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COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

84th MEETING

Venice, 8 October 2025 from 15:00 to 17:00

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council is invited to adopt its agenda as it appears in this document.

2. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents

The Council will be invited to elect a President and two Vice-Presidents according to the [Revised Internal Rules of Procedure](#) of the Council for Democratic Elections.

The following candidates have been nominated:

- By the Parliamentary Assembly: Mr Pablo Hispán (for President)
- By the Congress: Mr Stewart Dickson (for Vice-President)
- By the Venice Commission: Mr Srdjan Darmanović (for Vice-President)

3. Out-of-country voting

The Council will be invited to endorse the Draft Compilation of Venice Commission Opinions and Reports concerning Out-of-Country Voting ([CDL\(2025\)055](#)).

Furthermore, the Council will be invited to exchange views on the possibility to propose to the Venice Commission the preparation of a new report on Out-of-Country Voting which would take into account the developments since the adoption of the Report on Out-of-Country Voting in 2011 ([CDL-AD\(2011\)022](#)); see the note prepared by the Secretariat of the Venice Commission, [CDL\(2025\)056](#).

The Council will be informed about the proposal approved by the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting in the context of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025) [AS/Bur \(2025\) 50](#).

4. Ensuring the right to free elections at all levels of governance in Europe

The Council will be informed and hold an exchange of views about the Report on the right to free elections at local and regional levels, which is currently under preparation by the Congress and will be submitted for adoption to the Congress session in March 2026.

5. Electoral co-operation programmes of the Parliamentary Assembly: progress, achievements and future synergies

The Council will be informed about the electoral co-operation programmes of the Parliamentary Assembly. This will be followed by an exchange of views.

6. Status of international observers in local and regional elections

The Council will be informed and hold an exchange of views on the status of international observers in local and regional elections. This issue will be on the agenda of the Congress' further work, building on issues raised in certain member states in the context of election observation.

7. Exchange of views on future activities and other issues of interest to the Council for Democratic Elections

The members of the Council are invited to provide information on issues of interest for the Council.

8. Date of the next meeting

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 11 December 2025 from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.