



# MONEY IN POLITICS

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Lasting Challenges and  
International Practices in Eastern Europe

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## Draft Agenda

Monday 19 June, 2017

09:00-09:30 Registrations and Welcome Coffee

09:30-10:00 Welcoming Remarks

1. Representative of Parliament of Georgia (TBC)
2. Mr. Lasha Tordia, Auditor General, State Audit Office of Georgia
3. Representative of Ministry of Justice of Georgia (TBC)

10:00-11:30 Session I: Money in Politics vs. Trust in Politics?

Moderator: Mrs. Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance

Speakers:

1. Mr. Yves-Marie Doublet, Council of Europe - GRECO
2. Mrs. Dalija Oreskovic, Commission for Resolution of Conflict of Interest, Croatia
3. Dr. Daniel Smilov, Professor, University of Sofia
4. Mrs. Nataliya Novak, Member of Parliament of Ukraine
5. Mrs. Eka Beselia, Member of Parliament of Georgia (TBC)

11:30-13:00 Session II: New technology and disclosure of political finance information

Moderator: Mr. Sam van der Staak, International IDEA

Speakers:

1. Mr. Sam Jones, International IDEA: "Comparative lessons from 'Guide on Digital Reporting and Disclosure'"
2. Mr. Zurab Aznaurashvili, State Audit Office of Georgia: "Georgia's digital reporting system for political parties"
3. Ms Sofia De Roa, Manager of Podemos party's online disclosure system (Spain): "Use of online transparency tools"
4. Mr Igor Feshchenko, Chesno Movement (Ukraine), "Parties' Gold: CSO usage of digital monitoring of campaign expenditure"

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:30 Session III: Sources of funding for political parties

Moderator: Mr. Levan Tsutskiridze, Executive Director of NIMD EEN

Speakers:

1. Ms. Andrea Keerbs, Resident Country Director of IRI, Georgia
2. Ms. Inga Jaunskunga, Head of Oversight at KNAB, Latvia
3. Mr. **Sergii Adamenko**, EIDOS Center, Ukraine
4. Mr. Viktor Chumak, MP, Ukraine

15:30-15:45 *Coffee Break*

15:45-17:15 Session IV: Financial incentives to increase women's political representation

Moderator: Dr. Magnus Ohman, Senior Political Finance Adviser, IFES

Speakers:

1. Ms. Tamar Chugoshvili – Chair of Gender Caucus at Parliament of Georgia
2. Ms. Ajla van Heel, Advisor on Gender Issues, OSCE ODIHR
3. Ms. Karolina Leakovic, Former Member of Parliament, Chair of Women's Wing of Socialist Party, Croatia
4. Dr. Fiona Buckley, Lecturer at the University College Cork, Co-founder of 50-50 Group, Ireland

19.00-21.00 Reception at the Rooms Hotel Tbilisi (14 Merab Kostava Str., Tbilisi)

Tuesday 20 June, 2017

- 09:00-10:15 *SIDE EVENT - Working group “Regional Cooperation Platform of Financial Regulators”*
- SIDE EVENT- “Tendencies in the Eastern Partnership Region” Presentation of the findings in the country reports*
- 10:15-11:45 Session V: International standards and best practices preventing the abuse of State (administrative) resources during electoral processes.
- Moderator: Mr. Jerome Leyraud, Chief of Party, IFES Georgia
- Speakers:
1. Mr. Magnus Ohman, Senior Political Finance Adviser, IFES
  2. Representative of Venice Commission (TBC)
  3. Renate Zikmund, Congress of local and Regional Authorities of Council of Europe
  4. Representative of CEC Georgia (TBC)
- 11:45-12:00 *Coffee Break*
- 12:00-13:30 Session VI: Monitoring political Corruption and oversight against abuse of state resources
- Moderator: Mrs. Eka Gigauri, Transparency International - Georgia
- Speakers:
1. Mr. Levan Natroshvili, TI-Georgia
  2. Mrs. Alina Russu, Chairperson of CEC Moldova
  3. Mr. Dito Tsertsvadze, Project Manager PMMG
  4. Mrs. Yuliya Shypilova – Senior Program Officer, IFES Ukraine
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30-15:45 Wrap-up Discussion: Political Campaign Finance – What way forward?
- Moderator: Media Representative Georgia (TBC)
- Speakers:
1. Dr. Marcin Walecki, Head of Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR
  2. Mrs. Nino Lomjaria, First Deputy Auditor General, SAOG
  3. Dr. Fernando Casal-Bertoa, Professor, Nottingham University
  4. Ms. Lena Nazaryan, Member of Parliament Armenia

15.45-16:00 Concluding Remarks

Perspectives for the Future

Mrs. Claudia Luciani, Director of Democratic Governance, Council of Europe

Regional Cooperation Platform – Future Steps

Mr. Lasha Tordia, General Auditor, State Audit Office of Georgia

16:00 – 18:00 Reception at Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

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