**9TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
OF ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BODIES**

"INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR ELECTIONS"

Monday and Tuesday, 4-5 June 2012

**Riigikogu Conference Centre
Lossi plats 1a, Tallinn, ESTONIA**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 1st day, 4 June 2012

9:00 – 10:00   Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:30   Opening session

-   Address by Mr Heiki Sibul, Chairman of Estonian National Electoral Committee

-   Address by Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission

10:30 – 11:30   **First working session: Electronic voters' lists and registers of voters – new technologies facilitating registration – advantages and challenges**

Voters' lists and internet

-   *Electronic residence registration and voter registration in Austria*, Mr Gregor Wenda, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Deputy Head of Department of Electoral Affairs

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- *Practice of compilation of voters' lists and its improvement prospects in the Russian Federation"*
Mr. Mikhail Popov, Head of the Federal Centre of Information Technologies under the Central Election Commission of Russia.

- *Estonian experience in voter registration,*
Mr Arne Koitmäe, advisor of the Estonian National Electoral Committee

- *The establishment of the electronic voter's register in Albania*,
Mr Elmars Svekis, Independent expert, voter lists and address system expert

11:30 – 12:00   Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30   Working groups

1) *Access to information on voters' lists*, Mr Yuriy Kliuchkovskyi *(moderator)*, Member of Parliament of Ukraine

2) *Accuracy of lists and possibilities for a regular up-date*, Mr Arne Koitmäe *(moderator)*, advisor of the Estonian National Electoral Committee

3) *Bodies responsible for electronic lists,* Mr Gregor Wenda *(moderator)*, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Deputy Head of Department of Electoral Affairs

13:30 – 14:30   Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30   **Second working session: Using new technologies for training officials of electoral management bodies and election observers**

On-line training – national experiences

- Use of new technologies for election observers training and registration: Latvia's experience,
Ms Kristine Berzina, Head of the Information Department of the Central Election Commission of Latvia

- Using new solutions in informing the voter, observer and officer–solutions in 2011 elections,
Ms Siiri Sillajõe, Head of the Information Section of the secretariat of the Estonian National Electoral Committee for the 2011 Riigikogu elections

- The BRIDGE training project for electoral administrators and its resource networks.
Mr Adolfo Cayuso, Independent Election Expert from Spain

15:30 – 16:00   Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30   Working groups

1) *Training of members of electoral management bodies*, Mr Elmars Svekis *(moderator)*, independent expert, voter lists and address system expert

2) *Training programmes for official observers,* Mr Chemavon Chahbazian (*moderator*), Deputy to the Head of Secretariat**,** Interparliamentary Co-operation and Election Observation Unit, Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe

3) V*oters' education (moderator),* Mr Adolfo Cayuso, Independent Election Expert from Spain

17:30 – 18:00   closing remarks

18.00 – 20.00   Evening reception hosted by the chairman of the Estonian National Electoral Committee (in the parliament building)

- 2 day, 5 June 2012

9:30 – 11:00   **Third working session: fighting electoral fraud and securing the e-enabled voting – the role of the electoral administration and observation of voting**

- Verification of the Internet Vote, a proposed system for Estonia, Mr Sven Heiberg, research fellow of Software Technology and Applications Competence Centre, Estonia

- Security first: verifiable electronic voting in Norway, Mr Christian Bull, Senior adviser, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development of Norway

*- Fighting electoral fraud and securing the e-enabled voting –
The role of the electoral administration and observation of voting*,
Ms Ardita Driza Maurer, Lawyer, Subproject manager "electronic vote" (French speaking cantons, international affairs), Federal Chancellery Switzerland

- Technical support of e- voting and election in the Russian Federation, Mr. Mikhail Popov, Head of the Federal Centre of Information Technologies under the Central Election Commission of Russia.

- Experiences with the election observation of NVT in the OSCE area, Mr Robert Krimmer, OSCE/ODIHR

11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00   Working groups

1) *Verification of the Internet Vote,* Mr Tarvi Martens *(moderator)*, project manager of the Estonian Internet Voting system

2) *Observation during the e-enabled voting – new possibilities and challenges*, Mr Robert Krimmer *(moderator)*, OSCE/ODIHR

3) *Other e-aspects – tallying/counting, transmission of results, use of cameras (both by the electoral administration and observers*), Mr Tigran Karapetyan (*moderator*) Project Manager, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

13:00 – 14:00   Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00   Vote tallying and e-counting

- Report on e-voting in Estonia – tabulation of results,
Ms Epp Maaten, Head of Department of Supervision, Estonian Information System's Authority

- Use of new technologies in vote counting in Latvia, Mr Arnis Cimdars, Chairman of the Central Electoral Commission of Latvia

15:00 – 16:00   Questions and discussion

16:00 – 16:30   Closing session and conclusions of the conference