

Informal subgroup / joint expert team on the preparation of a compendium of e-voting practices

Meeting of 8 April 2022 - Minutes

Online meeting: TEAMS

1. Opening and administrative points

The draft agenda was adopted without comments.

2. Nature of the meeting

The meeting of the expert group was non-public.

3. List of points discussed

3.1. Opening

The Commission (COM) welcomed participants and briefly presented the agenda for the first meeting of the informal subgroup / joint expert team on the preparation of a compendium of e-voting practices. COM presented the context of the commitment to prepare a compendium of e-voting practices as envisaged in the European Democracy Action Plan.

3.2. Roundtable to introduce experts and experience with e-voting

Experts introduced their professional background and the situation in their respective Member States regarding e-voting. COM explained that an online collaborative space exists for members of the sub-group to exchange information.

3.3. Introduction to key elements and potential content of the compendium of e-voting practices

COM referred to key elements to be taken into account for the preparation of the compendium, including confidentiality, security and secrecy of the vote, data protection. It also referred to the 2017 Recommendation on standards for e-voting of the Council of Europe. COM explained that any discussions of the sub-group would be shared with the plenary of the European Cooperation Network on Elections. The plenary will have the opportunity to contribute to the draft compendium. COM suggested that Member States could contribute to the content of the compendium with a description of e-voting practices in their Member States.