

## THE E - VOTING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

In the Republic of Moldova the creation of the e-voting was assigned in the regulatory and legislative acts. In this respect, the Electoral Code suffered some modifications according to which starting from 2015 the State Register of Voters shall be implemented – a unique integrated information system of voters evidence, accomplished on the basis of the State Register of Population, drafted and approved by law the Concept of the State Automated Informational System “Elections”. It provides for the implementation of the electronic procedures in the field of elections, namely the possibility to vote via Internet, using electronic readable devices for identification, new type of documents and digital signature.

Thus, according to the legal norms, elections are carried out on the basis of electoral lists that include all the citizens with the right to vote who reside within the area of a polling section. From the informational point of view, the procedure of electoral list formation is provided with data from the State Register of Population.

Even though the State Register of Voters is in its drafting stage, some elements of the e-voting system have been tested in some polling section of the country: the electronic voting procedure at the voting machines was tested and local elections were organized on the basis of the electronic electoral lists.

Currently the project of issuance of electronic ID cards to the citizens of the Republic of Moldova has been launched, that allows the practical accomplishment of the e-voting system. The identity card with incorporated electronic chip and digital signature as a unique electronic identification and authentication device will allow the electronic voting using voting machines which will be installed at the polling sections, voting via Internet, regardless the voter’s location.

Thus the implementation of the electronic identity card of the citizen of the Republic of Moldova will give the possibility *at the first phase* to develop some democratic participatory instruments, including:

- The exercising of voting right by confirmation of person’s registration in the Register of Voters and in the electoral lists;
- The application in electronic form for voting at a certain place of residence due to health problems.

*At the next phase*, the e-voting system will be launched together with the implementation of the State Register of Voters and the growing number of electronic identity cards issued to the citizens of the Republic of Moldova.

This system will ensure equal access to voting rights for all the citizens of the Republic of Moldova (*including persons who are abroad, persons with disabilities, etc.*), exclude the electoral frauds and as a result will ensure the implementation of the electronic democracy in general and of the electronic voting system in particular.