

**CONGRESS ELECTORAL ASSESSMENT MISSION
to the Republic of Moldova
20 May 2018 early local elections in Chisinau and Balti**

Final programme - 17 to 22 May 2018

Thursday 17 May 2018

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

Friday 18 May 2018

- 08:30 – 9:00 Briefing with **Mrs Eva GUTJAHR**, Acting Head of the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau
Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Piano
- 09:00 – 10:00 Meeting with **representatives of the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau, relevant Council of Europe member States in Chisinau and other international organisations:**
- France, Mr. Adrien GRIMAUD, Programme Manager
 - Austria, Ms. Kirsten SAXINGER, Research Officer
 - EU Delegation, Ms. Olga BEINAROVICA, Political Officer
 - NDI, Mr. Andrei STRAH, Senior Political Officer
 - UNDP, Ms. Dafina GERCHEVA, Resident Coordinator
 - *OSCE, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Slovenia and Ireland - excused*
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Piano
- Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:30 Meeting with **Mrs Alina RUSSU**, President of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova
Venue: Str. Vasile Alecsandri nr. 119, Chisinau
- Lunch break
- 12:30 Transfer to Balti (about 2 hours)
- 15:00 – 18:45 Meetings with representatives of **candidates and political parties running in the local elections in Balti**
Venue: Hotel Lidolux, str. Decebal, 139, Balti
- 15:00 – 15:45 **Mr Nicolai GRIGORIȘIN**, candidate supported by Our Party and **Mrs Elena GRIȚCO**, independent candidate, Vice-President of Our Party
- Coffee break
- 16.30 – 17:15 **Ms Arina SPATARU** (DA) and **Mr Simion GUTU** (PAS)
17.15 – 17:45 **Mr Sergiu BURLACU** (PUN)
- 18:00 Transfer to Chisinau

Saturday 19 May 2018

- 09:30 – 11:00 Meetings with representatives of **candidates and political parties running in the local elections in Chisinau:**
- **Mr Andrei NASTASE**, candidate supported by the Platform “Dignity and Truth” (PPDA), the Action and Solidarity Party (PAS) and the PLDM
 - **Mr Valeriu MUNTEANU**, candidate supported by the Liberal party
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Guitar
- Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:45 Continuation of meetings with representatives of **candidates and political parties running in the local elections in Chisinau:**
- **Mr Ion CEBAN**, candidate supported by the Socialist Party of the Republic of Moldova (PSRM)
 - **Mr Alexandr ROSCO**, candidate for the Party “Our Home Moldova”
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Guitar
- Lunch break
- 14:00 – 15:30 Continuation of meetings with representatives of **candidates and political parties running in the local elections in Chisinau:**
- **Ms Reghina APOSTOLOVA**, candidate in Chisinau and **Mr Pavel VEREJANU**, candidate in Balti (Shor Party)
- Coffee break
- 15.30 – 16.15 Meeting with representatives of the citizen election observers’ organisation **PROMOLEX**
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Guitar
- 16:30 – 17:15 Meeting with representatives of the **Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (CALM)**
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Guitar
- 17:30 – 18:00 Briefing with interpreters and drivers for Election Day
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Guitar

Sunday 20 May 2018 - Election Day

- 06:30 Deployment of the teams to Chisinau, Balti and other municipalities where elections are scheduled on 20 May 2018
- 23:00 Late night de-briefing
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau

Monday 21 May 2018

- Various times **Departure of some members of the Congress’ Delegation**
- 10:00 Press point with the Head of delegation upon request from the media
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau
- 12:00 – 13:00 Meeting with representatives of **Mr Dorin CHIRTOACA, former Mayor of Chisinau**
- Venue: Jazz Hotel Chisinau, Conference Hall Piano

Tuesday 22 May 2018

- Various times **Departure of the rest of the Congress’ Delegation**

Congress delegation

Congress members

Ms Gunn Marit HELGESEN, Norway (EPP/CCE, R), Head of delegation, Rapporteur
President of the Chamber of Regions, Country Rapporteur for the Republic of Moldova

Mr Jos WIENEN, Netherlands (EPP/CCE, L)
Thematic Spokesperson on observation of local and regional elections

Ms Lelia HUNZIKER, Switzerland (SOC, L)

Ms Rosaleen O'GRADY, Ireland (ILDG, L)

Expert

Mr Matej GOMBOSI, Congress' Expert on electoral matters, Congress' Expert on electoral matters

Congress Secretariat

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

Ms Ségolène TAVEL, Election observation Officer

Ms Martine ROUDOLFF, Assistant, Local and Regional Election Observation