

## **EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION**

# **JORDAN** Parliamentary Elections, 10 September 2024

## THE INVITATION

Following an invitation from the Independent Election Commission of Jordan, the European Union has deployed an Election Observation Mission (EOM) for the 10 September 2024 parliamentary elections. The mission's mandate is to observe all aspects of the electoral process and to assess the extent to which the elections comply with Jordan's Constitution and laws, and with Jordan's international and regional commitments related to democratic elections.

## MORE THAN 100 OBSERVERS

The EU EOM Jordan 2024 is led by Chief Observer Željana Zovko, a Member of the European Parliament from Croatia. In total, the mission will comprise around 100 observers from the 27 EU Member States and Norway. A core team of 11 analysts arrived in Amman on 28 July. The core team assesses all aspects and stages of the electoral process, including electoral, legal, political



and media issues. Twenty-eight long-term observers will be deployed on 15 August to cover all 12 governorates. They observe the electoral process in their areas and report to the core team in Amman. Shortly before election day, they will be joined by 38 short-term observers. On election day, the mission will be reinforced by diplomats from EU member states accredited to Jordan, as well as from Canada, Norway and Switzerland. A delegation of members of the European Parliament will also join the EU EOM. They will observe voting, counting and the tabulation of results.

## INDEPENDENCE, IMPARTIALITY AND **NON-INTERFERENCE**

The EU EOM Jordan 2024 is independent in its findings and conclusions from all EU institutions including the EU Delegation to Jordan and EU Member States. EU observers adhere to a Code of conduct and maintain strict neutrality and impartiality in the course of their work. They never interfere in the electoral process, and they never offer advice or assistance. They do not legitimise the electoral process nor do they validate the election results. The EU long-term observation methodology is applied in the same way to all EU EOMs deployed around the world. The EU EOM operates in accordance with the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation, adopted at the United Nations in 2005 by a number of international organisations involved in election observation. EU observers are also bound by Ethical Guidelines and respect Jordanian laws.

## WHAT WE DO

In the course of its observation, the EU EOM Jordan 2024 will meet with representatives of the Independent Election Commission, national and local authorities, political parties and candidates, as well as with representatives of civil society, domestic observers and the media.

The mission will observe, among others:

- the laws and instructions related to elections;
- the performance of the electoral administration;
- the registration of political parties and candidates;
- the voter registration;
- campaign activities and campaign finance;
- the overall electoral environment, including respect for fundamental freedoms, and civil and political rights;
- the participation of women, youth, vulnerable groups, religious and ethnic groups and traditional communities;
- the role of the media and social media;
- the role of domestic observers;
- voting, counting and tabulation;
- complaints and appeals;
- the announcement of the results.

## **ELECTION DAY**

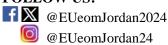
On election day, the EU EOM will deploy observers throughout Jordan to observe the opening of polling stations, voting, counting and tabulation of results. They will visit hundreds of polling stations in all 12 Governorates.

## **OUR REPORTS**

The mission will present a preliminary statement shortly after election day. This statement will outline the EU EOM's initial findings and conclusions, and the extent to which the mission considers the election has been conducted in line with Jordanian laws, as well as the international standards for democratic elections Jordan has subscribed to.

A comprehensive **final report**, including recommendations for the improvement of future electoral processes, will be presented approximately two months after the completion of the election observation process.

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