



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
CENTRAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

INSTRUCTION

No.1, Dated 31.05.2017

(amended by a CEC decision no.153, dated 11.04.2019 of the CEC)

ON

**THE USE OF PROPAGANDA MATERIALS AND PLACES FOR POSTING THEM DURING
ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

INSTRUCTS:

Part I

GENERAL PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Article 1

The Central Election Commission, based on Article 21 (1), Article 3 (5), Article 77, paragraph 1, Article 78, paragraph 1, Article 79 and Article 88 of Law no. 10019, dated 29.12.2008 "Electoral Code of the Republic of Albania" art. 24/2, item 4 and 5 of no. 8580, dated 17.02.2000, "On Political Parties" as amended by law no. 90/2017 "On some additions and amendments to the law no. 8580, dated 17.02.2000, "On the political parties ", as amended",

Instructs

Article 1

Scope

This instruction aims to apply the restrictions in the use of propaganda materials and places permitted for posting them during the election campaign.

Article 2

Static propaganda materials

(* amended by the decision no.153, dated 11.04.2019 of the CEC)

Static propaganda materials are all materials that serve the electoral subject to promote the election campaign and that are installed or posted in public spaces or in environments accessible to the public, the public space, such as electricity pillars, facades of buildings, squares, units or objects along the streets outside the city etc. During the election campaign it is permitted the use and posting of static electoral propaganda materials, including flags and posters at a distance not more than 5 meters from the electoral office of the election subject. Use of static propaganda materials, for purposes other than the specifications made in the second sentence in this item, is prohibited.

2. The electoral subjects are permitted to establish not more than one election office in a city neighbourhood/ or village. The municipality shall publish the decision of the municipality council



on the division of city into quarters and their territorial coverage, no later than 60 days prior to elections.

3. The electoral subject shall notify in writing the mayor of the respective municipality, the correct addresses of the electoral offices no later than 35 days prior to elections. No later than 5 days after receiving this information, the municipality checks the location of the electoral offices to see if it complies with the provisions of this instruction on publication of propaganda materials.

4. The law enforcement bodies that are part of the municipality shall remove all the propaganda materials posted which are posted in violation of the criteria in this instruction.

5. All the expenses related to propaganda materials, incurred by the electoral subjects for purposes other than those stipulated in this instruction, will be considered to be made in violation of item 4 of article 24/2 of the law no. 90/2017.

Article 3

Movable propaganda materials

Movable propaganda materials are all those materials that serve to promote the election campaign of the electoral subject and are posted in mobile locations, which are displayed in electoral rallies of the electoral subject or which are distributed to the voters in the context of election campaign promotion and events. This instruction does not refer to the use of mobile propaganda materials by the electoral subject.

Article 4

Educational materials

1. The municipality mayors shall designate specific spaces for the publication of educational election materials by the CEC or by third parties that do not promote the campaign of a specific electoral subject, but that serve to educate voters on their rights on the rights, on the registration and voting procedures pursuant to the Electoral Code. In the spaces designated according to this article, the electoral subjects are allowed to publish only materials according to their election program.
2. The space for posting of awareness and educational materials shall be in a central location, highly accessible for the public and must have abundant space for all the education materials.

Article 5

The right to appeal

The electoral subjects have the right to complain against the decision to remove static propaganda materials according to item 4, article 2 of this Instruction.

1. The CEC takes a decision within 24 hours from the filing of the appeal

2. The CEC, after being informed on the violation of this instruction by the electoral subject, orders the Mayor to remove the materials posted in violation of the provisions of this instruction. The Mayor has the obligation to report, within 24 hours, if the CEC order is enforced.

Article 6

Sanctions

(* amended by decision no.153, dated 11.04.2019 of the CEC)



In the case of administrative violation, the CEC imposes administrative functions as provided for in the Electoral Code, amended, and the law no. 8580, dated 17.02.2000, "On political parties", amended.

**Article 7
Abrogations**

Instruction no.14, dated 24.04.2009 "On the criteria on selection of the places for posting propaganada materials" is annulled.

Article 8

This instruction comes immediately into effect.

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