

CONGRESS OBSERVATION MISSION
Local elections in Albania (21 June 2015)

Draft PROGRAMME - Pre-Election Mission (27 – 29 May 2015)

Congress' Delegation

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Wednesday, 27 May 2015

Various times **Arrival of the Congress Delegation in Tirana**

21:00 – 21:30 **Welcome meeting with the Congress' Secretariat (Tirana International Hotel)**

Thursday, 28 May 2015

Tirana (Venue: Tirana International Hotel)

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| 07:30 – 08:00 | Background briefing with the Congress' Secretariat and the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana, Mr Marco LEIDEKKER
Tirana International Hotel |
| 8:15 – 09:00 | Meeting with ODIHR Election Observation Mission in Albania
Venue: ODIHR offices |
| 09:30 – 10:30 | Meeting with the Chair of the Central Electoral Commission of Albania (CEC), Mr Lefterije LUZI
Venue: CoE office |
| 10:45 – 11:15 | Meeting with the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Odeta BARBULLUSHI
Venue: Ministry, TBC |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Briefing with NGOs
Venue: Tirana International Hotel |

Mrs Gerta Meta, Premto Gogo and Rajmonda Prifti, Coalition of Domestic Observers (CDO);
Mrs Mirela Arqimandriti, Coalition for Free and Fair Elections (CFFE);
Mr Kristaq Kume, Albanian Institute for Election System Development (AIESD);
Mr Andi Muratej, Albanian Helsinki Committee (AHC);
Mrs Ana Kovacevic and Dorata Hyseni, NDI.

16:00 – 17:00 Briefing with media representatives
Venue: Tirana International Hotel

Mr Bledar Zaganjori, News Director of Top Channel TV;
Mr Fatos Hakorja, Editor-in-Chief of Klan TV;
Mr Aleksandër Çipa, Union of Journalists;
Mr Robert Rakiplari, Panorama newspaper

17:15 – 18:00 Briefing with Ambassadors
Venue: Tirana International Hotel

18:05 – 19:00 Meeting with the Minister of State for Local Government, **Mr Bledi CUCI**
Venue: Ministry

Debriefing and Dinner

Friday, 29 May 2015

Various times **Departure of the Congress Delegation**