

INVITATION

WEBINAR: ROMANIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 2.0: WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE THE SECOND ROUND

The European Platform for Democratic Elections (EPDE) and Expert Forum (EFOR) are pleased to invite you to a briefing on Romania's second round of the 2025 presidential elections, set to take place on 18 May.

This event follows the first round held on 4 May, which saw 11 candidates competing. While the ruling coalition's candidate failed to advance, Nicușor Dan, the pro-European independent and mayor of Bucharest, will now face George Simion, nominated by the Alliance for the Union of Romanians.

These elections are of critical importance for Romania's future direction. A potential victory by George Simion, who has pledged to implement Călin Georgescu's legacy, raises serious concerns about derailing Romania's democratic trajectory and European course. The country finds itself in broader instability, with the prime minister resigning, increasing societal rifts, and deepening economic issues.

This session will present findings from the Vot Corect Coalition's observation of the first round, which revealed ongoing challenges to transparency in campaign finance and failure to rebuild trust after the annulled 2024 presidential election. Our experts will also examine key campaign dynamics and risks to election integrity ahead of the second round of the election.

Details:

- ▶ **Date:** May 15, 2024
- ▶ **Time:** 3:00 PM (CET)
- ▶ **Language:** English
- ▶ **Registration:** Please register for the event via the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ewzgLp9kQcGSIGHrJJazXQ

Speakers:

- ▶ Septimius Pârvu, Electoral program coordinator, Expert Forum (EFOR) / Vot Corect Coalition
- ▶ Maria Krause, Electoral expert, Vot Corect Coalition
- ▶ Vlad Stoicescu, Journalist, Judecata de Acum
- ▶ Adam Busuleanu, Senior Program Officer, European Platform for Democratic Elections (EPDE) (**moderator**)

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