

## CONGRESS ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION

15 October 2017 Local elections in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

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#### Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Various times **Arrival of the Congress' Delegation in Skopje**

#### Thursday, 12 October 2017

- 09:00 – 09:30 Briefing for the Delegation with the Congress' Secretariat  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2
- 09.30 – 10:30 Meeting with **Ambassadors** of relevant Council of Europe member States and the European Union to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Czech Republic** - Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, **Mr. Josef BROŽ**
  - **Hungary** – Ambassador, **H.E. DUX László István**
  - **Romanian** - Ambassador, **H.E. Viorel STANILA**
  - **Ukraine** - Ambassador, **H.E. Rostislav PALAGUSINEC**
  - **United Kingdom** – Ambassador, **H.E. Charles Edmund GARRET**
  - **European Union** - Head of Delegation, **Mr. Samuel ZBOGAR**
  - **USA** - Ambassador, **H. E. Jess BAILY**
- Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2
- Coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:30 Briefing with **representatives of political parties** participating in the 15 October local elections  
**Mr Elmi AZIRI**, representative of the **Alliance for the Albanians**  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2
- 12:00 – 12:45 Meeting of a sub-delegation with the Minister of Local Self-Government,  
**Mr Suhejl FAZLIU**  
Venue: tbc, Ministry of Local Self-Government, Dame Gruev no. 14, Skopje 1000
- Lunch break
- 13:30 – 14:00 Briefing with the Head of Operations of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje, EU/CoE Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey **Ms Monica MARTINEZ** and the Venice Commission expert, **Ms Florence GANOUX**  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2
- 14:00 – 14:45 Briefing with the Vice-President of the “Association of the Units of Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia” (ZELS) **Mr Zoran DAMJANOVSKI** - Mayor of the Municipality of Kumanovo and **Ms Dusica PERISIC**, Executive Director  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2
- 15:00 – 16:00 Meeting with **representatives of the civil society**
- Citizens' Association “MOST” (citizen election observation)
  - **Ms. Uranija PIROVSKA**, Executive Director of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights

- **Ms. Biljana JANEVSKA**, Executive Director of the Ohrid Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs
  - Transparency International
- Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 Meeting with the Head of the delegation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Congress, **Mr Sokol MITROVSKI** and other members of the delegation, **Ms Irena MISHEVA**, Member of the City Council of Skopje  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

17:30 – 18:30 Meeting with the Independent Expert of the Congress on the European Charter of Local Self-Government, **Prof. Mrs Gordana SILJANOVSKA DAVKOVA**, University of Skopje  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

### Friday, 13 October 2017

9:30 – 10:30 Meeting with **representatives of the media**

- “Association of Journalists of Macedonia”: President **Mr Naser SELMANI-VEST** and Executive Director **Mr Dragan SEKULOVSKI**
- **Mr Stojan TRPCEVSKI** – MTV
- **Mr Saso ARSOVSKI**, Redactor and **Mr Dragan ANTONOVSKI**, Director – MIA Agency
- **Mr Borjan JOVANOVSKI** – 24H TV

Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Meeting with the President of the State Election Commission, **Mr Alexander CHICHAKOVSKY** and the Vice-President of the SEC, **Mr Redžep PREKOPUCZA**  
Venue: tbc, SEC premises, St. Cyril and Methodius No.54, Skopje 1000

12:30 – 13:30 Briefing with **representatives of political parties** participating in the 15 October local elections  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

12:30 – 13:00 **Mr Fatmir BESIMI, Mr Muamed HOHXA and Mr Arbor ADEMI** representatives of the **DUI**

13:00 – 13:30 **Mr Damjan MANCHEVSKI**, Minister of Information Society and Administration and Vice-President of the **SDSM**

Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30 Representative of the **BESA Movement**

15:00 – 16:30 Briefing with OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission Head of Mission, **Dame Audrey GLOVER** and the Core Team  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

Coffee break

### Saturday, 14 October 2017

Time tbc Briefing with **representatives of political parties** participating in the 15 October local elections  
Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2

Representative of the VMRO-DPMNE

10:00 – 10:45	Meeting with the Mayor of Skopje and President of the “Association of the Units of Local Self-Government of the Republic of Macedonia” (ZELS), <b>Mr Koce TRAJANOVSKI</b> Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 2
11:00 – 11:45	Briefing with <b>OSCE/ODIHR Long Terms Observers</b> in Skopje
12:00 – 12:30	Technical briefings for Election Day with the Congress’ Secretariat Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 1
12:30 – 13:00	Technical briefings for Election Day with the drivers and interpreters Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, Millennium Room 1
Around 13:00	<b>Deployment of 3 Congress’ teams</b> from Skopje to Bitola, Strumica and Ohrid (See “Deployment plan”)
Time tbc	Briefing with <b>OSCE/ODIHR Long Terms Observers</b> for the teams in Bitola, Strumica and Ohrid Venue: respective hotel

### Sunday, 15 October 2017 – ELECTION DAY

Around 6:00	<b>Deployment of Congress’ teams</b> from Skopje (See “Deployment plan”)
Around 22:00	<b>Debriefing</b> with the Congress’ teams in Skopje Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn

### Monday, 16 October 2017

15:00	<b>Press conference</b> to present preliminary conclusions with OSCE/ODIHR Venue: tbc by OSCE/ODIHR
Various times	<b>Departure of the Congress’ Delegation</b>
Transfer to the airport. Pickup time at the hotel: 2 hours before the flight	

## DELEGATION

### Congress' members

**Mr Karim VAN OVERMEIRE**, Belgium (NR, R) - Head of Delegation

**Ms Henrietta BERO**, Hungary (EPP-CCE, L)

**Mr Andrew DAWSON**, United Kingdom (ECR, R)

**Mr Mario GAUCI**, Malta (EPP-CCE, L)

**Mr Remo GRENGA**, Italy (SOC, L)

**Mr Robert GRUMAN**, Romania (EPP-CCE, R)

**Mr Henrik-Brade JOHANSEN**, Denmark (ILDG, L)

**Ms Marie KAUFMANN**, Czech Republic (EPP-CCE, R)

**Ms Kateryna MARCHENKO**, Ukraine (SOC, L)

### Congress' Secretariat

**Ms Renate ZIKMUND**, Head of Division, Local and Regional Election Observation

**Ms Ségolène TAVEL**, Local and Regional Election Observation Officer

**Ms Martine ROUDOLFF**, Assistant, Local and Regional Election Observation

### Expert

**Mr Matej GOMBOSI**, Congress Expert on observation of local and regional elections