



**CONFERENCE
“2016 LOCAL ELECTIONS – LESSONS LEARNED”**

February 23-24, 2017

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

15:00 – 17:00	Welcome and arrival of participants
17:00 – 18:00	Registration
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner

Thursday, February 23, 2017

I. PLENARY SESSION

09:30 – 10:10	Opening of the Conference Welcome address: <i>Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić</i> , President of the BiH CEC <i>H.E. Ambassador Drahošlav Štefánek</i> , Head of Office, Council of Europe Speakers: <i>Mr. Šefik Džaferović</i> , Speaker of the House of Representative of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly <i>Mr Francois Friederich</i> , Head of Division of Electoral Assistance and Census, DG-Democracy, Council of Europe
10:10 – 10:45	Analysis of electoral process – 2016 Local Elections <i>Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić</i> , President of the BiH CEC
10:45 – 11:25	Municipal/City Election Commissions Report on activities related to Local Elections 2016 <i>Dr. Suad Arnautović</i> . Member of the BiH CEC
11:25 – 12:00	Presentation of the Report of the election observation mission of the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe, <i>Ms. Carla Dejonghe</i> , member of Congress - Belgium (Regional Chamber, ILDG/GILD)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch

II. WORKSHOPS

- 13:00 – 14:15
- Group 1:** Workshop I - The participation of political subjects in the election
Moderator: *Mr. Adis Arapović MSc*, project manager, Center for Civic Initiative
Speaker: *Mrs. Hasida Gušić*, head of the Audit Office, BiH CEC
- Group 2:** Workshop II – Legal framework and the protection of the electoral law
Moderator: *MSc. Robert Vidović*, Secretary of the Finance and Budget Commission, House of Peoples of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly
Speaker: *Mrs. Bojana Primorac*, junior legal adviser, BiH CEC
- Group 3.** Workshop III – Effectiveness and Transparency of the Election Administration
Moderator: *Prof. dr. Milan Tomić*, member of the Election Commission Brcko District BiH
Speakers: *Mr. Adolfo Cayuso*, Council of Europe’s expert and *Mrs. Marijana Žuljević*, Head of the Elections Department, BiH CEC
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- Coffee break
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17:00 – 18:00 Meeting of workshop moderators – drafting Conference’s conclusions

19:00 Dinner and entertainment

Friday, February 24, 2017

III. PLEARNY SESSION

09:30 – 11:00

Reports from and analysis of workshops

Workshop 1 – Rapporteur: Workshop moderator

Workshop 2 – Rapporteur: Workshop moderator

Workshop 3 – Rapporteur: Workshop moderator

Discussion

Adoption of Conference’s conclusions and closing remarks

Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić, President of the BiH CEC

An outlook on the future electoral assistance of the Council of Europe

Mr Francois Friederich, Head of Division of Electoral Assistance and Census

11:00 – 11:30 Special recognition ceremony

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 Departure