

**30TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ACEEEO IN
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA**

28-30 September 2021

(Time Zone: Romania)

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 0

28 September 2021 (Tuesday)

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| 14.00 – 15.00 | GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (for ACEEEO members) Chair: Constantin-Florin Mitulețu-Buică , President of ACEEEO, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | Coffee break |
| 15.30 – 17.00 | ACEEEO 30: LEADERS FORUM (roundtable discussion) Moderator: Zsolt Szolnoki , Secretary General, ACEEEO Leaders of International/Regional Organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACEEEO• A-WEB<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jonghyun Choe, Secretary General, A-WEB• ArabEMBs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mohamed Vall Bilal, President of the ArabEMBs; Chairman, Independent National Elections Commission of Mauritania• Council of Europe – Venice Commission<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pierre Garrone, Head of the Division of elections and political parties, Venice Commission, Council of Europe• EISA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baidessou Soukolgue, Head of the Elections and Political Processes Department, EISA• IFES<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Anthony Banbury, President and CEO, IFES• INE Mexico<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Lorenzo Córdoba Vianello, President, National Electoral Institute of Mexico• International IDEA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Massimo Tommasoli, Director of Global Programmes and Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations• OSCE-ODIHR<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meaghan Fitzgerald, Head of Election Department, ODIHR• UNEAD<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Craig Jenness, Director, Electoral Assistance Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), United Nations |

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| 17.15 – 18.30 | ACEEEO 30: THE HONORARY CLUB Moderator: Paul DeGregorio , Honorary Member, ACEEEO Moderated discussion with the Honorary Members of ACEEEO |
| 19.00 – | Dinner |

Day 1
29 September 2021 (Wednesday)

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| 9.30 – 10.00 | OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND THE EXHIBITION Chair: Constantin-Florin Mitulețu-Buică , President of ACEEEO, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania Speakers: Ovidiu-Alexandru Oproaica , General Manager of the Computerization of Electoral Processes Department, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania Anthony Banbury , President and CEO, IFES Zsolt Szolnoki , Secretary General, ACEEEO |
| 10.00 – 11.15 | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION I. <i>THEY VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT NOT THE LAST – GENERAL TRENDS, THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS, INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUND OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION</i> Chair: Kristine Berzina , Chairperson, Central Election Commission of Latvia Speakers: Erton Sinani , Director of Commissioner’s Cabinet, Central Election Commission of Albania Slaven Hojski , Member, State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia Evegny Barkov , Business Development Manager, Polys |
| 11.15 – 11.45 | Coffee break group photography and visiting the exhibition |

11.45 – 13.00 **YOUTH INCLUSION**

DISCUSSING YOUTH PARTICIPATION WITH YOUNG VOTERS FROM AROUND THE ACEEEO REGION IN A WORLD CAFÉ FORMAT

Moderator:

Participants:

Marina Butaru, counsellor of the President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

Young Representatives from around the ACEEEO region

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION II.**

MONEY AND POLITICS – TRENDS AND THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE LAST TWO DECADES RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Chair:

Speakers:

Constantin-Florin Mitulețu-Buică, President of ACEEEO, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

Ilirjan Celibashi, State Election Commissioner, Central Election Commission of Albania

Lina Petronienė, Head of Political parties and political campaigns funding control unit of CEC of Lithuania

Chafic Sarsar, Former President, Central Election Commission of Tunisia

Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić, Member, Central Electoral Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Representative of Smartmatic (TBC)

17.00 – Cultural program, dinner

Day 2

30 September 2021 (Thursday)

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| 9.30 – 11.15 | <p>WORKSHOPS</p> <p><i>WORKSHOP A – HOW TO DO IT IN PRACTICE? VOTER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE YOUTH</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ádám Nagy, Associate Professor</p> <p>Interactive session with moderation</p> <p><i>WORKSHOP B – A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND COVID-19</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Honorary Member, ACEEEO (TBC)</p> <p>Interactive session with moderation</p> |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Coffee break |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | <p>LESSONS LEARNED – WHAT WILL REMAIN AFTER COVID19? <i>SPECIAL VOTING ARRANGEMENTS IN ACEEEO MEMBER STATES – EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST, FUTURE OF SVAS</i></p> <p>Moderator: Zsombor Vajda, Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Lorenzo Córdoba Vianello, President, National Electoral Institute of Mexico</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | <p>RECAPITULATION SPEECHES, CONFERENCE FINDINGS. HANDOVER OF THE ACEEEO PRESIDENCY. OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE 30TH CONFERENCE</p> <p>Chair: Marian Muhuleț, Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Moderators of Roundtable I-II, Workshop A-B, and Lessons Learned</p> |
| 16.00 – | Cultural program, dinner |