AGENDA
The DemTech Conference and Hackathon 2023:
'Securing Democracy in the Digital Age'

October 27 -28, 2023
Artcor, Chisinau

DAY 1: Empowering Security: Technology and Democracy Nexus

10:00-10:30	Registration / Morning Coffee
10:30-11:15	**Opening remarks** **Welcoming the Future: Intersecting Technology and Democracy** - **Levan Tsutskiridze,** Executive Director of Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy; - Netherlands Embassy Representative - **Violeta Avram**, Hanns Seidel Foundation Representative - **Jonas Parello-Plesner**, Executive Director of Alliance of Democracies - Pre-recorded Intervention by **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**
11:15-12:00	**Keynote Speeches** **Introduction by Levan Tsutskiridze,** Executive Director of Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy **Nicu Popescu,** Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **(TBC)** **Ștefan Tibuleac,** Chief of Service of the Supreme Security Council
12:00 -12:45	**Adapting National Security for the Digital Age:** **A Democracy-Centric Approach** - **Ștefan Tibuleac,** Chief of Service of the Supreme Security Council - **Alexandru Musteață,** Service for Information and Security Representative - **Natalia ALBU,** Executive Director, Platform for Security and Defence Initiatives **Moderator: Jonas Parello-Plesner,** Executive Director of Alliance of Democracies
12:45-13:00	**Coffee break**
13:00-13:45	**Hackathon Launch** **NextGen: The Role of Youth in Advancing Freedom and Democracy through Tech** - **Raluca Gindea**, Alliance of Democracies, Democracy Tech Fellow - **Viorica Cerbusca**, Executive Director – Artcor and Founder Yep! Moldova **Moderator: Richard Walakira,** Alliance of Democracies
13:45-12:00	**Group photo**
12:00-15:00	**Lunch break**
15:00-16:00	**Panel discussion: StratCom Center establishment - ensuring democratic guarantees and oversight** - President office representative (still negotiating who will be present) - **Valeriu Pașa**, Watchdog.md (confirmed) - **Adrian Ermurachi,** IPRE (TBC) - **Mădălin Necșuțu**, investigative journalist **Moderator: Levan Tsutskiridze**, Executive Director of Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy;

16:00-16:15	**Coffee break**
16:15-16:45	**Closing remarks:** - **Levan Tsutskiridze,** Executive Director of Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy - Netherlands Embassy Representative - **Jonas Parello-Plesner,** Executive Director of Alliance of Democracies - **Piotr Kulpa,** Former Polish Minister, Political Scientist, and Governance Expert
16:45	**Reception**

DAY 2: Empowerment and Impact: Tech, Activism, and Resilience

10:00- 10:30	Registration / Morning Coffee
10:30-11:15	**DS Alumni Projects - crowdsourcing Democratic Resilience** - **Bădărău Elena** "Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women in Leadership for a Thriving Society" - **Rusnac Mihaela** "Decoding the Influence: Combatting Disinformation on EU through TikTok" - **Dumitru Ouş** "Flight to Fairness: Ensuring Passenger Rights for Seamless Travel Experiences" **Moderator:** Andrei Curararu, EECMD
11:15-11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30-12:15	**Peace, Tech, and Progress: Transforming Communities** - **Mihai Lupascu**, Ministry of Economy - Dopomoga.md representative - **Piotr Kulpa,** Former Polish Minister, Political Scientist, and Governance Expert **Moderator: Jonas Parello-Plesner,** Executive Director of Alliance of Democracies
12:15-13:15	**Lunch Break**
13:15-14:15	*Policy dialogue session:* **Truth Wars: Crafting Strategies to Combat Disinformation** - **Valeriu Baesu**, policy expert - **Orest Dabija,** Audiovisual Council representative - **Yurii Honcharenko** (online) - Representative of Foundation for Democracy Assistance, Ukraine **Moderator:** Andrei Curararu**,** EECMD
14:15-15:00	*Policy dialogue session:* **Digital Solutions, Lessons learned from Ukraine and Georgia** - DS Alumni from Georgia - DS Alumni from Georgia - DS Alumni from Ukraine - DS Alumni from Ukraine **Moderator:** Maia Machavariani, EECMD
15:00-16:00	**Advancing Freedom & Democracy through Tech: Hackathon Presentations.** - Keynote Speech (TBD) - Democracy Tech Pitching Session.
16:00-16:30	**Closing Remarks** - **Jonas Parello-Plesner,** Executive Director of Alliance of Democracies - **Levan Tsutskiridze**, Executive Director of Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy - Netherlands Embassy Representative - Hanns Seidel Foundation Representative