

25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTORAL SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES IN THE LAST 25 YEARS

Tirana, Albania

21-23 September 2016

Day 1

21 September 2016 (Wednesday)

13.30 – 14.30	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (for Executive Board members) Venue: Oval Shape Room (first floor)
14.30 – 15.00	Coffee break
15.00 – 16.00	ACEEEO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (for ACEEEO members) Venue: Oval Shape Room (first floor)
15.30 – 16.30	Registration of the participants
16.00 – 16.30	Press conference, visiting of the exhibition, coffee break
16.30 – 17.45	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION Venue: Plenary Room (ground floor) Chair: Lefterije Luzi, President, ACEEEO, Chairperson, Central Election Commission of Albania Speakers: His Excellency Ilir Meta - Speaker of the Assembly of Albania (TBC) Brian Williams, UN resident Coordinator and UNDP resident Representative Robert Wilton, Acting Head of OSCE Presence in Albania William J. Hybl, Member of the Board of Directors, IFES Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General, ACEEEO
17.45 – 18.00	Group photo Venue: Main Hall (Entrance from The Presidency)

18.00 – 19.00	<p>ACEEEO25 – CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION</p> <p>Venue: Plenary Room (ground floor)</p> <p>Chair: Leterije Lleshi (Luzi), President, ACEEEO, Chairperson, Central Election Commission of Albania</p> <p>Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General, ACEEEO</p>
19.30 –	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Meeting at the Palace of Congresses at 19.00.</p> <p>Venue: Palace of Brigades</p> <p>Dress code: formal</p>

Day 2

22 September 2016 (Thursday)

8.30 – 9.15	<p>Registration of the participants</p>
9.15 – 11.00	<p>DEVELOPMENTS AND TRENDS OF THE ELECTORAL SYSTEMS IN THE LAST 25 YEARS - WORLD LEADERS SUMMIT OF THE ELECTION STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>Venue: Plenary Room (ground floor)</p> <p>Moderator: Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General, ACEEEO</p> <p>Participants: Tadjouline Ali-Diabacte, Deputy Director of UNEAD, UNDP</p> <p>Abdurashid Solijonov, Programme Officer, International IDEA</p> <p>William (Bill) Sweeney, President, CEO, IFES</p> <p>Lusine Badalyan, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE ODIHR</p> <p>Gaël Martin-Micallef, Legal Advisor, Elections and Political Parties Division, Venice Commission</p> <p>Juhwan Lee, Deputy Director, A-WEB</p> <p>Dmitry Gladei, Acting Deputy Head, IPA CIS Secretariat</p> <p>François Friederich, Head of Division of Electoral Assistance, Council of Europe</p>

11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>PLENARY SESSION I.</p> <p><i>Electoral systems</i></p> <p>Venue: Plenary Room (ground floor)</p> <p>Moderator: Arnis Cimdars, Chairman, Cental Election Commission of Latvia</p> <p>Speakers: Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklósy, Legal Expert, ACEEEO</p> <p>Janja Horvat Drobnjak, Member, State Election Commission of Croatia</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Different Electoral model sin Croatian Election Practice</p> <p>Manuel Carrillo, Chief of Staff of International Affairs Unit, National Electoral Institute, Mexico</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Considerations on Democracy and Electoral Systems</p> <p>Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Honorary Member, ACEEEO</p>
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Venue: Ground floor next to the exhibition area</p>
14.00 – 15.30	<p>PLENARY SESSION II.</p> <p><i>Stability of election laws</i></p> <p>Venue: Plenary Room (ground floor)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia, IFES</p> <p>Speakers: Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklósy, Legal Expert, ACEEEO</p> <p>Mykhailo Okhendovskyi, Chairman, Central Election Commission of Ukraine</p> <p>Jeffrey Karp, Senior Research Fellow, Electoral Integrity Project, University of Sydney</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTION TECHNOLOGY IN THE LAST 25 YEARS - CEO SUMMIT OF ELECTION-RELATED COMPANIES

Venue: Plenary Room (ground floor)

Moderator: Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member, ACEEEO

Participants:

Marius Coetzee, Managing Director, Ideco Biometrics

Traci Mapps, Director of Operations, SLI Compliance, a Division of GLI LLC.

Lori Steele Contorer, CEO & Founder, Everyone Counts

Raj Daga, A. Daga Group, INDIA

Zoltán Kovács, ICT expert, ACEEEO, former Head of IT, National Election Office of Hungary

Prof. Ljupcho Antovski, iVote

19.00 -

Dinner

Meeting at the Palace of Congresses at 18.30.

Venue: Royal Hills Restaurant

Dress code: smart casual

Day 3

23 September (Friday)

9.30 – 11.00

PLENARY SESSION III.

Electoral management bodies

Venue Plenary Room (ground floor)

Moderator: Laura Matjošaitytė, Deputy Chairperson, Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania

Speakers: Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklósy, Legal Expert, ACEEEO

Arnis Cimdars, Chairman, Central Election Commission of Latvia

Independent and de-centralized model of EMBs: co-operation and communication between the Central Election Commission and local election commissions in Latvia

Natalia Iuras, Director, Center for Continuous Electoral Training and Research (CCET)

We Mean WEM-International

Igor Gaon, Independent Senior Expert on Electoral Processes and Elections and Alenka Verbole, Senior Expert, Slovenia's Development Cooperation

The independent model - A case study of Albania

11.00 – 11.30

Visiting the exhibition hall, coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

PLENARY SESSION IV.

Safeguards of free and fair elections

Venue Plenary Room (ground floor)

Moderator: Tiberiu Csaba Kovacs, Secretary General, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

Speakers: Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklósy, Legal Expert, ACEEEO

Abdyjapar Gapyrovich Bekmatov, Deputy Chairman, Central Electoral Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic

Kyrgyzstan: A path for free and fair elections

Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, Chairperson, Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria

Safeguards of free and fair elections according to the Bulgarian Legislation. Good Practices

Laura Matjošaitytė, Deputy Chairperson, Central Electoral Commission of Lithuania

The importance of modern technologies in ensuring free and fair elections in Lithuania

13.00 – 14.00

Recapitulation speeches, conference findings. Official closing of the 25th Conference

Venue Plenary Room (ground floor)

Chair: Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General, ACEEEO

Speakers:

Arnis Cimdars, Chairman, Cental Election Commission of Latvia

Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia, IFES

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Tiberiu Csaba Kovacs, Secretary General, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member, ACEEEO

14.00 – 15.00

Lunch

Venue: Ground floor next to the exhibition area

15.00 –

Cultural programme, dinner

Meeting at the Palace of Congresses at 15.30.

Venue: Pista Ventouris Restaurant in Durres (seaside town)

Dress code: smart casual