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"Every voter counts" - European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies

Dates: 22 and 23 June 2010

Location: Dexter House, No.2 Royal Mint Court, Tower Hill, London

Organised by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Electoral Commission of the United Kingdom.

Description: The 7th European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies is an annual event uniting national institutions in charge of organising elections and referendums in their respective states.

This year's conference is organised in cooperation with the Electoral Commission of the United Kingdom and brings together more than 50 participants from 22 member states of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, including heads of electoral administrations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lithuania, Russia and the UK. Representatives of other international institutions are also invited.

The low voter turnout is a common problem in all European states, whether in recent or older democracies; thus, voters should occupy a central place in the electoral process. The conference will discuss several topics under the main theme, in the form of workshops, notably:

- new technologies for voting;
- alternative voting methods;
- voter registration;
- public confidence in elections.

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