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**THE PERMANENT ELECTORAL AUTHORITY OF ROMANIA**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ELECTORAL EXPERT DEBATES:**

**“ELECTORAL LAW AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES:  
LEGAL CHALLENGES”**

**Tuesday and Wednesday, 12-13 April 2016**

**Amphitheatre, Central University Library  
Bucharest**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 12 April 2016**

- 09:00 - 09:30            **Introductory speeches**
- 09:30 - 10:15            *“New Technologies: Inescapable but challenging”:*  
Ms Ardita Driza Maurer, Lawyer, Consultant in Political Rights and New Voting Technologies, Switzerland
- Discussion*
- 10:15 - 11:00            *“Constitutional constraints”:*
- Transparency and verifiability
  - Secrecy of the vote
  - How to ensure an equal approach to paper and electronic voting
- Mr Robert Krimmer, Professor, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- Discussion*
- 11:00 – 11:30            Coffee break
- 11:30 - 12:15            *“Stability and predictability of the electoral legislation, the necessary condition for fair elections”*, Mr Stefan Deaconu, Prof. PhD, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Scientific Secretary, Constitutional Law Centre and Political Institutions
- Discussion*
- 12:15 – 13:00            *“Opportunities and threats in the new Romanian electoral legislation”*, Mr Todor Arpad, ProDemocracy Organisation, Romania
- 13:00 – 14:30            Lunch
- 14:30 – 15:15            *“Electoral laws and constitutional requirements”:*  
Mr Tudorel Toader, PhD, Judge, Constitutional Court of Romania and Ms Marieta Safta, Lecturer, First assistant magistrate, Constitutional Court of Romania
- Discussion*
- 15:15 – 16:00            *“Legality, separation of powers, stability of electoral law: the impact of new voting technologies”:* Ms Ardita Driza Maurer
- Discussion*
- 16:00 – 16:30            Coffee break
- 16:30 – 17:15            *“Legislation on electoral law and new technologies in federal and regional states”:* Mr Uwe Serdült, Vice-Director, C2D – Centre for Research on Direct Democracy – University of Zurich, Switzerland
- Discussion*

## Wednesday, 13 April 2016

- 9:00 – 9:45      *“International organisations and new voting technologies in the electoral field”*: Mr Gregor Wenda, Deputy Head of the Electoral Administration Department, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria
- 09:45 – 10:30      *“The role of the judiciary in the oversight of electronic aspects of the voting process”*: Mr Jordi Barrat, Professor of Public Law, Rovira i Virgili University, Spain
- Discussion*
- 10:30 – 11:15      *“The new technologies - an instrument for making political party financing transparent”*: Mr Septimius Pârvu, Project Manager, Expert Forum, Romania
- Discussion*
- 11:15 – 11:45      Coffee break
- 11:45 – 13:00      **National case studies:**
- Romania: Ms Elena Simina Tănăsescu, Presidential Advisor, Presidential Administration of Romania
  - Austria: Mr Gregor Wenda
  - Estonia: Mr Oliver Kask, Judge, Tallinn Court of Appeal, Estonia
- 13:00 – 14:30      Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:15      **National case studies (continued):**
- Germany: Mr Sebastian Seedorf, Deputy Head of Directorate, Federal Chancellery, Germany
  - Brazil: Mr Augusto Tavares Rosa Marcacini, Professor, Saõ Paulo, Brazil
- Discussion*
- 16:15 – 16:45      Coffee break
- 16:45 – 17:15      **Conclusions:**  
Mr Oliver Kask