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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
(VENICE COMMISSION)

**in co-operation with
the National Assembly of Albania
and the Albanian Central Election Commission**

**under the auspices of the Albanian Chairmanship
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe**

CONFERENCE ON

**“THE EUROPEAN ELECTORAL HERITAGE:
TEN YEARS OF THE CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE
IN ELECTORAL MATTERS”**

**Tirana, Albania, 2-3 July 2012
Hotel Tirana International
Skanderbeg Square, Build. 8 , Entr. 1**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 2 JULY 2012**Venue: Tirana International Hotel**

- 09:00 Registration of participants
- 09.30-10.00 Introductory speeches
- Ms Jozefina Topalli, Speaker of the Albanian Parliament
Mr Jan Velaers, Professor, Member of the Venice Commission, Belgium
Mr Arben Ristani, Chairman of the Central Election Commission
Mr Eugen Wollfarth, Ambassador of the OSCE Presence in Albania

The Implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters

- 10.00-10.30 The Experience of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Andreas Gross, President of the Council for Democratic Elections
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-11:30 The Experience of the Congress
- Ms Gudrun Mosler-Törnström, Chamber of Regions, Member of the Council for Democratic Elections, Austria
- 11.30-12:00 The Role of the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters in the Albanian Reforms
- Mr Viktor Gumi, Member of the Venice Commission, Albania

The Participation of the Albanian Society in the Electoral Process and its Relation to the Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters

- 14:00-14:30 Mr Kristaq Kume, Former Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Representative of the Civil Society

Recurrent Challenges and Problematic Issues of Electoral Law

- 14:30-15:00 Mr Florian Grotz, Professor, Germany
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break

Election Administration

- 15:30-16:00 The Organisation of Elections by an Impartial Body
- Mr Nikolai Vulchanov, Consultant
- 16:00-16:30 The Model of Political Management of Elections: Advantages and Disadvantages
- Mr Arben Ristani, Chairman of the Central Election Commission
- 16:30 Discussion

TUESDAY, 3 JULY 2012

How to ensure the Representativeness of elected bodies: Case Studies

09:30-10:15

The Representation of Women in Elected Bodies

Ms Lydie Err, Ombudman, Member of the Venice Commission, Luxembourg (apologised)

In the absence of Ms Err, Mr Pierre Garrone, Head of the Division of Elections and Referendums, Secretariat of the Venice Commission, will introduce the topic.

10:15-11:00

Electoral Law and Representation of Minorities

Mr Jan Velaers, Professor, Member of the Venice Commission, Belgium

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

The Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights

11:30-12:15

Mr Vincent Berger, Jurisconsult, European Court of Human Rights

12:15

Conclusions

Mr Andreas Gross, President of the Council for Democratic Elections