

# THEMATIC PROJECT « SUPPORT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN THE EaP »

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## **EXPECTED RESULT 2 (DGII):**

**OBSERVERS ARE BETTER PREPARED TO FULFIL  
THEIR ROLE AND PROVIDE CONSTRUCTIVE  
CRITICISM ABOUT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS**

## ACTIVITY 2.4: REPORTING ON ELECTIONS: COUNCIL OF EUROPE HANDBOOK FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

### Aim

- To present the handbook, steps and structure of an election report;
- To increase awareness by electoral administrations on electoral monitoring by domestic NGOs

### Results

- Reporting standards and training tools for domestic election observers of EaP countries set-up;
- Relationship between NGOs and CEC representatives increased;
- Network of 12 trainers on reporting set-up;
- Decision to launch an E-learning course on reporting taken

## ACTIVITY 2.5: E-LEARNING COURSE ON REPORT WRITING

### Aim

- To set an e-learning course on how to write an election observation report with a model to draft its own report.

### Results

E-learning course created within the European Humanities University comprising:

- A cloud-based document portal;
- A discussion board/blog about latest report writing techniques;
- A self-paced learning system;
- A module for creating an own report template;
- An assessment of learning success by multiple choice questions and/or through an expert's advice provided within 48hs;
- A feedback template

## EXPECTED RESULTS 2: ACHIEVEMENTS

### Country level

- Pilot implementation of the Handbook in Georgia;
- Participation of NGOs in the government-installed election task-force (Georgia);
- NGOs became preventive actors and stakeholder of the election process (e.g. in Georgia and Moldova);
- Partnerships between public institutions, political parties and civil society created (e.g. in Georgia and Moldova).

## EXPECTED RESULT 2: ACHIEVEMENTS

### Regional level

- Standards in the field of election observation published (English and Russian);
- 12 trainers selected, trained, certified and network set-up;
- E-learning course on election reporting launched;
- EaP NGOs sector strengthened and more engaged in election observation;
- Co-operation increased between domestic and international observers;
- Co-ordination ensured with EPDE, EaP Civil Society Forum, IFES, NDI, UNDP, OSCE/ODIHR.



## **EXPECTED RESULT 3 (DGII):**

**VOTERS ARE BETTER AWARE OF THEIR ROLE IN  
THE FUNCTIONING OF DEMOCRATIC  
ELECTIONS AND INCREASE THEIR  
PARTICIPATION  
(VOTERS' INFORMATION/WOMEN)**

## **ACTIVITY 3.6: HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LIFE IN THE EAP COUNTRIES**

### **Aim**

- Take stock of the progress achieved on women participation in politics;
- Foster co-operation between central public institutions and NGOs;
- Identify new actions aimed at strengthening women participation in politics

### **Results**

- 6-step approach to reduce gender gap in public and political life;
- Comparative study on gender mainstreaming in politics/election in EaP region agreed;
- Five-year Action Plan under discussion;
- Regional peer-to-peer mechanism to monitor women participation in elections



## EXPECTED RESULT 3: ACHIEVEMENTS

### Country level

- Country reports on women representation in the electoral processes available (Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus)
- Curricula on « Introduction into elections for students of 12 to 14 years and of 14 to 16 years » published and implemented (Georgia and Armenia).

### Regional level

- Comparative study on gender mainstreaming in politics and election processes in EaP region available as a tool to measure women participation in political life

# EXPECTED RESULT 1

**ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATIONS ARE BETTER  
PREPARED TO FULFIL THEIR TASKS**

**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

# SEMINAR ON ELECTION OBSERVATION (STRASBOURG, 25-26 NOVEMBER 2013)

## Aim

- Further capacity-building of central election commissions in the field of election observation
- Through exchange of experience and good practice (peer-to-peer and with international experts)

## Results

- Central election commissions are better acquainted:
- with their mutual experience on practical issues related to election observation
  - with the main issues raised by international observers and experts

# REPORT ON THE MISUSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES DURING ELECTORAL PROCESSES

## Aim

- Definition of administrative resources and their misuse
- Comparative analysis of national legislation and practice
- Identification of key factors to prevent such misuse

## Results

- Report adopted by the Venice Commission
- Administrative resources *defined* as human, financial, material, *in natura* and other immaterial resources enjoyed by both incumbents and civil servants in elections, including access to public facilities [...]
- Identification of key factors to avoid misuse, such as independence of the media or respect of the role of the opposition

# EXPECTED RESULT 1: ACHIEVEMENTS

- Regular co-operation and exchange of views between Central Electoral Commissions
- Dissemination of the « case-law » of the Venice Commission, in particular in the field of election observation (further to the field of voters' registers and electoral disputes)
- Report on the use of administrative resources finalised



**THANK YOU!**