

## NEEDS Civil Society Forum for Europe

### “The Use of IT in the Electoral Process and the Implications for Observation Methodology”

Hotel TATRA, Námestie 1, Mája 5, Bratislava, Slovakia  
12-14 December 2006

Tuesday 12 December

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09.00 – 10.30

#### Introductions and Welcomes

- *Welcome by organisers: NEEDS, EC, Memo98, ENEMO, OSCE/ODIHR*
- *Run-through of programme and arrangements*
- *Each participant to give an overview of the work of their organisation in general and relating to the Forum theme in particular*

10.30 – 11.00

#### Break

11.00 – 12.30

#### IT and Election Administration: The Uses of IT in Supplementing the Work of Election Administration Bodies - Jenő Szep, ACEEEO

- *Overview of the work of election commissions*
- *Ways in which IT is being used:*
  - *Voter registration*
  - *Polling station mapping*
  - *Voting – various types of “e-voting”*
  - *Transmission of polling station results*
  - *Tabulation*
  - *Publication of results*
- *Electronic campaigning – how to regulate and supervise*
- *Criteria and Best Practices for incorporating increased use of IT*

12.30 – 14.00

#### Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

#### Election Standards & Best Practices and the Implications for IT Use in Elections – Dr. Michael Remmert, Project Manager, "Good Governance in the Information Society", Council of Europe

- *Overview of international and regional standards and best practices for elections*
- *Identification of potential areas of concern regarding increased use of IT*

15.30 – 16.00

#### Break

16.00 – 17.30

#### IT and Election Administration: The Uses of IT in Proving Alternative Voting Options, Robert Krimmer, Director, Competence Center for Electronic Voting & Participation

- *E-Voting – Practices in e-voting and principles/best practices to ensure integrity of the vote, secrecy and transparency*

## Wednesday 13 December

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- 09.00 – 10.00**      **The Current Use of IT for Electoral Purposes in the OSCE Region, Peter Novotny ENEMO.**
- NEEDS/ENEMO Case Study
- 10.00 – 10.30**      **Break**
- 10.30 – 12.00**      **Case Study - IT & Elections: Observing Voter Registration, Vladimir Pran, NDI**
- 12.00 – 13.30**      **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 15.00**      **Case Studies - IT & Elections: Observing Electronic Voting, Carter Centre**
- 15.00 – 15.30**      **Break**
- 15.30 – 17.00**      **Case Studies - IT & Elections: Observing the Electoral Process, Jonathan Stonestreet, Holly Ruthrauff, OSCE/ODIHR**

## Thursday 14 December

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- 09.00 – 10.30**      **Case Studies - IT & Elections: Examples of Observation Methodology**
- *ENEMO Members – CESID, RNIM*
- 10.30 – 11.00**      **Break**
- 11.00 – 13.00**      **Conclusions**
- **Identification of Tools / Practices / Procedures for EOMs**
  - **Major Challenges Facing EOMs in Observing Use of IT In Electoral Process**
  - *What are the key shortcomings within existing observation methodology to adequately observe use of IT in Electoral Process*
  - *What are the main challenges EOMs have faced so far*
  - *Identification of benchmarks for assessment*
  - *Identification of specific practices that have proven successful*
  - *Identification of key expertise required by EOMs*
  - *What types of follow-up can NGOs / INGOs / IGOs undertake to address the challenges*
- 13.00**              **Close of Seminar**
- 13.30**              **Lunch and Departure**