

SCHEDULE OF SIDE EVENTS

To take place during the
**SUPPLEMENTARY HUMAN DIMENSION MEETING ON:
“Democratic Elections and Election Observation”**

12 – 13 July 2012

The Helsinki Document of 1992 (Chapter IV) called for increasing the openness of OSCE activities and expanding the role of NGOs. In particular, in paragraph (15) of Chapter IV the participating States decided to facilitate during OSCE meetings informal discussion meetings between representatives of participating States and of NGOs, and to provide encouragement to NGOs organizing seminars on OSCE-related issues. In line with this decision, NGOs, governments, and other participants are encouraged to organize side meetings on relevant issues of their choice.

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<p><i>Title: International observation at recent Federal Elections in Russian Federation Convenor: Russian Public Institute of Electoral Law Time: 12.00 – 14.00 Venue: Segmentgalerie I Language: Russian, English</i></p>	<p><i>Title: Presentation of OSCE/ODIHR Handbooks on Media Monitoring and Observation of Voter Registration Convenor: OSCE/ODIHR Elections Department Time: 12.00 – 13.30 Venue: Bibliotheksaal Language: English, Russian</i></p>

OVERVIEW OF SIDE EVENTS

As submitted by the organizers
Hofburg, Vienna

Thursday, 12 July

Time: 13.00 – 15.00
Venue: Segmentgalerie I
Title: Ukraine 2012 Parliamentary Elections: Progress towards European Standards?
Convenor: IFES
Language: Ukrainian, English

Summary: The 2012 parliamentary elections in Ukraine will be an important test of Ukraine's commitment to European electoral standards. During this session, a panel of Ukrainian experts, including representatives of the Ukrainian Central Election Commission and Ukrainian civil society organizations, will discuss:

- Problematic Issues in election implementation identified in previous election cycles and the outlook for the 2012 elections
- Ukrainian election legislation in relation to international standards and the recent recommendations of IFES and the Venice Commission/OSCE/ODIHR
- The role of civil society in ensuring elections are carried out according to law and European standards

The panel discussion will be followed by a Question and Answer session.

Refreshments will be provided

Time: 13.00 – 14.30
Venue: Bibliotheksaal
Title: Presentation of the OSCE/ODIHR E-learning Course for Short-Term Observers
Convenor: OSCE/ODIHR Elections Department
Language: English, Russian

Summary: During this side event, OSCE/ODIHR will present its internet-based comprehensive e-learning course for short-term observers (STOs). The course intends to further develop the quality of possible OSCE/ODIHR STOs and increase awareness among the general public about the OSCE/ODIHR election observation methodology. The course will be launched in both English and Russian languages and will be free of charge and open for enrollment. Participants will be invited to test the course during the event.

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Friday, 13 July

Time: 12.00 – 14.00
Venue: Segmentgalerie I
Title: International observation at recent Federal Elections in Russian Federation
Convenor: Russian Public Institute of Electoral Law
Language: Russian, English

Summary: The round table. Representative of Russian Public Institute of Electoral Law will report to practice of organization of international observation at recent Federal Elections in Russian Federation.

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Time: 12.00 – 13.30
Venue: Bibliotheksaal
Title: Presentation of OSCE/ODIHR Handbooks on Media Monitoring and Observation of Voter Registration
Convenor: OSCE ODIHR Elections Department
Language: English, Russian

Summary: Ministerial Council Decision 19/06, adopted in Brussels in 2006, tasked the OSCE/ODIHR to "further strengthen the observation methodology." At this side event, OSCE/ODIHR will present two new handbooks which it has developed in line with this mandate: the "OSCE/ODIHR Handbook for the Observation of Voter Registration" and the "OSCE/ODIHR Handbook on Media Monitoring for Election Observation". Both are designed to provide guidance to ODIHR election observation activities on how to approach voter registration and media monitoring as parts of overall observation of an election.

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