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Electoral co-operation activities

Towards Objective 4: achieving balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

Division of Elections and Participatory Democracy

What do we do?

The electoral co-operation is based on the principle of a **virtuous circle** between **standard setting**, **monitoring** and **co-operation**.




The Division of Elections and Participatory Democracy's work is guided and oriented by **recommendations**, **opinions** and **documents** developed, and adopted by various Council of Europe institutions, including the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE), the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Venice Commission.

The cooperation projects and activities we are developing, and implementing, are also based on the shortcomings identified in various monitoring reports, including the election observation reports from the PACE, Congress and OSCE/ODIHR.

Some examples:

Capacity-building (1/2)

 In **Georgia**, we have conducted a **participatory gender audit** for the Election Administration. Findings were included into a strategy and policy papers of the CEC.

Workshop “More women in (self-) governance and barriers female candidates face” prior to the 2021 Local Elections was organised by the CEC and Parliamentary Gender Equality Councils;

Study examining barriers that women candidates face, while entering/being engaged in political and electoral processes (planned 2nd half 2022).

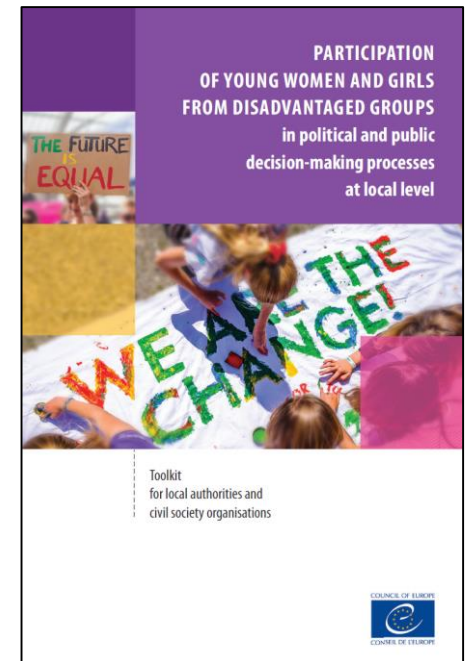
Capacity-building (2/2)



In ***Bosnia and Herzegovina (2021)***, we conducted and published a “Follow-up study on violence against women in politics in BiH” to take stock of the current situation in the country.



In ***Ukraine***, we organised capacity building activities of women and girls to participate in public and political processes. Under the Council of Europe toolkit “*Participation of young women and girls from disadvantaged groups in political and public decision-making processes at local level*” training programmes were piloted in Poltava city community.



Awareness-raising



In **Georgia**, we implemented a voter education and informational campaign's targeting various segments of the society prior to the 2021 Local Elections.




In the **Republic of Moldova**, we are drafting a concept for a citizen's awareness campaign on combatting sexism, harassment and violence against women in electoral campaigns.



In **Ukraine**, awareness-raising and media coverage of gender quota in electoral legislation and its application on the eve of 2020 Local Elections. Series of webinars, thematic radio programmes at "UA: Ukrainian radio", as well as infographic materials were developed and produced in cooperation with the CEC reaching almost 2 millions Ukrainians.

ElecData, Compendium on Electoral Data (1/3)

 Andorra

Electoral system*: **closed**
 Threshold*: **Proportional closed list system (one candidate of all valid votes in same PS)**

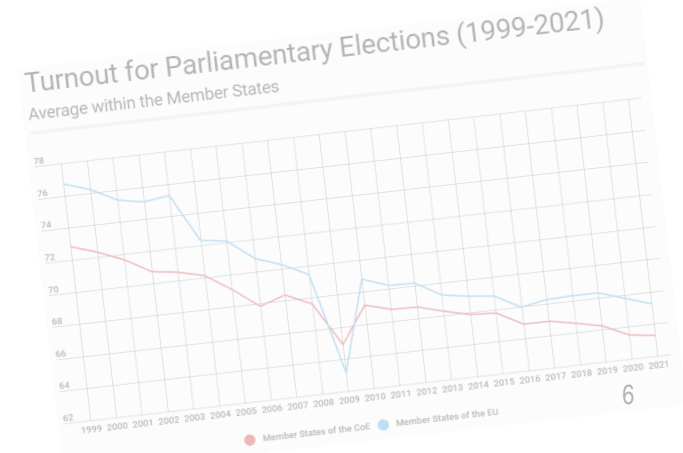
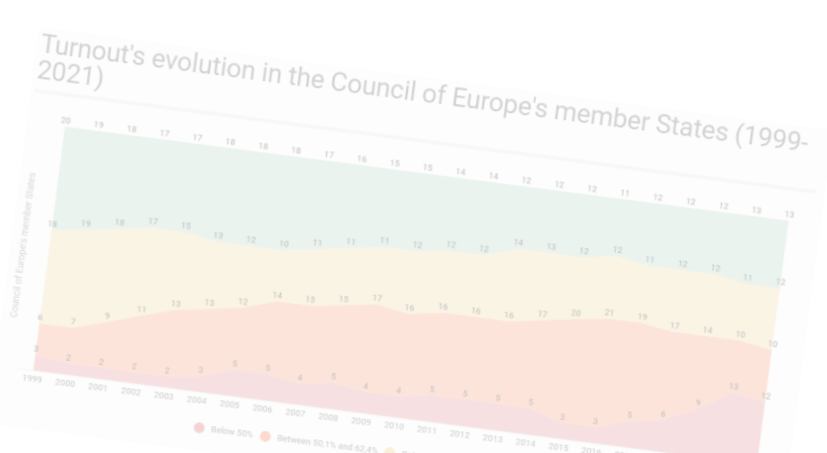
Frequency of Parliamentary elections*: **4 years**
 Compulsory voting: **No**

Minimum age for voting*: **18**
 Minimum age for running*: **21**

Quota type: **Voluntary party quota**
 Percentage of women candidates*: **0**

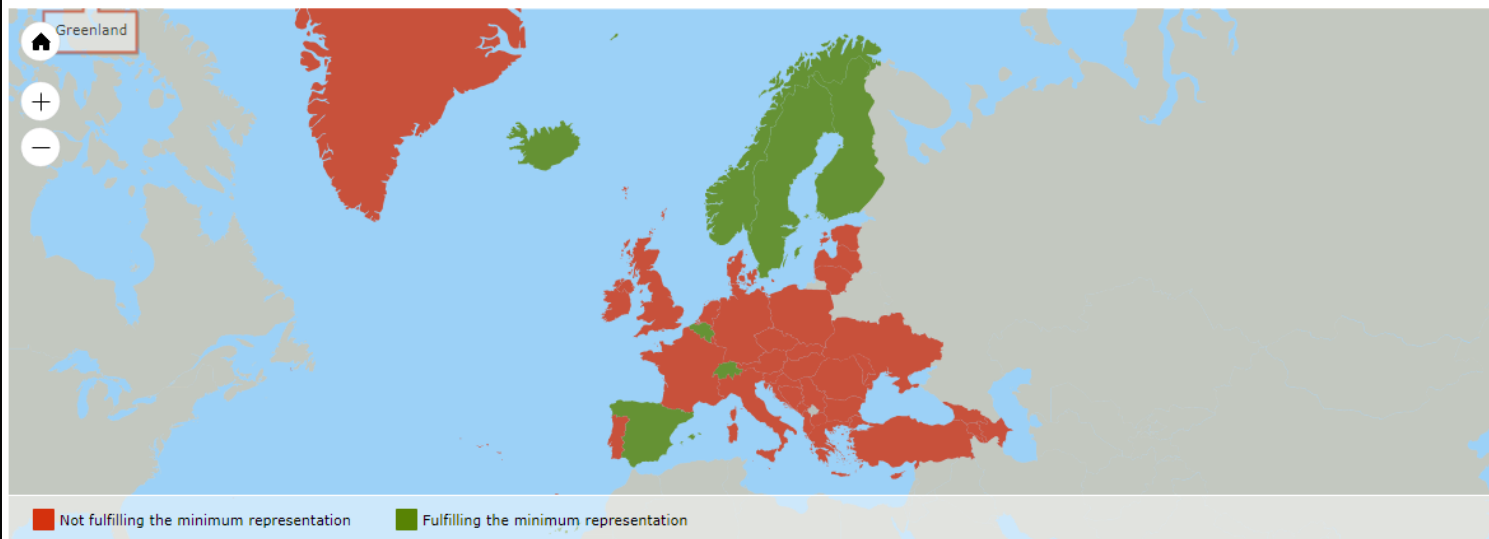
Voting abroad by postal voting: **No**
 E-voting: **No**
 Electoral Management Body (EMB): **Electoral board of**

Collection of Electoral Data of the 46 Member States of the Council of Europe. This tool gathers the specificities of each electoral system of the Council of Europe Member States. This collection allows to **easily consult the electoral data** by means of **interactive maps and graphics**.



ElecData, Compendium on Electoral Data (2/3)

Gender Equality in parliaments (minimum 40% representation of each sex)*



Disclaimer

*See [Rec\(2003\)3](#) on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making

In May 2022, **8** out of our **46** member States are fulfilling the 40% minimum representation ([CM/Rec\(2003\)3](#)) on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making)

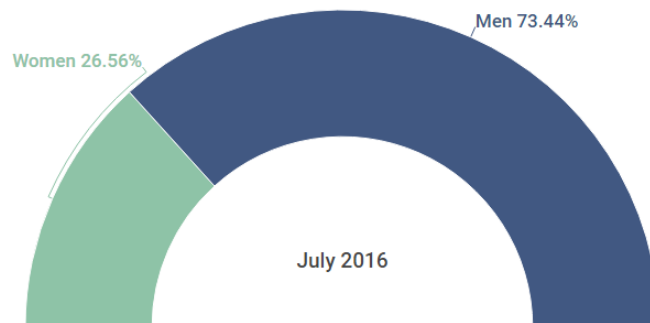
ElecData, Compendium on Electoral Data (3/3)

The representation of women in Parliaments or in the lower-chamber of the Parliament seems to be in progress, we see that many countries are very close to reach the 40% threshold.

This is shown by the global number of parliamentarians elections:

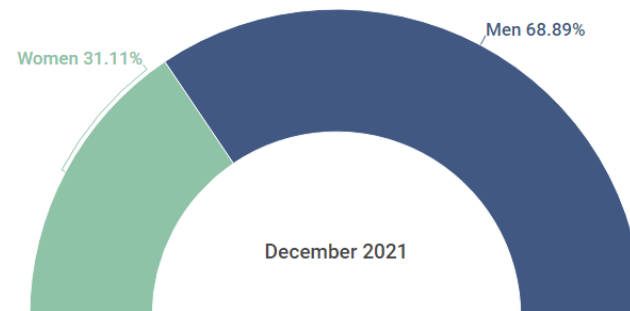
Parliamentarians in Council of Europe's Member States

July 2016



Parliamentarians in Council of Europe's Member States

December 2021



Data from **ElecData** (Compendium of Electoral Data) (January 2022)

Thank you for your attention.

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