

Global Tools: **ACE & BRIDGE**

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**THE ELECTORAL
KNOWLEDGE
NETWORK**

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the United Nations
Department of
Economic and
Social Affairs
(UNDESA), was organized and
implemented in 1995 with
comprehensive,
collaborative assistance
as the
solution in more
than 100 countries
Council and its
subsidiary bodies



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Electoral Systems

Legislative Framework

Electoral Management

Boundary Delimitation

Voter Education

Voter Registration

Voting Operations

Parties and Candidates

Vote Counting

Media and Elections

Election Integrity

Elections and Technology



a **complete** and
systematic
collection of
information on all
aspects relating to
the organization of
elections







• [About ACE](#)

The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network encourages professionals to generate, share and apply knowledge, solve problems, help build common methods, and improve the professionalism of those engaged in activities related to credible, sustainable, peaceful and cost-effective elections.

ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

Elections Today	The ACE Encyclopaedia	Comparative Data	Electoral Materials	Electoral Advice	Regions & Countries
Obtain news, analysis and upcoming elections dates from the world of elections	Explore comprehensive information on various aspects of election administration	Analyse country-by-country data and information on election systems, legislation and management	Browse an electronic library of election materials, such as laws, ballot papers, training manuals, posters and more	Access a forum that generates and shares specialised electoral knowledge, resources and expertise	Research regional and country-by-country information, data and resources collected through a network of Regional Electoral Resource Centres





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Elections Today

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analysis and
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elections dates
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News from the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

- Electoral calendar
- Articles on election related issues
- Electoral results and analysis of recent elections



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The ACE Encyclopaedia

ACE Encyclopaedia

Explore
comprehensive
information on
various aspects of
election
administration

Offering Knowledge on Elections

- 12 topic areas
- An estimated 10.000 pages
- Interactive electoral quiz
- Focus On





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Comparative Data

Analyse country-
by-country data
and information on
election systems,
legislation
and management

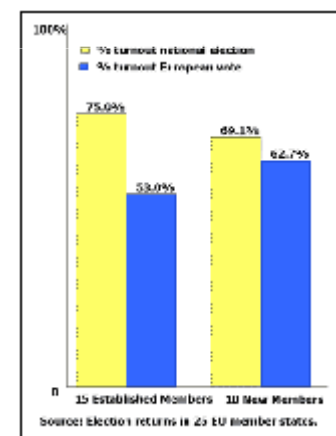
Comparative Data

Systematic comparative data

Allows to: compare how countries
run elections and identify common
practice

Provides: electoral country profiles

Covers: 11 election related topics
and over 180 countries.



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Electoral Materials

Electoral Materials

Browse an electronic library of election materials, such as laws, ballot papers, training manuals, posters and more

Sharing information and resources on elections

Comprehensive and regularly updated collection of sample materials from around the world





ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

Electoral Advice

Electoral Advice

Get advice from
the first ever
global network
established in
the field of
elections.

Advice from the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

- Ask questions
- Read consolidated replies
to previous questions



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Regions & Countries

Regions & Countries

Get direct access to country-level news and resources and to the regional Resource Centres of ACE.

Country and region specific information:

- Upcoming and recent elections and electoral events, electoral material and comparative data for each country
- Regional events and trends analysis
- Managed by Regional Electoral Resource Centres

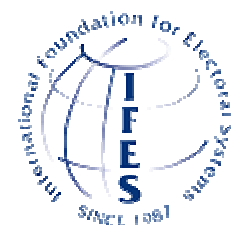


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BRIDGE: Building Resources in Democracy, Governance, and Elections

A Course on Electoral Processes



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Version 2

FOUNDATION MODULES

Introduction to Electoral Administration

Strategic & Financial Planning

ELECTORAL ARCHITECTURE

Legal Framework

Boundary
Delimitation

Electoral
Systems

Electoral
Management
Design

Electoral
Technology

WORKING WITH ELECTORAL STAKEHOLDERS

Access to the
Electoral Process

Voter Information

Electoral Contestants

Electoral Observation

Media & Elections

Electoral Assistance

Gender & Elections

Electoral Dispute
Resolution

Civic Education

ELECTORAL OPERATIONS

Voter
Registration

Pre-election
Activities

Training of
Electoral Officials

Polling, Counting
& Results

Post-election
Activities

External Voting

Security

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BRIDGE Methodology

- is not prescriptive
- is flexible
- is activity-based
- is **practically** focused
- emphasises **teamwork** and **network** building
- is **global** in scope
- uses content developed by **electoral experts**



Quality assurance

- Only conducted by accredited facilitators
- **2 phase of accreditation process:**
 - 10-day Train-the-Facilitator Program to become semi-accredited
 - Deliver a module supervised by an experienced BRIDGE facilitator to become fully accredited



When to conduct BRIDGE

BRIDGE:

- should not be seen as a “*quick fix*” for electoral stakeholders
- is a long-term, capacity development tool
- is best conducted in the evaluation and planning periods of the Electoral Cycle



How/where to run BRIDGE?

- Conducting modules for the nationals of **one country**;
- Conducting modules for an **international or regional group**;
- Participants from **one organisation**;
- **Different stakeholders** as participants;
- Running **individual** modules;
- **Customizing** a course with components from different modules;
- Running a **showcase**

Time and Cost Implications for Preparing and Implementing BRIDGE





BRIDGE What's Next?

- ***Regionalisation*** of BRIDGE made more accessible by translating it into various languages through country projects...and
- ***ACE Resource Centres*** becoming regional hubs for BRIDGE as part of fostering EMB networks
- ***e-BRIDGE*** – development of online learning of all modules
- ***Expanding BRIDGE*** beyond elections - new pilot project (2009) on governance/civic engagement and participation



More on BRIDGE

- www.bridge-project.org
- Brochure
- BRIDGE partners



Thank you!