PERMANENT ELECTORAL AUTHORITY OF ROMANIA

3rd Scientific Electoral Experts Debates

Accessibility of the electoral process

online, 16th February 2021

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PROGRAMME

Bucharest time (UTC + 2)

14:00 – 14:15
Opening
Address by Mr. Constantin-Florin Mitulețu-Buică, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania
Address by Mr. Pierre Garrone, Head of the Division of Elections and Political Parties, Venice Commission, Council of Europe

First session

14:15 -14:45
Keynote speech: “The concept of accessibility – its implications for voters and candidates”
Ms. Katharina Pabel, Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Substitute Member of the Venice Commission, Substitute Member of the Council for Democratic Elections, Austria
Session of questions/answers

14:45 - 15:15
Keep in step with the time. Accessibility of voting and legitimacy of the electoral process in times of crisis
Mr. Cristian Pîrvulescu, Professor, Faculty of Political Science, National School of Political Studies and Administration of Bucharest, Romania
Session of questions/answers

15:15 -15:45
Accessibility during a period of emergency
Mr. Oliver Kask,
Judge, Member of the Venice Commission, President of the Council for Democratic Elections, President of the National Election Commission, Estonia

Session of questions/answers

15:45 - 16:15  Break

Second session

16:15-16:45  The accessibility, a theoretical concept between national law and European regulations
Mr. Bogdan Nicolae Țonea,
Professor, Faculty of Legal and Administrative Studies, Al.I.Cuza Police Academy, Bucharest, Romania

Session of questions/answers

16:45-17:15  Making elections accessible in Romania: a work in progress
Mr. Cristian-Alexandru Leahu,
Head of Legislation, Election Dispute Resolution, liaison to the Parliament and European Union, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania

Session of questions/answers

17:15-17:45  Understandability of the electoral process
Mr. Lorenzo Cordova Vianello,
President, National Electoral Institute, Mexico

Session of questions/answers

17:45-18:15  Inclusion and Meaningful Political Participation during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Ms. Rebecca Aaberg,
International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

Session of questions/answers

18:15 -18:30  Conclusions
Ms. Katharina Pabel,
Professor, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Substitute Member of the Venice Commission, Substitute Member of the Council for Democratic Elections, Austria
Mr. Cristian-Alexandru Leahu,
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Opening remarks & First session - Chaired by Mr. Bogdan Nicolae Țonea, Professor, Faculty of Legal and Administrative Studies, Al.I.Cuza Police Academy, Bucharest, Romania

Second Session - Chaired by Mr. Oliver Kask, Judge, Member of the Venice Commission, President of the Council for Democratic Elections, President of the National Election Commission, Estonia

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