

## Ukraine's elections open and competitive

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"We were concerned by the problems with the voter registration and the counting processes we witnessed on election day," said the Head of the PACE delegation. "However, the overall results of the elections are positive, and we believe that the Ukrainian people have made a clear choice for their future. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide assistance where needed."

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