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
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- 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 for mobile EU citizens

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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 SEEEDS webinar
- Advocacy for inclusive participatory electoral reforms
Thank you for your attention

Questions?

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