION OF ELECTORAL RIGHTS - THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair:

Peter Golob, *President, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia*

Speakers:

Jadranka Sovdat, *Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia*

Bruna Žuber, *Assistant, Department of Administrative Law at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana*

Gaël Martin-Micallef, *Legal Adviser, Division of Elections and Political Parties, Venice Commission*

- PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE ACEEEO EMB SURVEY

Presenter:

János Mécs, *Project Manager, ACEEEO Secretariat*

A Q&A session follows the presentations

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break, group photo and visiting the exhibition

11.45 – 12.45 **PLENARY SESSION II.**

JUDICIAL PROTECTION OF ELECTORAL RIGHTS - PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES

Chair:

Peter Golob, *President, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia*

Speakers:

Erik Kerševan, *Supreme Court Judge, Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia*

Andrej Kmecl, *Judge, Administrative Court Republic of Slovenia*

Ingrid Bicu, *National Expert, International IDEA*

Giorgi Sharabidze, *Deputy Chairperson, Central Election Commission of Georgia*

A Q&A session follows the presentations

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15	<p>PLENARY SESSION III.</p> <p><i>EMBS AND COURTS - DIALOGUES AND COOPERATION</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Nina Brumen, <i>Member, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mayya Grishina, <i>Secretary, Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, <i>Regional Director, IFES</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ana Rusu, <i>Senior Election Adviser, OSCE /ODIHR</i></p> <p>A Q&A session follows the presentations</p>
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 –	Cultural program and dinner - Bled

Day 3

26 September 2019 (Thursday)

9.30 – 10.30	<p>PLENARY SESSION IV.</p> <p><i>TRANSPARENCY OF ELECTIONS – PUTTING TRANSPARENCY INTO CONTEXT</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Janez Pogorelec, <i>Member, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Simon-Pierre Nanitelamio, <i>Deputy Director, United Nations Electoral Assistance Division</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Vid Tomič, <i>Transparency International Slovenia</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Anika Geisel, <i>Public Policy Lead for elections in Europe, Facebook</i> (Silver Sponsor of the Conference)</p> <p>A Q&A session follows the presentations</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break and visiting the exhibition
11.00 – 12.15	<p>PLENARY SESSION V.</p> <p><i>TRANSPARENCY OF ELECTIONS – PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Paul DeGregorio, <i>Honorary Member, ACEEEO</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Alexander Shlyk, <i>Head of Elections Department, ODIHR</i></p>

Annette M. Fath-Lihic, *EUSR Chief Political Adviser, European Union Office in Kosovo*

Abdyzhapar Bekmatov, *Deputy Chairman, The Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of the Kyrgyz Republic*

A Q&A session follows the presentations

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15 – 14.30 **ROUNDTABLE-DISCUSSION**

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE 2019 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

Chair:

Janez Pogorelec, *Member, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia*

Speakers:

Damir Kontrec, *Vice-President, State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia*

Ritvars Eglājs, *Secretary, Central Election Commission of Latvia*

Kristina Ivanauskaite-Pettinari, *Head of Training and Communication Unit, Central Election Commission of Lithuania*

Zsombor Vajda, *Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania*

Manja Toplak, *Head of Office, European Parliament, Directorate-General for Communication, EP Liaison Office in Slovenia*

A Q&A session follows the presentations

14.30 – 15.30 **RECAPITULATION SPEECHES, CONFERENCE FINDINGS. OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 28TH CONFERENCE**

Chair:

Zsolt Szolnoki, *Secretary General of ACEEEO*

Speakers:

Peter Golob, *President, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia*

Nina Brumen, *Member, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia*

Janez Pogorelec, *Member, State Election Commission of the Republic of Slovenia*

Paul DeGregorio, *Honorary Member, ACEEEO*

16.00 – Cultural program and dinner - Ljubljana