



“European standards and good practices for conducting a democratic and fair electoral process - Is Bulgaria falling behind?”

20-th October 2012

Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Hall “Serdika”

9.30 - Registration and Welcome Coffee

10.00 - Opening remarks

Sergei STANISHEV - PES President and Chairman of the Bulgarian Socialist Party

Filiz HYUSMENOVA - MEP, Deputy Chairwoman of the Movement for Rights and Freedoms, Head of the Delegation of MRF in the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe, Member of the Bureau of ALDE

10.30 - The Electoral process in Bulgaria - legal framework versus on the ground realities Recap of the situation from 2011

Borislav Tsekov - Institute of Modern Politics

Iva Lazarova - Institute for Public Environment Development

Maia Manolova - MP, Secretary of the parliamentary group of the Coalition for Bulgaria

Lutvi Mestan - MP, Deputy Chairman of MRF, Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of MRF

Tanya Tzaneva - Civil Initiative for Free and Democratic Elections

Daniela Bojinova - Democracy International





11.15 - The European legal framework, standards and practises for ensuring the democracy of the electoral process

Boriss Cilevics - PACE

Pierre Barge - European Association for the Defence of Human Rights(AEDH)

Tamas Boros - Policy Solutions(Institute for Political research and consultancy)

11.45 - Discussion

Hristo Biserov - MP, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Deputy Chairman MRF

Mihail Mikov - MP, Vice Chairman of the Coalition for Bulgaria

Members of the European Parliament from the Group of the Socialists and Democrats and the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe

Armen Babikian

Students from Sofia University and the University of National and World Economy

Zonko Krastev

Elena Andreeva

Malamir Malamov

13.00 - Conclusions

Ivailo Kalfin - Head of the Bulgarian S&D Delegation

13.15 - Cocktail

