

CONGRESS ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION
Local elections in Georgia – 2 October 2021
FINAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

14:45 – 15:45 Remote briefing with Ms Natalia VOUTOVA, Head of Council of Europe Office in Georgia
Venue: Bluejeans (Central European Time)

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Various times Arrival of the Congress Delegation in Tbilisi

Thursday, 30 September 2021

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome to the delegation
Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

09:05 – 10:05 Briefing with representatives of the diplomatic corps in Tbilisi

- Armenia, Mr Levon ZARKARIAN, Advisor
- Czech Republic, Ambassador, Mr Petr MIKYSKA
- France, Ambassador Mr Diego COLAS and Mr Ethan GRAY, task officer
- Hungary, Ms Anikó FARKAS, Consul
- Italy, Ambassador Mr Enrico VALVO
- Switzerland, Mr Urs BEER, Charge d'Affaires

Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

10:10 – 11:10 Briefing with domestic NGOs

- International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED)
Ms Nino DOLIDZE, Executive Director
- Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)
Mr Nika SIMONISHVILI, Chairperson
- Transparency International Georgia (TI),
Mr Levan NATROSHVILI, Election Programme Manager

Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

11:15 – 12:15 Briefing with media representatives from the Coalition for Media Advocacy

- Ms Tamar KINTSURASHVILI, Media Development Foundation
- Ms Eka BASILAIA, Media Rights

Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 Joint briefing with the Delegation of the European Parliament and Core Team of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission to Georgia

- Ambassador Albert JÓNSSON, Head of Mission
- Ms Urdur GUNNARSDOTTIR, Political Analyst
- Ms Giovanna MAIOLA, Media Analyst
- Ms Elissavet KARAGIANNIDOU, Legal Analyst
- Mr Peter MICHALIK, Election Analyst
- Mr László BELÁGYI, Security Expert

Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

- 16:05 – 16:35 Regional briefing with OSCE/ODIHR Long Term Observers based in Tbilisi
- Ms Ewa JACOBSSON, Long-term observer (Sweden)
 - Mr Daniel DRIGOT, Long-term observer (USA)
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
- 16:40 – 17:10 Debriefing
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
- 17:15 – 17:45 Technical briefing with drivers and interpreters
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

Friday, 1 October 2021

- 08:30 – 09:00 Briefing of the day
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
- 09:05 – 10:05 Briefing with representatives of international NGOs
- The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), Ms Ketevan MAISURADZE, Country Director
 - National Democratic Institute (NDI), Mr Alan GILLAM, Country Director
 - International Republican Institute (IRI), Mr John P. DIPIRRO, Resident Program Director
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
- 10:30 – 11:30 Briefing with the Central Election Commission
- Mr Giorgi KALANDARISHVILI, Chairperson
 - Mr Giorgi SHARABIDZE, Deputy-chairperson
 - Mr Giorgi SIORIDZE, Deputy-chairperson
 - Ms Tamar KAPANADZE, Head of International Relations and Protocol
 - Mr Giorgi SANTURIANI, Head of Legal Department
- Venue: Office of the Central Election Commission, 24 Gorgasali Street, Tbilisi
- 11:30 – 14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 approx. Departure of teams deployed to the regions – (Team 3 and Team 6)
- 14:05 – 14:50 Briefing with Mr David MELUA, Executive Director of the National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (NALAG)
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

15:00 – 16:00 First meeting of heads of delegations to discuss the preliminary statement with OSCE/ODIHR and the Delegation of the European Parliament

Venue: Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace

- 14:55 – 15:40 Briefing with the Delegation of Georgia to the Congress
- Ms Nino KAVTARADZE, Member of Rustavi City Council, Georgian Dream (L, EPP/CCE)
 - Mr Otar GRIGOLIA, Member of Tbilisi City Assembly, Georgian Dream, (R, SOC/V/DP)
 - Mr Levan ZHORZHOLIANI, Member of Tbilisi City Assembly, Georgian Dream; (R, SOC/V/DP)
 - Ms Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Member of Mtskheta City Council, United National Movement (R, EPP/CCE)
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
- 15:45 – 16:05 Briefing with representatives of the United National Movement (UNM)
- Ms Tina BOKUCHAVA, Member of Georgian Parliament
 - Mr Irakli KAVTARADZE, Secretary of the International Relation of the NM Party
 - Ms Sevdia UGREKHELIDZE, Member of Mtskheta City Council, United National Movement (R, EPP/CCE)
- Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom

16:10 – 16:40	Briefing with representatives from European Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr George NONIASHVILI, candidate to the Chugureti District (Tbilisi Municipality) • Mr George KANDELAKI, Deputy Secretary General • Ms Teona KUTALADZE, International Relation Coordinator Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
16:45 – 17:15	Briefing with representatives/candidates from For Georgia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Levan DOLIDZE, Political adviser and head of proportional list for Tbilisi • Mr Mikheil DAUSHVILI, Member of Parliament Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
17:20 – 17:50	Briefing with representatives and candidates from Georgian Dream <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Irakli KOBAKHIDZE, Chair of the Party • Mr Kakha KALADZE, candidate in Tbilisi City and Head of the Georgian Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities • Mr Shalva PAPUASHVILI, MP, Committee on Education, Parliament of Georgia • Ms Mariam LASHKHI, Deputy Head of the Committee of International Relations of the Parliament of Georgia Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi, Iveria Ballroom
17:55 – 18:15	Debriefing Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi
18:00 - 19:30	Briefing for heads of delegation with Mr Tornike CHEISHVILI, Deputy Minister of Justice, Head of Inter-Agency Task Force for Free and Fair Elections Venue: Office of the Deputy Minister of Justice, 138 David Aghmashenebeli Alley, Tbilisi
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner
Saturday, 2 October 2021– ELECTION DAY	
07:00 – 20:00	Observation of the Election Day
23:00 approx.	Debriefing Venue: Radisson Blu Tbilisi
Sunday, 3 October 2021	
08:00 – 08:30	Online briefing for heads of delegations with OSCE/ODIHR Statistical Analyst, Venue: Bluejeans
09:00 – 9:30	Final meeting of heads of delegations to discuss the preliminary statement with OSCE/ODIHR and the Delegation of the European Parliament Venue: Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace
15:00 – 16:00	Press Conference to present preliminary conclusions with OSCE/ODIHR Venue: Sheraton Grand Tbilisi Metechi Palace
Various times	Departure of the Congress Delegation
Monday, 4 October 2021	
Various times	Departure of the Congress Delegation

DELEGATION

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Ms Randi MONDORF (ILDG, R), Denmark, Deputy Head of Delegation
Ms Lale BEKTAS (SOC/G/PD, R), Turkey
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Ms Samira HUSEYNOVA (SOC/G/PD, L), Azerbaijan
Mr György ILLES (ILDG, L), Hungary
Mr Matija KOVAC (EPP/CCE, R), Serbia
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Mr Kristoffer TAMSONS (EPP/CCE, R), Sweden
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