

International Electoral Observers (IEO) - Training

Open and legitimate elections are at the basis of both sustainable development and effective democracy. Actions supporting the right to participate in genuine elections can play a major role in sustaining peace, security and conflict prevention. This support takes the form of electoral assistance projects and election observation missions, all activities that requires skilled and trained observers.

THE PROGRAMME

The aim of the training seminar is to deepen the theoretical and practical expertise on election observation missions in providing participants with practical skills which will be an asset in case of further applications as international observers.

Starting with a thorough introduction on the international observation theory and legal standards, the course will analyse the practical life of a short term observer from the selection procedure to the end of the mission including the observation of the polls, the filling of the forms, the reporting system and the code of conduct. The methodology will combine frontal lectures in plenary, working groups as well as role plays, discussions and simulation exercises. Participants will also be introduced to the long-term election observation by analysing in depth some of the aspects related to an international observation mission such as working relations, interviewing techniques, media and security.

PATRONAGES

The training is organised with the patronage of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Czech Republic and Spain.

Deadline early bird enrolment: 25 January 2018

Registration deadline: 15 February 2018

Course dates: 19-24 March 2018

Venue: EIUC premises in Venice Lido at the Monastery of San Nicolò.

Admission requirements: The course is devoted to those applicants with no experience in election observation or to those observers who have participated to a maximum of two missions as short term observers.

Lectures are conceived for an audience of graduates mainly in Law, Political Sciences, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology or similar who wish to address international election observation from a multi-disciplinary approach which will be useful for a further engagement on the field.

All courses will be held in English.

EIUC will review applications on an on-going basis so as to give non-European participants as much time as possible for the organisation of visa requests.

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