

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this meeting of the electronic voting as the theme. I'll be brief, because Lithuania has not yet been implemented electronic voting, although several years of discussions are taking place in Lithuania between IT experts and politicians and to carry out certain preparatory work. Lithuania started in 2006 with the approving concept on voting via internet on the elections and referendum based on Recommendations of European Council. As regards developments, in particular, the drafts of the amendments to the election laws have been drawn up relating validate the voting over the Internet. In Lithuania running 4 laws governing elections and one of the referendum. One of the election is the municipal (once in 4 years) and others are national –President (once in 5 years, Parliament (once in 4 years )and the European Parliament (once in 5 years). Therefore (so ) election in Lithuania takes place on average less than once per year. The draft of the laws mentioned above were approved in Government of the Lithuania and since 2008 there has been three time readings in the Parliament, the last reading was held in the end of 2011. Unfortunately all three times, the Parliament do not adopt amendments to the laws relating validate voting via internet in the elections and has postponed the decision for the next term of the Parliament which elections will take place in October this year. The main reasons rejection of the laws was the distrust of the information technology, security in the internet, possibility discredit elections and to make damage to political situation. Other reasons – more political.

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