
CONFERENCE

E-Voting: Lessons learnt and future challenges

October 27 – 28, 2006

AGENDA

Friday 27th of October

9. 30	Registration
10.00	Welcome speeches
10.15 – 12.00	I session: Estonian e-Voting project – analysis and international comparison
<i>Moderator Heiki Sibul, Head of Estonian National Electoral Committee</i>	<p>Study of e-voting in the 2005 local elections in Estonia (presentation of the report for the Council of Europe) – Alexander H. Trechsel, <i>e-Democracy Centre</i></p> <p>Experiences from the first country-wide Internet voting - Ivar Tallo, <i>e-Governance Academy</i></p> <p>Comparative aspects – combining Estonia, Geneva and Zurich - Fernando Mendez, <i>e-Democracy Centre</i> and Uwe Serdült, <i>University of Zurich</i></p>
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
12.15 – 13.30	II Session: Constitutional and legitimacy issues of e-voting
<i>Moderator Urmas Reinsalu, Chairman of the Constitutional Committee of the Riigikogu</i>	<p>A Constitutional Framework for Internet Voting Projects - <i>Jordi Barrat Esteve</i>, Electronic Voting Observatory, University of León</p> <p>Council of Europe recommendations on the standards of the e-voting - Michael Remmert, Head of Good Governance in the Information Society Unit of CoE</p> <p>Political and legal aspects of Estonian e-voting project - Ülle Madise, Tallinn University of Technology</p>
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 – 15.30	III Session: Transparency in electronic elections
<i>Moderator Peeter Marvet, journalist, ICT expert</i>	<p>Election observation and new technologies - Jonathan Stonestreet, <i>ODIHR/OSCE Warsaw</i></p> <p>Building public trust in e-voting– Epp Maaten, Secretariat of the Estonian National Electoral Committee</p>
15.30 – 17.00	IV Session: Going beyond e-voting (Internet campaigning and other features)
<i>Moderator Liia Hänni, e-Governance Academy</i>	<p>Use of ICT in political campaigns – Thad Hall, University of Utah</p> <p>Panel discussion by representatives of political parties – How to use e-campaigning and e-voting for better voter turnout</p>
17.00	Closing remarks

Saturday, 28th of October

10.00 – 13.00	Focused roundtable on the results of the conference among experts and rapporteur *
	Among other, the following will be deliberated: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The aim and methodology of observing e-voting;- How to guarantee fairness of e-voting;- Should e-voting be considered a public service of information society;- Design of user-friendly interface for e-voting platform;- Research questions for coming parliamentary elections in Estonia 2007. *Rapporteur: Fabian Breuer, EUI

* The conference is organized by e-Governance Academy Foundation in cooperation with Estonian Electoral Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, and the Council of Europe

** During the conference, a demonstration of the Estonian e-voting procedure will be available