



**WEBINAR**  
**on the presidential and early parliamentary elections**  
**scheduled in Serbia on 3 April 2022**

**8 March 2022**  
**14:00-16:30**

**PROGRAMME**

<b>14:00 – 14:10</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b> <b>Mr Vladimir Dimitrijević</b> , Chairperson of the Republic Electoral Commission of Serbia <b>Mr Gaël Martin-Micallef</b> , Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Venice Commission
<b>14:10 – 14:30</b>	<b>Election observation<sup>1</sup> and election-day operations<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Mr Pere Vilanova Trias</b> , Emeritus Professor of Political Science and Constitutional Law, University of Barcelona, and Member of the Venice Commission, Andorra
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session of questions/answers</b>
<b>15:00 – 15:20</b>	<b>Practical implications of holding the 3 April 2022 elections in Serbia</b> <b>Nikola Jelić</b> , Member of the Republic Electoral Commission of Serbia
<b>15:20 – 15:50</b>	<b>Session of questions/answers</b>
<b>15:50 – 16:10</b>	<b>The importance of providing an effective remedy for electoral disputes<sup>3</sup></b> <b>Mr Eirik Holmøyvik</b> , Professor of Law, University of Bergen, and Substitute member of the Venice Commission, Norway
<b>16:10 – 16:25</b>	<b>Session of questions/answers</b>
<b>16:25 – 16:30</b>	<b>Concluding remarks</b> <b>Ms Maja Pejčić</b> , Member of the Republic Electoral Commission of Serbia <b>Mr Gaël Martin-Micallef</b> , Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Venice Commission

<sup>1</sup> For reference documents, see Declaration of Global Principles for non-partisan election observation and monitoring by citizen organizations and Code of Conduct for non-partisan citizen election observers and monitors - Initiated by the Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors (GNDEM) - [CDL-AD\(2012\)018](#). See also Venice Commission, Guidelines on an internationally recognised status of election observers - [CDL-AD\(2009\)059](#). Regarding the issues raised, see *inter alia* OSCE/ODIHR Needs Assessment Mission [Report](#), Section K, page 12.

<sup>2</sup> *Inter alia* the holding of elections during emergency periods. See Venice Commission, Respect for Democracy Human Rights and Rule of Law during States of Emergency – Reflections - [CDL-AD\(2020\)014](#) (in particular Section K). Regarding recommendations, see Venice Commission, Urgent opinion on the revised draft Law on the Referendum and the People's Initiative, issued pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Rules of Procedure on 9 November 2021, endorsed by the Venice Commission at its 129<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session (Venice and online, 10-11 December 2021; [CDL-AD\(2021\)052](#)) in particular para. 54-55.

<sup>3</sup> For reference documents, see Venice Commission, Election dispute resolution – Report - [CDL-AD\(2020\)025](#). Regarding the issues raised, see OSCE/ODIHR Needs Assessment Mission [Report](#), Section I, pages 11-12. Regarding recommendations, see Venice Commission, Urgent opinion previously quoted ([CDL-AD\(2021\)052](#)), Section 9.