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WINTER SCHOOL

Training on New Voting Technologies (NVT) How can NVT increase trust in the election process?

Electoral Biometrics (Voter Registration / Authentication)

Results Management / Transmission

E-Voting

4th – 8th December 2017

at the Hotel Beaumonde Garden Tbilisi, Georgia



ELECTION TRAINING PROGRAMME

LEARNING OBJECTIVES¹

How can NVT increase trust in the election process?

E-Voting / Electoral Biometrics (Voter Registration / Authentication) / Election Results Management

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will be introduced to New Voting Technologies (NVT) in an interactive way. The training will be applicable to building capacity in areas such as voter registration & electoral biometrics, e-voting and results management & transmission. The agenda also

¹ The programme assumes that participants are already familiar with basic concepts of NVT and have a professional interest in at least one of the areas to be covered in this Winter School; the Winter School will familiarise participants with the training materials (contents, techniques...) of the three pillars in order to develop their own capacities and implement or monitor electoral ICTs accordingly.

includes sessions devoted to common aspects applicable to all NVTs, such as procurement or electoral observation, as well as an exploratory session dedicated to new trends. Participants will learn how effective NVTs supports reliable electoral processes.

A range of training techniques will be used. Participants will be introduced to the task at the beginning of each session. Interactive sessions will be delivered providing participants with the opportunity to explore key areas in more depth. National experiences will also be used to provide a comparative approach so that common concerns and existing solutions can be highlighted and discussed.

AGENDA

Day 0 – Sunday 3rd December 2017

TIME			
All the day	Arrival of the participants of the 2017 Winter School in Tbilisi. Transfer from the airport to the Hotel Beaumonde Garden Tbilisi, Georgia		
	<i>Dinner at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		

DAY 1 – Monday 4th December 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY		
09:00-09:15	Opening session		Ms Tamar Zhvania, Chairperson of CEC Georgia Ms Cornelia Perle, Council of Europe
09:15-10:30	Introduction to the Winter School / Objectives & Methodology Mutual introductions		Ms Cornelia Perle, Council of Europe Mr Jordi Barrat
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
10:45-12:30	New Voting Technologies (NVT)	Trust, Elections and NVT	Mr Jordi Barrat
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		
14:00-14:30	NVT Country reports	Short individual briefings	All participants
14:30-16:00	E-Voting	What E-Voting is?	Ms Ardita Driza Maurer,
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
16:00-17:30	Technical Background	How does E-Voting work?	Ms Oksana Kulyk
17:30	<i>Closure of the Day 1</i>		
18:15	<i>Bus transfer to the restaurant</i>		

DAY 2 – Tuesday 5th December 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY		
09:00-10:00	E-Voting	Failures and Successes: Lessons Learnt	Mr Jordi Barrat
10:00-11:00	E-Voting	Standards: Recommendation (2017)5 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on Standards for E-Voting	Ms Arditia Driza Maurer
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:15-12:30	E-Voting	Legal issues: National Regulations & Case Law	Ms Arditia Driza Maurer
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		
14:00-15:00	E-Voting	Case studies I: The Case of Switzerland & National Approaches	Ms Arditia Driza Maurer (facilitator) / All Participants
15:00-16:00	Technical Background	How does electoral biometric technology work?	Ms Oksana Kulyk
16:00-16.15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16.15-17.30	Technical Background	How does election results management technology work?	Ms Oksana Kulyk
17.30h	<i>Closure of the Day 2</i>		
19:00	<i>Dinner at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		

DAY 3 – Wednesday, 6th December 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY		
09:00-10:00	Voter Registration / Biometrics	Introduction: Voter Registration & Authentication	Mr Peter Wolf
10:00-11:00	Voter Registration / Biometrics	Application of Biometrics in Voter Registration, Comparative Approach	Mr Peter Wolf
11:00-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:15-13:00	Voter Registration / Biometrics	Case studies II: Leading Case (Montenegro) & National Approaches	Mr Peter Wolf (facilitator) / All Participants
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		
15:00-18:30	Afternoon session for institutional partners: NVT Open discussion / Future trends & Election Assistance Programmes For all other participants possibility to participate at a guided city tour from 15:00 onwards (meeting point at ...). Dinner individual		

DAY 4 – Thursday, 7th December 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY		

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09:00-10:00	Results Management	Introduction into results management, Main challenges & Standards	Mr Peter Wolf
10:00-11:00	Results Management	Results management technology, Comparative Approach	Mr Peter Wolf
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:30-13:00	Results Management	Case studies III: Leading case (Netherlands) & National Approaches	Mr Peter Wolf (facilitator) / All Participants
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		
14:30-16:00	NVT Future	Blockchain & Elections	Ms Oksana Kulyk
16:00-16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16:15-17:15	NVT Common Issues	Electoral Observation	Mr Jordi Barrat
17:15	<i>Closure of the Day 4</i>		
19:00	<i>Bus transfer to the restaurant...</i>		

Day 5 – Friday, 8th December 2017

TIME	ACTIVITY	LEARNING OBJECTIVES	METHODOLOGY
09:00-10:30	NVT Common Issues	Procurement	Mr Peter Wolf / Mr. Jordi Barrat
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10:45-12:00	NVT Common Issues	Open Data & Transparency	Mr Peter Wolf
12:00-13:00	NVT Future	New trends (cybersecurity; e-ballot delivery, disabled voters, eEMBs)	Mr Jordi Barrat / Teams & Group discussion
13:00-13:30	<i>Closure of the 2017 Winter School on New Voting Technologies</i>		Ms Cornelia Perle
13:30	<i>Lunch at Hotel Beaumont Garden</i>		