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EU Electoral Support to Ghana Electoral Cycle 2010-2012
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Ghana 1992 Constitution introduced a hybrid system with a strong executive.

To countercheck the power of the President six (6) Independent Governance Institutions (IGI’s) were also established.


Since 92 - Five General Elections (Presidential and Parliamentary) were held with peaceful transfer of power.
Electoral assistance in the past had been provided primarily by CIDA role of EU limited not a leading DPs.

- EUEOMs Deployed for 2008 Elections

- Existing electoral working group (EWG) and governance working group (GWG)
EOMs 2008 Recommendations

The 2008 presidential and parliamentary elections were considered by all the Observers Missions (EUEOM, ECOWAS, AU, EISA and Commonwealth) as well organized and transparent.

Several recommendations to improve the electoral process were made, namely:

- review of voter registration
- provide more extensive and permanent voter and civic education
- Revise the media regulatory framework and establish clear monitoring mechanism
- further strengthening of EC capacity;
- promote the participation of women and minorities.
Programming EU Electoral Support

- EOMs Recommendations starting point
- EWG platform to share and discuss the proposed actions with all the stakeholders including CSOs
- Identification for a 7MEURO Electoral Support launched in December 2009 Formulation in April 2010-Institutional Capacity Assessment
- EIDHR CfP to increased women's participation and representation in politics in Ghana launched in October 2009 -2,4MEURO targeting 2010m local elections and 2012 General elections – 7 Contracts awarded to CSOs and one to EC
- Under the EDF three IGis targeted;
- Electoral Commission : Capacity Building (IT), Voter Education and Regional Role support to the Training center of Association of African Election Authorities (AAEA) 4MEURO
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- National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE): Capacity building including procurement of IT 1.5MEURO

- National Media Commission (NMC): Technical Assistance and procurement of monitoring equipment -1MEURO
Implementation

- Decentralised management through the signature of a financing agreement (FA) with Ghana represented by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP)
- Directs Grants Contracts with the three IGIs – de Jure Monopoly
- Procurement of equipment International tender Managed by MOFEP
- TA for NMC launched with suspensive clause
- EWG to be utilized as steering committee of the programme
Implementation’s Advantages

- In line with Paris Declaration - Ownership - Alignment - Harmonisation
- In line with the Council Conclusions on Democracy Support in the EU's External Relations, November 2009
  - Ensured complementarities among different EU financial instruments (EIDHR/EDF)
  - Coordination with all the stakeholders including CSOs
  - Synergies EUEOM/EA
- Transaction Cost reduced
- EU leading role in the sector- beneficial to the Political Dialogue
Challenges and Lesson Learned

- Timely procurement of the equipment
- Timely recruitment of TA for NMC
- EU workload - to Ensure Effective Coordination - likely to increase in proximity to the Electoral period

- Early Programming/ Existence of a Platform of Coordination / Institutional Capacity Assessment / Complementary / Intervention can be replicated – with adjustment to others Electoral Assistance -Scenarios