



POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS CONFERENCE

**General Local Elections in the Republic of Moldova, 5 November 2023.
The impact of electoral reform: lessons learned, recommendations and steps ahead
14-15 March 2024**

Venue: Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel
(Str. Mitropolit Varlaam 77, MD-2012)

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

I Day, Thursday, 14 March 2024

9:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants Welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:30 Convention Centre	OPENING SESSION: <i>Moderator: Pavel POSTICA, Deputy Chair, Central Electoral Commission (CEC)</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Angelica CARAMAN, Chairwoman, Central Electoral Commission</i>• <i>Falk LANGE, Head, Council of Europe Office in Chisinau</i>• <i>Nicolae ROȘCA, Judge, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova</i>• <i>Artemie CĂTĂNOI, Member of the Legal Committee for appointments and immunities, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova</i>• <i>Ana CALINICI, State Secretary of Government, State Chancellery</i>• <i>Igor BOȚAN, Executive Director of ADEPT, Member of Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections</i>
10:30-11:00	<i>Retrospective of General Local Elections of 5 November 2023: opportunities and challenges</i> <i>Angelica CARAMAN, Chairwoman, Central Electoral Commission</i>
11:00 – 12:45 Convention Centre Coffee-break 11:30-11:50	PLENARY SESSION: <i>Overview of the organization of the elections of 5 November 2023 in the context of the organisation of election process according to the new Electoral Code.</i> <i>Main findings and recommendations of Elections Observation Missions.</i> <i>Moderator: Alexandr BERLINSCHII, Secretary of the CEC</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Vladimir PREBILIC, Rapporteur on Election Observation in the Republic of Moldova, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulvi AKHUNLU, Deputy head, Elections Division and Smaranda SĂNDULESCU, Expert, OSCE/ODIHR • Nicolae PANFIL, Representative of Promo-LEX • Pierre-Marie PEYTIER, Head of Department for Democracy and Elections, ENEMO <p>Discussions</p>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 16:00 Begonia Conference room <i>Coffee break</i> 14:30-15:00	<p>PANEL SESSIONS:</p> <p>Workshop no.1: Legal framework and practices regarding the electoral dispute and notifications resolution: special cases, interaction with petitioners, police, and Courts (discussion topics: term of domicile/residence registration, electoral advertisement/ public interest messages).</p> <p>Moderator: Teodora VANGHELII, Member of the CEC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olesea JUMIGA, Head of Legal Department, CEC • Gheorghe IOSOB, Chair of District Electoral Council (DEC) Calarashi • Svetlana COLESNIC, Chair of DEC Balti • Olga FIODOROV, Judge, Aneni-Noi District Court • Mihaela DUCA-ANGHELICI, Head of team, Analysis and Research Team, Promo-LEX Association <p>Discussions</p>
13:45 – 16:00 Blu Lounge conference room <i>Coffee-break</i> 14:30-15:00	<p>Workshop no.2: Candidates Registration for elective positions and the conduct of electoral campaign (compliance with the gender quota for lists of candidates, collection/verification of signatures by independent candidates, election campaigning, electoral meetings etc.)</p> <p>Moderator: Alexandr BERLINSCHII, Secretary, Central Electoral Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrei GASIUC, Head of Elections Management Department, CEC • Stela ZABRIAN, Chair of DEC Soroca • Sergiu LAZĂR, Chair of DEC Teleneshti • Mariana FOCȘA, financial analyst, Promo-LEX Association <p>Discussions</p>
13:45 – 16:00 Rose conference room <i>Coffee-break</i> 14:30-15:00	<p>Workshop no.3: Certification electoral officials and training of electoral subjects.</p> <p>Moderator: Dana MUNTEANU, Member of the CEC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doina BORDEIANU, Director, Centre for Continuous Electoral Training • Ecaterina POPA, Director, National Institute of Justice • Igor SOROCEANU, University Assistant, Department of Public Law, Border Security, Migration and Asylum, Police Academy • Igor BUCATARU, Electoral Analyst, Promo-LEX Association

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aliona MUNTEAN, Chair DEC Stefan Voda • Oxana GRIGORIȚA, Chair DEC Drochia <p>Discussions</p>
13:45 – 16:00 Loft Lounge conference room Coffee- break 14:30-15:00	<p>Workshop no.4: Coverage of elections. Political and electoral advertisement. Exit polls.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavel POSTICA, Deputy Chair, Central Electoral Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodica SÎRBU, Head of Communication, Public Relations and Media Department, CEC • Liliana NICOLAESCU-ONOFREI, Head, Committee for culture, education, research, youth, sport and mass-media, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova • Liliana VIȚU, Chairperson and Grigore CHITANU, Head of Legal division, Audiovisual Council • Ion BUNDUCHI, Media Expert, Director, Electronic Press Association • Mariana DOBROVOLSCI, Electoral Analyst, Promo-LEX Association • Vasile CANTARJI, Development Manager, „C.B.S.-RESEARCH”LTD <p>Discussions</p>
16:15	Dinner

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9:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 – 12:45 Begonia Conference room Coffee- break 11:30-12:00	<p>DEBATE SESSIONS</p> <p>Workshop no.5: Financing the activities of initiative groups and electoral campaigns. Ensuring oversight and control of electoral campaign financing.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavel POSTICA, Deputy Chair, Central Electoral Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silvia STEPANIUC-BALMUȘ, Head of Oversight and Control of the Financing of Political Parties and Electoral Campaigns Department, CEC • Cristina DIACENCO, Acting Head of the Anti-corruption Policy Service, National Anticorruption Center • Mariana FOCȘA, Electoral Analyst, Promo-LEX Association • Martin ANGEBY, Country Director, NDI Moldova <p>Discussions</p>
10:00 – 12:45 Rose Conference room	<p>Workshop no. 6: Voters’ lists and use of ICT in elections. Digitalization of electoral processes.</p> <p>Moderator: Vasile POSTOLACHE, Member of the CEC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrei CONSTANTIN, Head of Information Technology and Voter List Management Department, CEC

<p>Coffee-break 11:30-12:00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolae BABALICI, Head Unit, Department of ID, Citizenship and Population Evidence, Public Services Agency • Igor BUCATARU, Electoral Analyst, Promo-LEX Association • Ana NIȚULAȘ, Chair DEC Dubasari • Petru BOICU, președinte CECE Anenii Noi • Vasile CANTARJI, Development Manager, „C.B.S.-RESEARCH” LTD <p>Discussions</p>
<p>10:00 – 12:45</p> <p>Blu Lounge Conference room</p> <p>Coffee-break 11:30-12:00</p>	<p>Workshop no. 7: Combatting hate speech, sexism and gender-based violence in elections: conduct of electoral contestants, monitoring this phenomenon in the Mass Media.</p> <p>Moderator: Dana MUNTEANU, Member of the CEC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilia GUTU, Head, Division of Public Policies, Audiovisual Council • Irina COROBCENCO, Promo-LEX Association • Alexandra ERMOLENCO, Program Director, Partnership for Development Center • Loretta HANDRABURA, Expert of the Council of Europe • Nina LOZINSCHI, Platform for Gender Equality <p>Discussions</p>
<p>10:00 – 12:45</p> <p>Loft lounge Conference room</p> <p>Coffee-break 11:30-12:00</p>	<p>Workshop no.8: Confirmation of elections legality and validation of mandates of local elected officials</p> <p>Moderator: Tatiana BARBUROS, Member of the CEC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrei GASIUC, Head of Elections Management Department, CEC • Adrian GAMARTA-ESANU, Chair DEC Ialoveni • Vasile TURCANU, Chair DEC Ungheni • Ion MALANCIUC, Judge, Supreme Court of Justice • Mihaela DUCA-ANGHELICI, Head of Analysis and Research Team, Promo-LEX Association <p>Discussions</p>
<p>12:45 – 14:30</p> <p>Begonia Conference room</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION:</p> <p>Conclusions, proposals, recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEC Representatives • Electoral Experts <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angelica CARAMAN, Chairwoman, Central Electoral Commission • Franck DAESCHLER, Co-ordinator, Elections Programme, Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division, Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe
14:30–16:00	Lunch

Note: Simultaneous Romanian-English interpretation will be ensured in Convention Center and Begonia Hall