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## Press release

***on international events on New Technologies and Elections,***

***organised in Romania by the Venice Commission***

***in co-operation with the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania***

***Bucharest, 12-15 April 2016***

Romania will host on 12-15 April 2016 two important international events organised by the Venice Commission in co-operation with the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania (PEA). Both meetings will address the same theme: using new technologies in elections.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Electoral Expert Debates** devoted to *“Electoral Law and New Technologies: Legal Challenges”* will take place on **12-13 April 2016** in the **Amphitheatre of the Central University Library** of Bucharest.

The **13<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies** is dealing with *“New Technologies in Elections: Public Trust and Challenges for Electoral Management Bodies”*. This event will take place at the Romanian **Parliament House** in Bucharest on **14-15 April 2016**.

More than 130 guests, including more than 90 foreign experts and election officials, representatives of prestigious international institutions active in the electoral field, confirmed their participation in the 13<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies. Among other institutions, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe/the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE / ODIHR), the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO), Network of Francophone Electoral Competences (RECEF) will be represented.

The debates will focus on:

- Legal framework of new technologies in elections: implementing international principles;
- New technologies applied to the pre-electoral period;
- New technologies on E-Day and during counting phases.

The journalists will have the opportunity to ask questions to the Secretary of the Venice Commission, Mr Thomas Markert, and to the President of the Permanent Electoral Authority, Ms Ana Maria Pătru, during a **press conference on 14 April 2016 from 10:50-11:10**.

The **Scientific Conference**, the first in a series inaugurated by the Venice Commission in co-operation with PEA (the Scientific “Electoral Expert” Debates), aims to highlight the types of technologies that can be used in elections, the electoral processes’ stages where their use is beneficial and the risks the openness of electoral legislation to new technologies involves. National case studies will be more particularly discussed, on Austria, Germany, Brazil, Estonia and Romania.

The event will be attended by renowned experts from more than 15 countries and representatives of prestigious international organisations active in the electoral field, such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), the Network of Francophone Electoral Competences (RECEF), the Community of Democracies and the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS).

Please note that journalists can freely access to scientific debates.

The access to the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference on 14-15 April is based on accreditation. Please submit the list of journalists proposed to attend this event until 12 April 2016 at the following e-mail address: [comunicare@roaep.ro](mailto:comunicare@roaep.ro).