

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

28-30 September 2021

(Time Zone: Romania)

DRAFT AGENDA

28 September 2021 (Tuesday)

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

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:

- ACEEEO
- A-WEB
 - **Seung Kim**, Advisor to the Secretary General, A-WEB
- ArabEMBs
 - **Hisham Kuhail**, Executive Board Chairman, ArabEMBs
- Council of Europe – Venice Commission
 - **Pierre Garrone**, Head of the Division of elections and political parties, Venice Commission, Council of Europe
- EISA
 - **Baidessou Soukolgue**, Head of the Elections and Political Processes Department, EISA
- IFES
 - **Anthony Banbury**, President and CEO, IFES
- INE Mexico
 - **Dr. Lorenzo Córdoba Vianello**, President, National Electoral Institute of Mexico
- International IDEA
 - **Massimo Tommasoli**, Director of Global Programmes and Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations
- OSCE-ODIHR
 - **Meaghan Fitzgerald**, Head of Election Department, ODIHR
- UNEAD
 - **Hassan K. Sesay**, Senior Electoral/Political Affairs Officer, Team Leader - Strategic Partnership Cluster, EAD, UN DPPA

17.15 – 18.30	<p>ACEEEO 30: THE HONORARY CLUB</p> <p>Moderator: Paul DeGregorio, Honorary Member, ACEEEO</p> <p>Moderated discussion with the Honorary Members of ACEEEO:</p> <p>Ivilina Aleksieva-Robinson, Former Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of Bulgaria</p> <p>Richard Soudriette, Former Chairman of IFES</p> <p>Csaba Tiberiu Kovacs, Former Secretary General of the Permanent Electoral Authority</p> <p>Iurie Ciocan, Former Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova</p>
19.00 –	Dinner

29 September 2021 (Wednesday)

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

11.45 – 13.00	<p>YOUTH INCLUSION</p> <p><i>DISCUSSING YOUTH PARTICIPATION WITH YOUNG VOTERS FROM AROUND THE ACEEEO REGION IN AN INTERACTIVE FORMAT</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)</p> <p>Participants:</p> <p>Marina Butaru, counsellor of the President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Young Representatives from around the ACEEEO region</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<p>ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION II.</p> <p><i>MONEY AND POLITICS – TRENDS AND THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE LAST TWO DECADES RELATED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE</i></p> <p>Chair: Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić, Member, Central Electoral Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Constantin-Florin Mitulețu-Buică, President of ACEEEO, President of the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Valbona Ballgjini, Director of Internal Audit and Monitoring of Party Finance, Central Election Commission of Albania</p> <p>Lina Petronienė, Head of Political parties and political campaigns funding control unit of CEC of Lithuania</p> <p>Chafic Sarsar, Former President, Central Election Commission of Tunisia</p>
17.00 –	Cultural program, dinner

30 September 2021 (Thursday)

9.30 – 11.15	<p>WORKSHOPS (Interactive sessions with moderation)</p> <p><i>WORKSHOP A – HOW TO DO IT IN PRACTICE? VOTER EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE YOUTH</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. m Nagy, Associate Professor</p> <p><i>WORKSHOP B – A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND COVID-19</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Honorary Member, ACEEEO</p>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>LESSONS LEARNED – WHAT WILL REMAIN AFTER COVID19? SPECIAL VOTING ARRANGEMENTS IN ACEEEO MEMBER STATES – EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST, FUTURE OF SVAs</p> <p>Moderator: Zsombor Vajda, Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. Lorenzo Crdova Vianello, President, National Electoral Institute of Mexico</p> <p>David Levine, Elections Integrity Fellow, Alliance for Securing Democracy</p> <p>Ivana Belec, Member, State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia</p> <p>Pavel Andreev, Member, Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Indr Ramanaviien, Spokesperson, Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p>Kateryna Sharag, Head of the Secretariat, Central Election Commission of Ukraine</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: Zsombor Vajda, Vice-President, Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Kristine Berzina, Chairperson, Central Election Commission of Latvia</p> <p>Dr. Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Director for Europe and Eurasia at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)</p> <p>Dr. Irena Hadiabdi, Member, Central Electoral Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Dr. m Nagy, Associate Professor</p> <p>Dr. Iurie Ciocan, Honorary Member, ACEEEO</p>
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