



i-Voting a European solution for citizens living abroad?

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Millions of Eastern Europeans live and work abroad. Because of geographical reasons and few polling stations in the country of residence, their right to influence the democratic development of their home country through voting is denied. The project examines if internet voting could be a solution. We will debate the i-Voting system and its functionality to the public and stakeholders from East and Central Europe, using the key findings from research in Estonia, Moldova and Romania.

EVENT SCHEDULE

27 November 2020

10:30 – 13:30 EET (UTC+2) [Tallinn](#) | [Bucharest](#) | [Chisinau](#)

- 10:30-10:45** **Opening speeches** and presentation of the event objectives
Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum
Raimar Wagner, FNF Project Director for Romania and Republic of Moldova
- 10:45-11:15** **Policy Paper presentation:** voting systems in the world, various models; comparisons across countries and current state of affairs regarding i-voting.

Victor Guzun, Expert on e-transformation and public administration reform at LID Moldova, Visiting Lecturer at Tallinn University of Technology, Former Ambassador of Republic of Moldova to Estonia.
- 11:15-11:50** **Estonian electoral model – a European solutions for Democracy**
Keynote speaker:
Taavi Rõivas, Former Prime-Minister of Estonia
+ short Q&A
- 11:50-12:00** Break
- 12:00-12:15** **European perspective - a New Normal of doing elections**
Keynote speaker:
Svenja Hahn MEP, Renew Europe Group, Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age. Free Democratic Party - Germany
+ short Q&A



12:15-13:15 **Panel discussion: Internet Voting in the Digital Era**

Speakers:

Kevin Tammearu, Head of Business Development at Cybernetica - Estonia.

Ana-Maria Stancu, President at E-CIVIS Association - Romania.

Alexandru Balmos, Head of IT Department at CEC - Republic of Moldova.

Moderator:

Victor Guzun, Expert on e-transformation at LID Moldova,

Visiting Lecturer at Tallinn University of Technology,

Former Ambassador of Republic of Moldova to Estonia.

+ short Q&A

13:15-13:30 **Conclusions and closing remarks**

Working language will be English.

RATIONALE OF THE PROJECT

Hundreds of thousands of citizens could have exercised their democratic right to vote abroad if in their home countries modern solutions were implemented by responsible governments. All countries face similar problems when speaking about elections and electoral rights of their citizens. They have large communities living abroad with a limited possibility to exercise their electoral rights. The number of polling stations opened abroad by Election Committees is critically insufficient. The costs are very high due to large distances to reach the polling stations, the queues are very long and consequently, citizens cannot exercise their basic right to elect their representatives. Recent elections for the EU Parliament in Romania, parliamentary elections and presidential elections in Moldova fully proved this. A rapid, working and elegant solution to this problem is the adoption of i-Voting system, similar to Estonian model. This mechanism is making the voting exercise much easier, transparent, accountable and widespread.

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