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**Roundtable**  
**2017 Parliamentary Elections in Albania**  
**“Lessons Learned and Steps Ahead”**  
**Legislation, Administration, Education**

The Council of Europe, in cooperation with the Central Election Commission, has the pleasure to invite you to participate at the Conference entitled **"The elections of 25 June 2017 in Albania - Lessons learned and steps ahead: Legislation, Administration, Education"**, on **2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 09:00, at the Central Election Commission.**

This post-electoral conference will focus on the main findings and recommendations of the final reports of the OSCE/ODIHR and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the assistance offered by the Council of Europe in supporting the recent elections in Albania. Through an analysis of the key problematic issues observed in the above mentioned reports, the conference will aim to indicate the key steps that need to be taken in the context of an upcoming electoral reform. The conference will be attended Members of Parliament, representatives from political parties, civil society, experts on electoral issues and international organizations.

Please find below the program and other details of the conference. For any questions or clarification please contact Ms Jutbina HOXHA at Tel: +355 422228419 or by email at [jutbina.hoxha@coe.int](mailto:jutbina.hoxha@coe.int).



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## Agenda

**Date: 2 November 2017**  
**Venue: Central Election Commission**

### 09:00–09:45 Opening Remarks

*Chair: Mr Claus NEUKIRCH, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana*

- **Mr Francois FRIEDERICH**, Head of Division of Electoral Assistance, Council of Europe
- **Mr Klement ZGURI**, Chairperson of Central Election Commission
- **Ambassador Bernd BORCHARDT**, Head of the OSCE PiA
- **Mr Bledar ÇUÇI**, co-chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform
- **Mr Oerd BYLYKBASHI**, co-chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform

**9:45-11:00**

Session I

### **Election legislation and its implementation – main findings and recommendations of International Observer Missions**

*Chair: Mr Afrim KRASNIQI, elections analyst*

- **Ambassador Peter TEJLER**, Head of OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission to Albania
- **Mr Pierre GARRONE**, Council of Europe' Venice Commission

### 11:00–11:30 Coffee break

**11:30–13:00**

Session II

### **Election Administration and voter's education - improving independence, impartiality and professionalism?**

*Chair: Mr Afrim KRASNIQI, elections analyst*

- **Mr Denar BIBA**, Vice-Chair of Central Election Commission
- **Mr Erjon TASE**, Director, School of Political Studies
- **Discussion**

### 13:00–13:30 Conclusions

**Mr Claus NEUKIRCH**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana

### 13:30-14:30 Lunch