Overview of EU EOM Preparation and Implementation

Brussels, December 2008
1- EU EOMs Organisation

- Programming – Institutional Framework
- Exploratory Mission
- Decision
- Contracting I.P and I.P Deployment
- Selection of the « Core Team » and Deployment
- Selection of Observers (LTOs, STOs) and Deployment
- E-Day + Preliminary Statement
- Debriefing and Final Report
- Closure / Follow-up
Instrument : EIDHR

(European Instrument for Human Rights and Democracy)

- Ad Hoc Regulation of European Parliament and Council (n° 1889/2006 of 20 December 2006)

- Specific Budget Line (+/- 30 Million euro per year) for Election Observation

- Implemented via Annual Action Plan
Identification: The Exploratory Mission

**Decision to send an Exploratory Mission**

- Terms of Reference
- Experts selection

**Exploratory Mission**

- Mission Report:
  - Advisable? Useful? Feasible?
  - EU EOM project

- Debriefing + Conclusion to the Council

**Decision to Launch or not an EU EOM**

* On invitation – led by Commission Officials with external experts and experts seconded by Member States.
EU Election Observation Mission: Implementation

EU EOM’s Teams

Core Team: Chief Observer + Experts

LTOs and STOs
Proposed by MS + EC ROSTER
Selected by EC selection Committee

+ LSTO’s
+ EP Members
+ Third Countries Observers

Contracts: C T, LTO, STO

Implementing Partner

Tender Direct Agreement

Evaluation

Service/Grant Contract
EU Election Observation Mission

The European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights

HQ Briefing $\rightarrow$ Core Team* Deployment

Briefing $\rightarrow$ LTO Deployment

Briefing $\rightarrow$ STO $\rightarrow$ LSTO Deployment

$\text{e- Day(s)}$

Initial Debriefing $\rightarrow$ EU EOM Statement*

Observers Debriefing

Closing of EU EOM

Debriefing in HQ EU EOM + Evaluation

EOM Final Report

Follow up:
CO monitoring mission + Country Strategy Paper + PIN + other Instruments

*The EU Presidency may also make a Declaration subsequent to the EOM’s statement
Deployment Timing

-8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 E-DAY +1 +2 +3 +4 +5 +6 +7 +8

Implementing Partner

Core Team

LTO’s

STO’s

LSTO’s
2- Selection Procedures

• Announcement to MS via CIRCA and Roster (mail):
  – Country, election, deployment dates
  – LTOs and STOs numbers requested per country – priority ranking
  – Profile
    • Language
    • Experience
    • Training
    • Specific conditions

• Selection Committee (AIDCO, RELEX, DEV)
  – CV analysis
  – Balance between nationalities, gender, experience, age,…

• Results publication via Roster
  – Selected
  – Reserve List
  – Non selected

• Information to Implementing Partner
3- The use of the Roster:

- The Roster is a CV database available via the www.
- It provides access to CVs to:
  - The CV holder
  - The Member State
  - The Commission (RELEX, AIDCO)
- Nov 2008: 9,828 CVs (5,478 males + 4,350 females)
The NEEDS Project

- Starts in October 2008 for 3 years
- Consortium of specialised international bodies: IDEA (leader); Internews Europe; EISA; IIDH/CAPEL; IOM

3 objectives:

- Develop EU EOMs Tools (methodology; materials; SOPs; ad-hoc research; website …
- Improve EU Observers capabilities (training material including e-learning platform; ad-hoc training sessions; EU MS common training approach, …)
- Targeted support to Third Countries and Networking (support to CSOs and to Domestic Observers Groups; network with regional partners; fora; links with ACE, …)
Thank you

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