**Questionnaire**

**Partial revision of the Ordinance on Political Rights and total revision of the Federal Chancellery Ordinance on Electronic Voting (Redesign of Trials)**

Consultation from 28 April 2021 to 18 August 2021

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1. **General feedback**
   1. Are you in favour of the main ideas and objectives of the redesign of trials for e-voting?

Yes  Yes with reservations  No

Remarks:

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* 1. Further general feedback on the redesign of trials and the draft for consultation:

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1. **Questions on main aspects of the redesigned trials**
   1. **Further development of the systems**

The security requirements for e-voting systems and their operation are set out in federal legislation. The bill submitted for consultation describes the quality criteria for the systems and the way in which they are to be developed, and specifies that in future the Confederation will only approve completely verifiable systems.

* + 1. Do you consider the draft legislation to be a suitable basis for implementing the objective of further developing the systems (in particular Art. 27*i* draft PoRO, Arts 5-8 draft OEV and the annex to the draft OEV)?

Yes  Yes with reservations  No

Remarks:

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* 1. **Effective control and oversight**

The objective is to conduct a meaningful examination of e-voting systems and their operation. Until now, the cantons were responsible for having the systems certified by accredited bodies. The Confederation shall in future commission independent experts to conduct most of the examinations. The examination results will form the basis for the Federal Chancellery's approval decision and for an ongoing e-voting improvement process.

* + 1. Do you consider that the new legal provisions will enable the objective of effective control and oversight to be achieved (in particular the adaptation of responsibilities for the examination of e-voting systems and their operation in Art. 27*l* draft PoRO, Art. 10 draft OEV and No 26 of the annex to the draft OEV; as well as Art. 27*i* draft PoRO and Art. 4 draft OEV)?

Yes  Yes with reservations  No

Remarks:

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* 1. **Increasing transparency and trust**

E-voting continues to be in a trial phase. There are thus cantonal and national limits on the numbers of persons permitted to vote using this voting channel. In addition, the Confederation and the cantons want to increase transparency and provide incentives for interested members of the public to participate. Information appropriate to the given target groups is therefore to be made publicly available, for example general, easily understandable information for voters on how e-voting functions as well as documentation for specialists. There will be financial incentives to encourage the involvement of specialists, for example an ongoing bug bounty programme.

* + 1. Do you think it is necessary to limit the number of voters using e-voting and, if so, what is your opinion on the limits chosen (Art. 27*f* draft PoRO)?

Yes  Yes with reservations  No

Remarks:

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* + 1. Do you consider the new draft legal provisions on the disclosure of information and the involvement of the public to be suitable for promoting transparency and trust (in particular Art. 27*m* draft PoRO; Arts 11-13 draft OEV)?

Yes  Yes with reservations  No

Remarks:

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* 1. **Closer cooperation with the academic community**

The academic community will play an important role in the further development of e-voting. Independent experts, especially from the academic community, will be increasingly involved in developing basic principles, monitoring and evaluating the trials and examining the systems.

* + 1. Do you consider the new draft legal provisions to be suitable for implementing the objective of closer cooperation with the academic community (in particular Art. 27*m* draft PoRO, Art. 27*o* draft PoRO, Arts 11-13 draft OEV)?

Yes  Yes with reservations  No

Remarks:

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| **Discussion on individual articles in bill** | | | | | |
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| **PoRO** | **Necessary?** | **Sufficient?** | **Practicable?** | **Suggested changes?** | **Remarks** |
| Art. 27*b* let. b |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27*b* let. c |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27e paras 1-2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27*f* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27*i* paras 1-2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27*l* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27*m* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 27*o* |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **OEV** | **Necessary?** | **Sufficient?** | **Practicable?** | **Suggested changes?** | **Remarks** |
| Arts 1-2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art. 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **OEV annex** | **Suggested changes** | | | **Remarks** | |
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