

DATA ON THE ELECTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES OF 21 OF JUNE 2015

The CEC's aim is not only the fulfilment of its duty as indicated by the law but also wants to increase the trust of citizens and other actors or factors involved in the integrity of the process

1-Taking in consideration the above mentioned, CEC has participated in the meeting organized every month by the EWG. Actually, in this phase of the process such meeting is held every two weeks, where CEC reports on its activity and working patterns.

2-CEC has approved a set of regulations within the time limits indicated by the Orientative Action Plan, a key document and legal base for its activity. Acts of a regulatory character are approved unanimously by the members of CEC.

3-The number of the members of the CEAZ is 720. Each of the CEAZ-es is composed of 8 members, one of which acts as CEAZ secretary without the right to vote.

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- ✚ Till the moment of the release of this report, there has been relive from their duties or replacment of commisioners, proposed by the political parties, despite teh continuous appeals of the Chairwomen of CEC, to stop this practice which harms the activity of the CEAZ-es

4-The overall number of the commissions members of voting centers (VCC) is 37086. Every voting center is composed of 7 members, one of which acts as the secretary of VC with the right to vote.

5- The overall number of the members of Vote Counting Groups (VCG) is 3520. Each of the counting groups is composed of four members.

- ✚ Vote Counting Groups shall be constituted in the 90 CEAZ-es, with 880 (440 counting tables).

6-The overall number of members of second and third tier electoral commissions (CEAZ, VCC and Vote Counting Groups) is 41.326

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- 1-Socialist Party april, 16 replacements; may 43 replacements
 - 2-Democratic Party april, 15 replacements; may 29 replacements
 - 3-Socialist Movement for Integration ; may 43 replacements
 - 4- Republican Party april 6 replacements; may 13 replacements
- In total 129 replacements.

7- Changes in the Electoral Code of March 2015 has affected the local elections of 2015 as follows:

- 1) In the multi member list, the electoral subject has registered 36 251 candidates running for Municipality Councils, 17 887 or 49,34% are women and 18 364 or 50,66% are male.

- 2) Running for Mayor, 16 candidates or 9.94% are women and 145 candidates or 90.06 % are male.

The data indicates clearly the future challenges in order that gender equality may be secured for all local government bodies elected.

8-There are 63 political parties and 2 coalitions registered. Nine out of these, run alone and independent of electoral coalitions.

9-The total number of candidates running for mayors in the 61 municipalities is 160. 120 proposed by the 2electoral coalitions, 25 by political parties out of the coalitions and 15 are supported by the respective voters of the electoral districts. The number of candidates running for municipality councils supported by the voters is 12.

10- Data analysis indicates that there are **3.369.393** are voter nation vide. In conformity with the indications of the Electoral Code for the election of local government bodies of 21.06.2015, the total amount of ballot papers to be printed shall be **3.436.781** , comprising a 2% plus calculated on the total number of voters.

11- Citizens over 100 years old which has their birthday even in the day of the election are 978. 310 have presented requests to be registered in the voting lists, according to the indication of the Electoral Code.

12-The number of voting centers is 5298, 432 out of which are private locations, approved by the CEC. Ad hoc Voting Centers are 20.

13-The Municipality of Tirana has not only the biggest number of voters, but also that of Voting Centers (888) or that of EAZ-s 13.

14-The Municipality of Pustec has the smallest number of voters, 4280 and that of Voting Centers, 8. d

15-CEC has coopted as part of the electoral administration persons part of the PWD, as specialist in the 12 prefectures of the country, considering the contribution of each of them as a huge help in assisting voters with disabilities and other similar problems.

16-CEC has hired in its administration one person with disabilities and one roma in this elections.

17-Moreover PWD shall be present in the info points for elections to be established in 12 cities, prefecture centers.

18-In preparing the electoral frame work , CEC has planned to provide PWD with assisting materials that shall be send in 2800 VC (where this they reside), in order that especially people affected by visual limitations may vote using brail.

19- For the raising awareness and information of all PDW voters, all promotional tv spots, either educative, informative or of raising awareness nature, shall be provided in the language of signs.

20-The amelioration of the actual system shall give to CEC and other electoral subjects the possibility of personalized access in the security monitoring system of the location where the ballot boxes together Electoral Materials with shall be stored

21-In the CEC more the 22 pleas against the decisions of CEC on the registration of the candidate for mayors has been deposited. All of them has been taken in consideration with the respective decision taken within the time limits indicated by the law.

Fourteen appeal requests presented to the Electoral College by the electoral subjects, against the decisions taken by the CEC. Four of them have been vacated, five admitted and five dismissed. .

22-There has been 51 long term accredited international observers. There has been 17 long term domestic as well as 10 international observers from Odhir. From the Coalition of Local Observers has been accredited 17 domestic observes as well as 6 long term observers from National Democratic Institution (NDI), a process that has just begun.

23-In the preelectoral period, CEC, having confidence in the total collaboration and sincronization of its activity with that of the other actors that will contribute in the electoral process, has signed cooperation agreements with other insititutions like:

- ✚ The Council of Ministers
- ✚ The Electric Energy Distribution Operator
- ✚ The Authority of Audiovisive Medias for the monitoring of the electoral campaign.

- ✚ The General Prosecutor's office ,in the elimination process of all negative practices and the identification of penal issues affecting the democratic process of free and fair elections.