

ELECTION OBSERVATION

Observation of local and regional elections



- One of the **priorities** of the Congress
- Organised in the framework of the **Monitoring Committee's** work
- Almost **100** election observation missions since 1990
- Council of Europe **member States** and sometimes **beyond**

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Le Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe



General mandate

Monitoring Committee tasks covered by the election observation unit

Monitoring of the European Charter of Local Self-Government

through monitoring visits to each member State every five years approximately.

“Post-monitoring” and “post-electoral” political dialogue

with Council of Europe member States.

Local and regional election observation

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European Charter of Local Self-Government

Ratified by the **47 member States**.

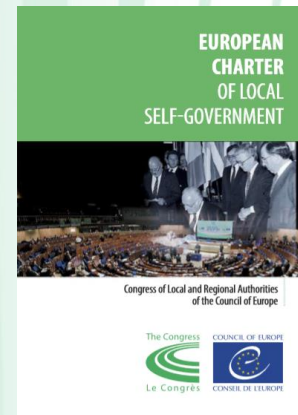
Guarantees

Right of citizens to participate in managing public affairs

Rights of communities to:

- Enjoy autonomy and self-government
- Elect their local bodies

(Principles of the Charter concerning local and regional elections)





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Working methods



- The Committee adopts a biannual **calendar of monitoring visits**.
- The Chair appoints **rapporteurs** for each country.



- The **rapporteurs** carry out the **visit**, meeting representatives of national, regional and local governments, judiciary organs, associations and the media.
- They write a **draft report** and submit it for consultation to all the interlocutors met during the visit.



The **Monitoring Committee** adopts the draft report and recommendation



The **Congress members** debate the report and adopt a recommendation during the **session**.



The **Committee of Ministers** addresses the recommendation to the governments concerned. The **Parliamentary Assembly** is invited to take note of it in the framework of its activities.



Latest election observation visits



The following election observation visits have recently been carried out by the Congress:

- **Republic of Moldova** (May 2018 and October 2019)
- **Turkey** (March and June 2019)
- **Slovenia** (November 2018)
- **Poland** (October 2018)
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (October 2018)
- **Tunisia** (May 2018)
- **Netherlands** (March 2018)



Election observation missions planned for 2020



The Congress is planning to carry out the following election observation missions:

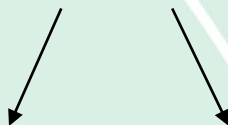
- **Ukraine** (25 October 2020)
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (15 November 2020)



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