

Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus



Programmatic Cooperation Framework (PCF)

Thematic programme V.1: Electoral assistance: reforming electoral practice

Action 5: Reforming electoral legislation and practice, and developing regional co-operation in electoral matters

Regional conference

“Follow-up to the recommendations of international Election Observation Missions
in the countries of the Eastern Partnership”

24 - 25 October 2016

(Venue: Venice International University, Isola di San Servolo, 30100 Venice)

Agenda

Monday 24 October 2016

12.00 - 18.00 Arrival and registration of participants

18.30 Departure to Palazzo Ducale (Piazza San Marco)

Meeting point: Isola di San Servolo, Reception of the Venice International University

19.30 Opening of the conference

- Ms Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Head of the Council of Europe Venice Office
- Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance, DGII, Council of Europe

- Keynote speech: “Challenges to representative democracy”
Ms Sara Pennicino, Research Fellow of Comparative Public Law at the University of Padua, affiliated scholar of the Center for Constitutional Studies and Democratic Development

- Followed by a group photo and a cocktail

Venue: Palazzo Ducale, Sala del Piovego

Tuesday, 25 October 2016

Venue: San Servolo, Venice International University, Meeting Room: Aula Magna

09.00 - 11:00 First plenary session: International election observation in the countries of the Eastern Partnership – more than 25 years of experience

Opening and moderation by: *Mr. Andreas Gross, former member for the PACE, Switzerland*

- Mr Andrea Rigoni (IT/EPP), Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, rapporteur of the Commission on political questions on the situation in Belarus
- Mr Alexander Shlyk, Head of Elections Department, OSCE/ODIHR
- Ms Breda Pecan, (SI/Local Chamber, SOC), Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Ms Iryna Sabashuk, Head of Administration for Election Observation, Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE
- Mr Arnoldas Abramavičius (LT/EPP), Committee of the Regions

Round-table discussion

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00 Second plenary session: Co-operation between international and domestic election observation missions - challenges and perspectives in the XXI century

Moderation by: *Mr Anar Mammadli, Chairman, Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre, Azerbaijan*

- Mr Uladzimir Labkovich, coordinator of Observation "Human rights activists for free elections", Human Rights Centre Viasna, Belarus
- Ms Olga Ayvazovska, Director, OPORA, Ukraine
- Mr Ion Manole, Director Promo-Lex, Moldova
- Mr Levan Natroshvili, Head of election team, Transparency International Georgia
- Ms Sona Ayvazyan, Deputy Director, Transparency International, Armenia
- Mr Rasto Kuzel, Executive Director, MEMO 98, Slovakia

Round-table discussion

13.00 -14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15:00 Third plenary session: Follow-up to the recommendations of international election observation

Moderation by: Mr Srdjan Darmanovic, Professor of Law, Member of the Venice Commission, Montenegro

- Mr Emanuele Giaufret, Head of Division, Democracy and electoral observation, European External Action Service
- Mr Fabio Bargiacchi, Executive Director, European Centre for Electoral Support

Round-table discussion

15.00 – 16:30 Fourth plenary session: Example of coordination of efforts at national level to ensure proper follow-up of the recommendations

Moderation by: Ms Breda Pecan, (SI/Local Chamber, SOC), Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

- Mr Gia Zhorzholiani, Chairman of Environmental Protection And Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament of Georgia
- Mr Oleksandr Chernenko, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy and Justice
- Ms Iryna Suslova, head of Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Gender issues and Non-Discrimination, Ukraine
- Ms Liliana Palihovici, Deputy Chairperson of the Parliament of Moldova
- Mr Sabir Hajiyevev, Member the Parliament, Azerbaijan
- Mr Vadzim Ipatau, Deputy Head of Central Election Commission of Belarus
- Mr Edmon Marukyan, Member of the Parliament of Armenia

Round-table discussion

16.30 - 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 - 17.30 Fifth plenary session: From election observation to electoral assistance – Council of Europe Action Plan

Moderation by: Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance, DGII, Council of Europe

- Mr Yuri Kliuchkovsky, Member of Parliament of Ukraine of four convocations (1998 – 2012), Director of the Institute of Election Law

- Ms Tamar Zhvania, Chairperson, Central Election Commission of Georgia
- Ms Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Head of the Council of Europe Venice Office

Round-table discussion

17:30 – 18:00 Closing remarks

Moderation by: Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance, DGII, Council of Europe

- Mr Andreas Gross, former member for the PACE
- Mr Anar Mammadli, Chairman, Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre, Azerbaijan
- Mr Srdjan Darmanovic, Professor of Law, Member of the Venice Commission, Montenegro
- Ms Breda Pecan, (SI/Local Chamber, SOC), Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

18:00 End of the conference

20:00 Dinner in Venice historical city center,

Venue: Caravelli Restaurant (Hotel Saturnia, Calle Larga Via XXII Marzo 2398, San Marco)

19:00 Meeting point: San Servolo reception 19:00