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Local elections in Chechnya: Training seminar on good electoral practices

Strasbourg, 23.10.2008 – In the perspective of local elections scheduled in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation) in 2009, a training seminar on good practices in electoral matters will be held in Moscow on 28 October.

This seminar is organised jointly by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and by the Venice Commission (European Commission for Democracy through Law) in the framework of the 2008 Programme of specific co-operation activities in post-conflict situations (Chechen Republic). It is intended for election candidates and civil servants involved in the elections.

Véronique Moreira, Congress member and Regional Councillor of Rhône Alpes (France) and electoral expert Owen Masters will present good practices in the organisation and observation of credible and genuine elections, as well as in the conduct of the electoral campaign.

The seminar will be held in the Hotel Budapest, 2/18, Petrovskie Linii, Moscow, 127051.

Elections locales en Tchétchénie : séminaire de formation aux bonnes pratiques électorales

Strasbourg, 23.10.2008 – Dans la perspective des élections locales prévues en République Tchétchène (Fédération de Russie) en 2009, un séminaire de formation aux bonnes pratiques électorales sera organisé le 28 octobre à Moscou.

Il s'agit d'une initiative conjointe du Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe et de la Commission de Venise (Commission européenne pour la démocratie par le droit) dans le cadre du programme 2008 des activités de coopération spécifiques dans les situations post-conflit (en République Tchétchène). Ce séminaire s'adresse aux candidats et aux fonctionnaires publics impliqués dans les élections.

Véronique Moreira, membre du Congrès et conseillère de la région Rhône-Alpes (France), et Owen Masters, expert électoral, présenteront les bonnes pratiques qui garantissent des élections crédibles et sérieuses et concernent l'organisation et l'observation des élections ainsi que la conduite d'une campagne électorale.

Le séminaire se tiendra à l'hôtel Budapest, 2/18, Petrovskie Linii, Moscou, 127051.

The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

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