

**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