



26th Annual Conference of the Association of European Election Officials took place in Bulgaria

926th Annual Conference of the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO) took place in Sofia, Bulgaria on 9–10 November. During the meeting, Electoral Management Bodies (EMB) discussed issues related to the electoral behavior of citizens in the digital age.

The meeting was attended by Director of the IIMDD IPA CIS Dmitry Gladey. At the roundtable on involving young people to participate in the elections, Mr. Gladey noted that, within the framework of its activities, the IIMDD IPA CIS and its branches are implementing measures aimed at raising awareness of young people about the electoral process, enhancing electoral culture and popularizing elections as a demonstration of civic stance.

Director of the IIMDD IPA CIS informed participants that staff members and experts of the Institute develop educational courses for high school and college students, host essay competitions, seminars and roundtables related to topical electoral issues.

Dmitry Gladey noted that the involvement of young people in the process of discussion and decision-making in government bodies plays an important process role in increasing the youth's interest in elections.. Since 2013, the Young CIS Parliamentarians Assembly unites CIS young parliamentarians as a platform for exchanging views on the most important issues of youth policy in the CIS countries.

The issues of supporting the public initiatives of civil society by state authority institutions were discussed in the Republic of Azerbaijan

The seminar on the issues of supporting the public initiatives of civil society by Azerbaijan state authority institutions took place in Sabirabad on 13 November. The event was organized by the IPA CIS IIMDD Baku Office.



The seminar brought together Head of the Sabirabad Region Executive Authority Nazim Ismayilov, MP of the Milli Mejlis of the Azerbaijan Republic Elchin Guliyev, Deputy Secretary General of the IPA CIS Council – Plenipotentiary Representative of the Milli Mejlis of the Azerbaijan Republic Aidyn Jafarov, Deputy Head of the IPA CIS Council Secretariat, Director of the IIMDD IPA CIS Dmitry Gladey, Director of the IIMDD IPA CIS Baku Office Elman Imamaliyev, representatives of state bodies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, media, experts and staff members of the IIMDD IPA CIS Baku Office.

At the opening of the seminar, Aidyn Jafarov read the welcoming speech of the Acting Secretary General of the IPA CIS Council Sergey Antufiev to the participants of the event.

Elman Imamaliyev presented to the participants of the seminar outcome materials with the results of the research work on supporting public initiatives of civil society by state authority institutions that had been carried out by the IIMDD IPA CIS Baku Office during 2017.

Roundtable on the role of libraries in the process of civic education was held in Chisinau

The roundtable on the role of libraries in the process of civic education took place in Chisinau on 5 December. The meeting was organized by the IPA CIS IIMDD Chisinau Office in partnership with the Association of Librarians of the Republic of Moldova.



The roundtable brought together representatives of the Parliament, the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova, the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, the Chisinau Municipal Library Director, as well as representatives of civil society and media.

The information bulletin on the 5th anniversary of the IPA CIS IIMDD Chisinau Office was presented to the participants of the event, which reflected the strategic directions of the work of the branch and contained materials of its past work. President of the Republic of Moldova Igor Dodon, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova Andrian Candu and Chairperson of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova Alina Russu sent congratulations on the anniversary and wishes for success in further work to the staff of the office.

The seminar on the role and importance of traditional values in society took place in Baku

The seminar *Role and Importance of Traditional Values in Society* was organized by IPA CIS IIMDD Baku Office on 8 December. The meeting brought together professors and students of the Baku Slavic University, representatives of academia, youth and media, as well as staff members of the office.

During the event, the results of the scientific research conducted by the office were presented, with special focus on national, religious and ideological values, as well as the role of multiculturalism in the life of Azerbaijani society.

