

# VOTE OUTSIDE THE BOX

## YOUNG VOTERS: DEMOCRACY REBOOTED

*Online Public Talk*

**28 September 2020**

**Time: 14:00 – 16:00 CET (GMT+2)**

**15:00 – 17:00 EEST (GMT+3)**

**Online platform:** Bluejeans

**Registration link:** <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/register/jravpgxk>

**Organiser:** Division of Elections and Civil Society, Democratic Governance Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

**Moderator:** Gennadiy Kosyak, Deputy Head of the Division of Elections and Civil Society, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

### Programme

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| 14:00 – 14:15 | <b>Welcome remarks</b><br><b>Claudia Luciani</b> , Director, Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe   |
| 14:15 – 14:45 | <b>Round one topics for discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why are young people often less likely to vote than older generations?</li><li>• Research<sup>1</sup> indicates young people often feel public institutions and politics are not relevant to them – what are the causes for this?</li><li>• How the gap between political institutions and young people can be effectively and mutually addressed?</li></ul> <b>Speakers:</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Chevalier, T. (2019), Political trust, young people and institutions in Europe. A multilevel analysis. Int J Soc Welfare, 28: 418-430. doi:[10.1111/ijsw.12380](https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12380)

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|               | <p><b>Antje Rothemund</b>, Head of Youth Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe</p> <p><b>David Clark</b>, Head of Education and Engagement of the House of Commons, UK</p> <p><b>Roman Banari</b>, General Secretary of the National Youth Council in Moldova</p> <p><b>Corina Pirvulescu</b>, Council of Europe expert, “People, Dialogue and Change”</p>   |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | <p><b><i>Presentation of the Council of Europe toolkit for election management bodies “Vote Outside The Box”</i></b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p><b>Dan Moxon</b>, Council of Europe expert, “People, Dialogue and Change”</p> <p><b>Corina Pirvulescu</b>, Council of Europe expert, “People, Dialogue and Change”</p>   |
| 15:15 – 15:45 | <p><b><i>Round two topics for discussion:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can our democracies connect to young people and bring young people to the voting booth?</li> <li>• What work is your organisation involved in that enables this?</li> <li>• What can electoral bodies do to raise electoral awareness amongst young people?</li> </ul> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p><b>David Clark</b>, Head of Education and Engagement of the House of Commons, UK</p> <p><b>Tamar Zhvania</b>, Chair of the Central Election Commission of Georgia</p> <p><b>Alice Bergholtz</b>, Co-ordinator of the priority focus group on youth work and youth participation, Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)</p> <p><b>Roman Banari</b>, General Secretary of the National Youth Council in Moldova</p> |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | <p><b><i>Q&amp;A session – online participants and speakers</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Closing remarks</i></b></p>   |