

„Kiev Dialogue“
The 7th International Forum

Elections – Parties - Political Movements

Thursday, June 2, 2011, 5.00 p.m. – Friday, June 3, 2011, 17.30 p.m.

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Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
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17.00

Welcome Address

Anka **Feldhusen**, Chargée d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Myroslav **Popovych**, Patron of Kiev Dialogue
Stefanie **Schiffer**, European Exchange, Berlin

17.30 – 18.00

Keynotes:

Elections and Parties in Ukraine: Situation Analysis

Yuriy **Yakimenko**, Razumkov-Center, Kiev

Challenges to the Reform of Ukrainian Electoral Legislation

Zhanna **Usenko-Chorna**, Deputy Chairman of the Central Election Commission

18.00 – 19.30 PANEL I

Standards for Electoral Legislation, Shortcomings and Ways for their Removal, Legislation Improvement

Does Ukraine need a consistent electoral code for national, regional and presidential elections?

What electoral system is more appropriate: the majority voting system or the party-list system?

“It doesn't matter who votes, what matters is who counts the votes”: are the election 2012 expected to be fair?

Are proposals of the Venice Commission and civil society taken into consideration in the new electoral code?

- Zhanna **Usenko-Chorna**, Deputy Chairman of the Central Election Commission, Kiev
- Inna **Yemelyanova**, Deputy Justice Minister
- Kristina **Wilfore**, NDI resident director Ukraine, Kiev
- Juriy **Klyuchkovsky**, MP, Nasha Ukraina, Kiev
- Denis **Kovryzhenko**, Laboratory of Legislative Initiatives, Kiev

Moderation: Heike **Dörrenbächer**, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Liberty, Kiev

Followed by a small „get together“

Friday, 3 June 2011

**Hotel Rus
Hospitalna Street 4
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9.00 – 11.00 PANEL II

Tasks of Party Building and Functions of Political Parties in Ukraine

The situation with Ukrainian parties can often be described with only few words: “No money, no program, no members”.

How to move from such an obscure situation to consistent party development?

What steps and competences are necessary for parties to fulfill their role in a democratic society?

How did the development of the party system in Ukraine take place?

What are the main problems of Ukrainian parties? What possibilities for development exist?

What norms and standards of party legislation and state regulation are necessary?

Which role must parties play in democratic elections?

What may be the contribution of European Parliament for the development of the party system in Ukraine?

- Julia **Tyshchenko**, Ukrainian Institute for Political Researches
- Yuriy **Miroshnychenko**, MP, Party of Regions
- Melanie **Sully**, Institute for Parliamentarism and Democracy, Vienna
- Boguslaw **Liberadzki**, Member of EP, S&D

Moderation: Ursula **Koch-Laugwitz**, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Kiev

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 Two parallel Expert Discussions

A) Media in Election Campaign – “The Taming of the Shrew”?

In Ukraine, where political parties more often represent the interests of politicians or oligarchs rather than the whole society or some strata, the media plays a special role in the public scrutiny of policy-making.

Is the Ukrainian journalism capable of performing this comprehensive and responsible job?

What are the influences affecting media during Election Campaigns?

Who controls the media then?

What international experience and successes from neighboring states are worth considering?

- Thomas **Urban**, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Warsaw
- Valeriy **Ivanov**, Academy of the Ukrainian Press, Kiev
- Serhiy **Rakhmanin**, "Dzerkalo Tyzhnya", Kiev
- Viktoria **Syumar**, Institute for Mass Media, Kiev

Moderation: Kiril **Savin**, Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Kiev

B) Domestic Election Observing in Ukraine: the Civil Society Watchdog Asleep?

The disclosure of massive manipulations at the Presidential election of 2004/2005 by domestic election observers played a central role in the "Orange Revolution" and brought thousands of people to protest on the streets. Is the time for monitoring domestic elections in Ukraine over today?

What institutions exist and what institutions should be developed?

What international cooperation and experience is relevant?

How can the international attention to the work of domestic election observers be strengthened?

- Lilia **Shibanova**, „GOLOS“, Moscow
- Serhij **Tkachenko**, Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Donetsk
- Olha **Ayvazovska**, Opora, Kiev
- Tigran **Karapetyan**, OSCE, Kiev

Moderation: Stefanie **Schiffer**, European Exchange, Berlin

13.15- 14.15 Lunchbuffet

14.15 – 15.45 PANEL III

Financing of Parties

How can parties organize long-term transparent financing themselves?

How to build party financing without oligarchs?

The role of public finance – financing by the State

Control and transparency – accountability of the parties

Membership fees – building from the bottom

- Erna Viktoria **Xalter**, President of the Administrative Court, Berlin
- Denis **Kovryzhenko**, Laboratory of Legislative Initiatives, Kiev
- Marcin **Walecki**, ODIHR/OSCE, Warsaw

Moderation: Slavko **Pavlyuk**, PAUCI Foundation, Kiev

15.45 - 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 FINAL PANEL

Perspectives for Democratic Political Parties and Political Movements in Ukraine

How to register membership-based parties in Ukraine?

How political movements can be transformed into political parties?

What instruments and procedures are necessary for functioning of parties?

How to ensure representation of different interests?

What is the role of free elections?

Keynote:

Ernst **Hillebrand**, Head of Department Middle and Eastern Europe in FES, Berlin

Moderation: Andriy **Kulikov**

17.30 Adjournment of the event

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