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## International conference on the review of the electoral processes

**Dates:** 24-25 April 2009

**Location:** the Centre for Constitutional and Political Studies, Plaza de la Marina Española 9, Madrid (Spain)

**Organised by** the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, under the Spanish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Centre for Constitutional and Political Studies.

**Description:** The conference is opened by José Luis De Francisco, State Secretary for Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs of Spain, Angel Lossada Torres-Quevedo, Spanish Secretary of State for Foreign affairs and Jan Helgesen, President of the Venice Commission.

The following topics will be discussed :

- Comparative analyses of the electoral control bodies, in particular, judicial bodies;
- The role of the supranational judicial instances in guaranteeing of the quality of the electoral process: the European Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights;
- Specialised economic control: supervision of the electoral campaigns;
- Electoral disputes

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### Practical information:

The official opening (Friday 24 April from 10 am to 10.30 am) and the concluding session (Saturday 25 April at 12 noon) are open to the press. Jan Helgesen, President of the Venice Commission, is available to meet journalists.

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