

Election Observation of the European Parliament Elections

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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



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**
 - **International election observers**
 - **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** SEEDS webinar
- **Advocacy** for inclusive participatory electoral reforms

Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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