Election Observation of the European Parliament Elections

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ECNE meeting on 2 May 2024

Information about Election-Watch.EU

- Network of European election observers
- > **Declaration of Principles** for Int. Election Observers Endorsement
- Member of Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors
- 2019 European Parliament Elections Election Assessment Mission
- 2024 young voter education



Standards and Commitments

International

- International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights (ICCPR) 1966
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) 1979
- Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (CRPD) 2006
- Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) 2005

Regional

- European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) 1953
- Venice Commission Code of Good Practice in Electoral Matters 2002
 - OSCE Copenhagen Document 1990

Election Assessment Mission (EAM)

- ➢ Pre-Election Assessment Mission Nov/Dec 2023 → published Feb 2024
- > Core Team of Experts in Brussels
- > 27 Focal Points with Country Chapters
- Cooperation with like-minded organisations:

PL: Political Accountability Foundation RO: Expert Forum SK: MEMO98 HR: GONG LT: White Gloves etc.



EAM Focus I

- Legal framework
- Election administration
- > Electoral calendar, voter registration, candidate registration
- Inclusion of persons with disabilities
- Participation of women, youth & national minorities
- Inclusion of mobile EU citizens

Registration deadlines mob. EU citizens

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Italy	11/03/2024																																			
Finland	24/03/2024																																			
Austria	26/03/2024																																			
Belgium	31/03/2024																																			
Cyprus	02/04/2024																																			
Lithuania	10/04/2024																																			
Portugal	10/04/2024																																			
Romania	10/04/2024																																			
Malta	15/04/2024																																			
Netherlands	23/04/2024																																			
Luxembourg	25/04/2024																																			
Czech Republic																																				
Slovakia	28/04/2024																																			
Greece	29/04/2024																																			
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France	03/05/2024																								_											
Denmark	06/05/2024																																			
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Latvia	10/05/2024																																			
Sweden	10/05/2024																																			
Germany	19/05/2024																																44			
Ireland (tbc)	23/05/2024																																			
Hungary	24/05/2024																																		430	
Poland	06/06/2024																																			

EAM Focus II

- Online campaign and social media regulation (DSA)
- Media environment freedom of expression
- Campaign finance
- Voting methods and publication of results
- Electoral dispute resolution
- Civic space & Election observer accreditation (legislation)

Regulations for Election Observation

- Regulations vary across EU MS partly restrictive
- > 8 EU MS have full legislation and accreditation systems in place
- > 5 EU MS open voting/ counting to the public
- 2024: request for accreditation in 27 EU Member States as
 - \rightarrow International election observers
 - \rightarrow Citizen (national) election observers
 - → In case you have not received the request yet, whom to contact & which E-mail address to use?
- In 2019 accredited by 12 EU MS

Election-Watch.EU EAM Reporting

Preliminary Statement

Press Conference on Monday, 10 June (venue & time tbc)

Final Report with findings and recommendations

Post-elections lessons learned SEEEDS webinar
Advocacy for inclusive participatory electoral reforms

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Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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