









## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## **MEDIA AND ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE:**

## **CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

5 April 2016

Kyiv, Ukraine

Venue: Hotel "Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv" 1, Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska Street Ball room

**AGENDA** 

The conference is organized by the Council of Europe with the support of the Council of Europe projects "Strengthening Freedom of Media and Establishing a Public Broadcasting System in Ukraine", "Reform of the Electoral Practice in Ukraine", "Assistance to the Ukrainian authorities in reforming electoral legislation and in conducting constitutional reform"

09:30 - 10:00	Registration of participants. Welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:40	Opening remarks
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	Moderator: Mr. François Friederich, Head of the Division of Electoral Assistance and Census of the Council of Europe
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	H.E. Jan Tombiński, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine
	<b>Ms. Viktoria Syumar,</b> Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on freedom of expression and information policy
	<b>Ms. Uliana Feschuk,</b> Deputy Chair of the National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council of Ukraine
	Mr. Igor Zhydenko, Member of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine
10:40 – 12:00	Panel 1: Media coverage of elections: international experience and Ukrainian context
	   Moderator: Mr. Yevgen Radchenko, Development Director of CSO "Internews-Ukraine"
	Keynote speakers:
	<b>Mr. Jacob Mollerup,</b> Council of Europe expert, editor and consultant, former president of The Organization of News Ombudsmen
	Mr. Peter Wardle, expert of the Venice Commission, former chief executive of the UK Electoral Commission, London, UK
	<b>Mr. Bertrand Simon,</b> Council of Europe expert, professor of political and social communication at Political Science Department of the University Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne
	Mr Ivane Makharadze, Head of Broadcasting Regulation Department of the National Communications Commission of Georgia
	Mr. Igor Zhydenko, member of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine
	<b>Mr. Dmytro Shvydchenko</b> , head of the Department of monitoring and analysis of TV and radio broadcasting of the National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council of Ukraine
12:00 – 12:20	Coffee break
12:20 – 13:30	Panel 2: Unbiased coverage of elections – a challenge for Ukraine?
	Moderator: Ms. Nataliya Lygachova, director of CSO "Telekrytyka"
	Keynote speakers:
	Ms. Oksana Romaniuk, Executive director of CSO "Institute of Mass Information"

	Mr. Oleksiy Koshel, Director of the "Committee of Voters of Ukraine"
	Mr. Oleksandr Kliuzhev, analyst of the Civil Network "OPORA"
	Questions & Answers
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Panel 3: Legislative initiatives as possible solutions
	Moderator: Mr. Taras Shevchenko, director of CSO "Media Law Institute"
	Keynote speakers:
	Mr. Oleksandr Chernenko, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, member of the Parliamentary Committee on legal policy and justice
	Mr. Roman Golovenko, lawyer of CSO "Institute of Mass Information"
	Mr. Yurii Kluchkovskyi, President of CSO "Institute of Electoral Law"
	Mr. Oleksandr Burmagin, media-lawyer of CSO "Regional Press Development Institute"
	Questions & Answers
15:30 – 16:00	Conclusions and closing remarks
	<ul> <li>Mr. Volodymyr Paschuk, Chief Administrative Officer of the National Council of Ukraine on TV and radio broadcasting</li> <li>Mr. Igor Zhydenko, Member of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine</li> <li>Mr. Alessandro Savaris, Head of Operations of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee