



European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations International Observation Mission to Ukraine Local Elections 2015	Європейська мережа організацій зі спостереження за виборами Міжнародна місія зі спостереження в Україні Місцеві вибори 2015
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ENEMO Election Observation Mission for the 2015 Regular Local Elections in Ukraine deployed

The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) has deployed an Election Observation Mission (EOM) to monitor the Regular Local Elections in Ukraine of 25 October 2015. ENEMO has a long standing experience in observing Ukrainian elections and will observe elections for the tenth time in Ukraine.

The aim of the mission is to ensure that the Ukrainian electorate can vote freely and their right to elect their representative for the 2015 Local Elections is duly respected. EOM observers will monitor and report on the crucial aspects of electoral process in line with the best practices and standards of international election observation endorsed by the ENEMO mission.

The EOM will assess the election process in the light of compliance with international standards for democratic elections, national legislative framework and the OSCE commitments. The observers will follow the electoral campaign including media reporting and activities of political entities. EOM will also analyse legal framework related to elections and election administration.

All deployed observers will sign the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers and will gather objective and trustworthy information for the mission, maintaining strict impartiality and non-partisan behavior at all times.

The EOM is composed of a core team from six different nationalities and is based in Kiev. There are 50 long-term observers (LTOs) and more than 300 short-term observers (STOs) to be deployed across the country for both rounds of elections. The Core Team has started its work in Ukraine on 1 October while LTOs were deployed in various oblasts on 12 October. The Mission will follow both rounds of elections and leave in the beginning of December 2015. STOs will be deployed in pairs and will follow the plan prepared by the EOM.

The findings of the observation will be announced to the public and relevant stakeholders through two preliminary statements after E-Day. The Final Report will be published by the end of December 2015. All reports produced during the mission shall be in full compliance with the international standards for election monitoring and shall be based on facts and evidence as observed by the EOM or reported by the relevant interlocutors.

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The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) is an international network of nongovernmental civic organizations founded on September 29, 2001 in Opatija, Croatia. It consists of 22 leading domestic monitoring organizations from 18 countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including three European Union countries.

ENEMO seeks to support the international community's interest in promoting democracy in the region by assessing electoral processes and the political environment and offering accurate and impartial observation reports. ENEMO's international observation missions use international benchmarks and standards for democratic elections to evaluate the electoral process and the host country's legal framework. ENEMO and all of its member organizations have endorsed the 2005 Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the Declaration of Global Principles for Non-partisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations. Each ENEMO observer signed the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers.

ENEMO member organizations have monitored more than 200 national elections and trained more than 200,000 observers. To date, ENEMO has organized 21 international election observation missions to seven countries: Albania (2005 parliamentary elections), Georgia (2008 early presidential elections), Kazakhstan (2005 presidential elections), Moldova (2009 parliamentary elections), Kosovo (2009 municipal elections; 2010 parliamentary elections, 2013 municipal elections), Kyrgyzstan (2005 presidential elections; 2005 parliamentary elections; 2007 early parliamentary elections; 2009 presidential elections and 2010 parliamentary elections), and Ukraine (2004 presidential elections; 2006 parliamentary elections; 2006 mayoral elections in Chernihiv, Kirovograd and Poltava; 2007 parliamentary elections; 2010 presidential elections, 2012 parliamentary elections, 2013 parliamentary repeat elections in 5 districts, 2014 early presidential elections and 2014 early parliamentary elections).

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