



AGENDA
OSCE ODIHR and VENICE COMMISSION
ROUNDTABLE ON
POLITICAL PARTIES IN ELECTIONS
AND
PROHIBITION AND DISSOLUTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

17-18 FEBRUARY, 2010
BRUSSELS

DAY ONE: 17 FEBRUARY: POLITICAL PARTIES IN ELECTIONS

- 9.30- 9.45:** Opening Remarks – *Robert Adams, Head of the Democratization Department ODIHR*
- 9.45 – 10.00:** Welcome Remarks – *Mr. Yeygenii Tanchev, President of the Constitutional Court of Bulgaria, Member of the Venice Commission for Democracy Through Law of the Council of Europe.*
- 10.00– 10.20:** Drafting of ODIHR Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties, *Marta Achler, Chief of Legislative Support Unit OSCE ODIHR and Jessie Pilgrim Electoral/Political Parties Expert, Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties*
- 10.20 – 10.40:** Keynote Speech – *Professor Richard Katz Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties.*
- 10.40 - 11.00:** Introduction of Experts (*Tour de table*)
- 11.00- 11.20:** Coffee Break
- 11.20 - 13.00: Session I: Political Parties and Third Parties in Election Campaigns**
- Moderation: Jessie Pilgrim, Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties*

*Speakers: Mr Tony Stafford, Head of Policy and Guidance for the Party and Election Finance Directorate at the Commission, United Kingdom
Mr Alexander Kynev - Higher School of Economics, Moscow State University*

13.00 - 14.15: Lunch

14.15 – 16.00: Session II: Ballot Access

Moderation: Jessie Pilgrim, Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties

*Speakers: Professor Richard Katz, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties.
ODIHR Elections Department
Nicolas Kaczorowski – Head of Elections Department OSCE ODIHR*

16.00 – 16.30: Summary and Conclusions of Day One:

Moderation: Denis Petit Deputy Head of the Democratization Department, ODIHR

<p>DAY TWO: 18 FEBRUARY- DISSOLUTION, PROHIBITION AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL PARTIES</p>
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9.30 - 11.00: Session III: Dissolution and Prohibition of Political Parties

Moderation: Daniel Smilov - Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties

*Speakers: Mr. Closa-Montero – Expert/former Member of the Venice Commission for Democracy Through Law – European Case-Law on Dissolution and Prohibition of Political Parties and the Venice Commission Guidelines on Dissolution, Prohibition and Analogous Measures
Janis Ikstens Member of OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties: Presentation of European Practices on Holding Political Parties Unconstitutional.*

11.00 - 11.20: Coffee Break

11.20 - 13.00: Session IV: Other forms of restrictions of political parties – sanctions, membership restrictions, territorial restrictions.

Moderation: Janis Ikstens - OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties

Speakers: Marcin Walecki – Chief of Democratic Governance Unit OSCE ODIHR and OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties

Professor Grigorii Golosov - OSCE ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Drafting Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties

Dr. Igor Munteanu - Executive Director, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) 'Viitorul', Moldova

13.00 -14.15: Lunch

14.15 - 15.30: Summary and Conclusions – Recommendations for the ODIHR Guidelines on Legislation Pertaining to Political Parties

Moderation: Marta Achler, Chief of Legislative Support Unit of the OSCE ODIHR.