

**International conference
Protecting the integrity of elections
Experience of Latvia, USA, UK, Germany, Sweden and Ireland**

Time: December 14, 2018 (from 10:00 to 17:00)

Venue: Riga, Pullman Riga Old Town, 24 Jēkaba street

Work language:

- First part (in Latvian with translation to English)
- Second part (in English with translation to Latvian)

Video: Conference will be livestreamed and recorded

Agenda

I part

10:00 *Introductory speeches*

10:15 – 10:45 **What determined Latvia's vote on October 6?** (*presenting the results of post-election opinion survey*)

Q&A

11:00 - 12:30 **Protecting the integrity of Latvia's elections: what worked, what didn't work and what needs to be done differently?**

Moderator – **Gunta Sloga**, BCME;

Kaspars Ozoliņš, Head of the Taskforce on Protecting the Integrity of Elections in Latvia, State Chancellery;

Jēkabs Straume, Head of Corruption Prevention and Combatting Bureau;

Inga Sprinģe, Re:Baltica – The Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism;

Jānis Sārts, Director at the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence;

Inese Lībiņa – Egnere, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Latvia.

II part

13:30-15:00 **Ensuring integrity of elections and referenda: success stories** (*sharing experiences from Latvia, Germany, Sweden, Ireland*)

Moderator – **Iveta Kažoka**, Centre for Public Policy Providus;

Petter Nyhlin, Civil Contingency Agency, Sweden;

Gunta Sloga, Baltic Centre for Media Excellence, Latvia;

Dr Martin Florack, political expert, University of Siegen, Germany.

Liz Carolan, founder of Transparent Referendum Initiative, Ireland.

15:15-16:45 **Challenges in ensuring the integrity of elections: is there room for transnational solutions?**

Moderator – **Inga Sprinģe**, Re:Baltica;

Dr Charles Kriel, Specialist Advisor to the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport select committee on fake news at the House of Commons, UK;

Ryan Broderick, BuzzFeed, USA;

Harry Nedelcu, advisor to Transatlantic Commission on Election Integrity.

