

NOTIFICATION

Online Advanced Training on Recommendations and Follow-Up European Union Election Observation Missions

Brussels, 13-15 January 2021

Call for applications

Election Observation and Democracy Support (EODS II), a project funded by the European Commission, will organise an online training on recommendations and follow-up for European Union Election Observation Missions from **Tuesday 13 to Friday 15 January 2021**.

The training intends to provide participants with a better insight of:

1. How to formulate recommendations of a consistent quality and in line with the EU 'policy' regarding recommendations.
2. How to support the implementation of EU EOM recommendations.

The event aims also at allowing participants to exchange lesson learnt, good practices and experiences.

The training will focus on the role of Deputy Chief Observers (DCOs) as well as Legal (LAs) and Election Analysts (EAs) in formulating recommendations and supporting their implementation during EU election observation missions (EOMs), including the return visit. It will also aim at presenting EU tools available for follow-up, both at political and operational level, which can inform the drafting of follow-up plans.

This event is **designed for experienced DCOs and legal or election analysts only**.

The training will be conducted in English, with some sessions in French if required.

I. Training information

The agenda will be divided into three days, half a day each. The training is designed for a maximum of **15 participants from EU member States**.

Interested individuals fulfilling the required criteria in Section II of this notification should directly **apply online: <http://www.eods.eu/application>**

The deadline for receiving applications is 30 December 2020 at noon (Brussels time).

Shortly after the closing of the application period candidates will be informed of their selection/non-selection by email.

II. Application Requirements

Please read carefully the general and specific requirements of the notification before considering your candidacy, as only applicants meeting the requirements will be considered. Due to the high level of interest in such events, **EODS may be unable to answer individual questions** from prospective applicants.

1) General requirements for all training participants

- a) Be a **national of an EU Member State**.
- b) **Fulfil the minimum requirements to become an EU election observer** as defined in the EU Guidelines on Common Criteria for the Selection of Electoral Observers. The Guidelines can be found here:
http://www.eods.eu/template/default/files/EU_guidelines_on_criteria_forselection_observers.pdf.

2) Specific requirements for candidates to the EODS training

- a) **University degree in law, political science, international relations, or comparable work experience.**
- b) Previous **relevant Core Team professional experience (at least one time over the past three years) as election analyst, legal analyst or DCO in EU EOMs.**
- c) Recent experience as **election/legal expert in Exploratory, Election Follow-up and Election Expert Missions over the past 3 years** may also be considered.
- d) Fluency in **English or fluency in French with a good knowledge of English.**

Other considerations:

- e) Candidates must be **available to attend the whole event.**

III. Criteria for selection

For the selection of the participants, the Selection Committee will consider the extent to which applicants fulfil the requirements listed in section II (Application Requirements). In particular, the Selection Committee will consider the following criteria for selecting the training participants:

- ✓ Number of core team positions in EU EOMs and other formats of observation missions,
- ✓ Number of core team positions with other international election observation organisations,
- ✓ Other election observation experience in EU EOMs,
- ✓ Other election observation experience in other international organisations,
- ✓ Gender and nationality, in order to keep a balanced representation of gender and EU nationalities among training participants,

Participation in the training will be noted in the EU roster for election observers.