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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**62<sup>nd</sup> MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC  
ELECTIONS**

**Venice, 21 June 2018 at 10.00 a.m.**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

## **1. Adoption of the agenda**

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

## **2. Vice-presidency**

The Council is invited to elect a Vice-President who will serve in office up to the end of the President's term in office.

## **3. Study – Recall of mayors**

Following the request of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Council is invited to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft report ([CDL\(2018\)022](#)) on the recall of Mayors/local elected representatives, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Castella Andreu, Ms Jametti Greiner and Ms Karakamisheva-Jovanovska.

## **4. Kosovo – Financing of political entities**

Following the request of Mr Ramush Haradinaj, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, the Council is invited to examine, with a view to its adoption, the draft opinion ([CDL\(2018\)016](#)) on the “draft law on amending and supplementing the Law no. 03/I-174 on the Financing of Political Entities (Amended and Supplemented by Law no. 04/I-058 and Law no. 04/I-122) and Law no. 003/I-073 on General Elections (Amended and Supplemented by Law no. 03/I-256)” ([CDL-REF\(2018\)016](#), [017](#) and [018](#)) drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Dimitrov, Mr Poghosyan and Mr Vilanova Trias.

## **5. Study – Use of social media during electoral processes**

Mr Vargas Valdez will address the issue of the use of social media during electoral processes, in view of the preparation of a report which should be drafted in co-operation with the Media and Internet Division of the Council of Europe – DG Human Rights and Rule of Law.

## **6. Study – Election dispute resolution: point of information**

The Secretariat will inform the Council of the progress of the study on the treatment of electoral disputes.

## **7. Communication by the Secretariat**

The following activities took place between the 61<sup>st</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> meetings of the Council for Democratic Elections:

- Assistance to the Kyrgyz Republic in the electoral field (seminar on cyber security, Strasbourg, 3 April 2018; study visit on data protection to Malta, 5-6 April 2018);
- Round table on the electoral reforms process in Ukraine (Kiev, 4-5 April 2018);
- Joint parliamentary seminar on “the misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes: a major challenge for democratic elections” (Tirana, 10-11 April 2018);
- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing presidential elections in Azerbaijan, 11 April 2018;

- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing presidential election in Montenegro, 15 April 2018;
- Meeting of the Norwegian Election Act Committee (Oslo, 17 April 2018);
- 15th Conference of Electoral Management Bodies on the theme “Security in Elections” (Oslo, 19-20 April 2018);
- Event on Democratic Participation and Electoral Matters (Brussels, 26 April 2018);
- 2nd Scientific Electoral Experts Debates on Equal suffrage, and International Conference on free elections, Parliaments and nation building (Sinaia, 3-4 and 5-6 May 2018);
- Meeting on electoral reform in Albania, and in particular on out-of-country voting and new technologies (Tirana, 15 May 2018);
- Meetings with the electoral stakeholders in order to provide expert assistance in the process of on-going discussions on necessary changes to electoral legislation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo, 22-24 May 2018 and 4-6 June 2018);
- Workshop on new voting technologies in elections (Tirana, 6 June 2018).

## **8. Future activities**

The Venice Commission will participate in:

- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey, 24 June 2018;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on money and politics (Tbilisi, 26-27 June 2018);
- 27<sup>th</sup> ACEEO Conference on “Guaranteeing Voter Privacy, Security and Integrity” (Vilnius, 6-7 September 2018);
- Legal assistance to the Parliamentary Assembly delegation observing elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 7 October 2018.

## **9. Co-operation with OSCE/ODIHR**

An exchange of views will take place with the representatives of the OSCE/ODIHR on the possibilities of future co-operation. The OSCE/ODIHR is invited to inform the Council on its current and future activities in the electoral field.

## **10. Date of the next meeting**

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 18 October 2018 at 10.00 am.