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ENEMO elected its **Executive Director**



On the 13th of December 2021 ENEMO published a call for the position of the ENEMO Executive Director. Call was publicaly announced and available on ENEMO website and social media (Facebook and Instagram), as well as shared within the ENEMO Network.

ENEMO Secretariat received two applications for the mentioned position, conducted interviews and did the voting procedure anonymously. On 5th of January the Secretariat elected Mr. Zlatko Vujovic, previously General Secretary of ENEMO, as its first Executive Director. He began his mandate on 5th of January 2022.

After elected, Mr Vujovic stated: "Alongside our members, I will put all efforts to make more improvements in our Network and strengthen the influence of our organization in order to spread democracy and fight for free and fair elections in each country."

Development of a comprehensive database/progressive web application

ENEMO is creating a comprehensive database allowing to include track records/evaluations from previous IEOMs for members engaged in the network's missions. The database will enable ENEMO clearly identify competent experienced members, whether Core Team members or LTOs, evidenced through mission evaluations. This is expected to further allow streamlining the level of professionalism across election observation missions in the future. The outcome of this database will be an increased level of professionalism and competence across **ENEMO** missions, limiting possible discrepancies in the overall level of performance of each mission.

Additionally, under this component, ENEMO is working on integrating a progressive web application (browser based, i.e., accessible via mobile browser) to its observation methodology. The web application will allow for downloading training resource packages, electronic reporting forms, and communication tools for CT and LTO communication with STOs.

Not only will this add technological value and professionalism to ENEMO missions, it will also greatly enhance data cohesion and processing, communication among all mission members, while being an important selling point for future fundraising towards progressive donors. Using the application will be a comprehensive feature giving an edge to future ENEMO missions, while allowing for holistic data collection and communication.



Building capacity of ENEMO Core Team members and Long-Term Observers project

The **overall objective** of the project is to increase the capacity of ENEMO to deploy high quality international election observation missions (IEOMs), by building professionalism and increasing the level of preparedness of Core Team members and Long-Term Observers for these missions. Under the project, this will be achieved by:

- ✓ Enhancing the methodology for election observation mission reports;
- ✓ Increasing the capacity of the ENEMO network to select, train, and mentor individuals who could participate in ENEMO missions as LTOs (long-term observers);
- ✓ Developing the organization's "institutional memory" to formally track competent professionals for potential selection as CT members or LTOs; improving mission data aggregation and communication.

Handbook

As a key feature of this project, ENEMO is producing a professionally written **Handbook for CT members and LTOs**, in line with past lessons learned and the experience accumulated by ENEMO through the deployment of IEOMs in several countries.

This Handbook will serve as a basis to provide extensive knowledge to CT experts and LTOs for future IEOMs, with a comprehensive initiation to ENEMO's methodology for observing elections. It is expected to greatly increase the preparedness of future CT members and LTOs.

The Handbook will also help clarify the roles, tasks and obligations of all members composing the missions. It will serve as a methodological support document and as a reference setting out uniformed standards for all ENEMO missions.

ENEMO is in the process of finalizing this Handbook, with a structure and content of which will reflect the following essential areas:

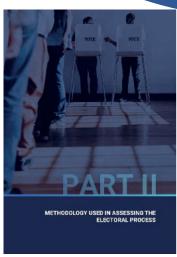
- ✓ Background information about ENEMO (goals, functioning, organizational structure, etc.);
- ✓ ENEMO international election observation methodology;
- ✓ International standards for elections, and their practical use;
- ✓ Areas of assessment, including guidance of the various stages of the electoral cycle (pre-election, Election-Day, post-election periods, etc.);
- ✓ Establishing and deploying ENEMO missions;
- ✓ Structure and roles within an ENEMO IEOM;
- ✓ Reporting;
- ✓ ENEMO procedures, including financial and logistical;
- ✓ Etc.

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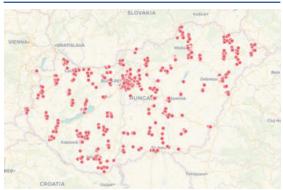


ENEMO IEOM for Parliamentary elections to Hungary 2022

On 1 February 2022, ENEMO deployed an International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) to Hungary to observe Parliamentary Elections and Referendum of 3 April 2022. ENEMO has accredited seven Core Team experts, based in Budapest:

- ✓ Head of the Mission Dritan Taulla
- ✓ Deputy Head of Mission/Legal Expert Elene Nizharadze
- ✓ Political and Campaign Analyst Dmytro Tuzhanskyi
- ✓ Election Administration Analyst/CEC Observer - Elidon Lamani
- ✓ Media Analyst Milica Zrnovic
- ✓ LTO and STO Coordinator Ana Mihajlovic
- ✓ Finance and Logistics Oficer Dubrayka Tomic





STO deployment on the Election day

ENEMO has deployed ten long-term observers (LTOs), in five teams, throughout the country. The IEOM was reinforced by 200 short-term observers (STOs), who observed election day proceedings, starting from the opening procedures to the counting and tabulation of results on Election Day. This was ENEMO's first election observation mission to an EU country.



The mission has been monitoring and assessing the overall political and electoral environment, conduct of election management bodies, campaigning, gender equity, voting and tabulation processes, electoral dispute resolution, and other crucial aspects of the process.

Up until election day, ENEMO's mission conducted 352 meetings with relevant interlocutors, including election management bodies, political parties and candidates, domestic civil society organizations and media, in addition to observing campaign activities (meetings or rallies) of election contestants.

The Mission published Interim Report and Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions, while its Final Report is in final phase of preparations. All mission's documents and findings are available on ENEMO's official website www.enemo.eu.



ENEMO IEOM for Presidential and Early Parliamentary elections to Serbia 2022





On 01 March, 2022 ENEMO officially deployed an IEOM to Serbia, to observe the upcoming Presidential and Early Parliamentary Elections of 03 April, 2022. ENEMO has deployed a total of six Core Team experts based in Belgrade:

- ✓ Head of the Mission Mr. Pierre Peytier
- ✓ Deputy Head of Mission / Media Analyst Ms. Maja Milikic
- ✓ Election Administration Analyst/CEC Observer Ms. Ana Mikeladze
- ✓ Legal Expert Nino Rizhamadze
- ✓ LTO Coordinator Stanislav Zholudiev
- ✓ Finance and Logistics Officer Teodora Gilic

The Mission has additionally deployed ten long-term observers (LTOs) in five multinational teams throughout the country, in five regions. ENEMO long term observers observed the opening of polling stations, voting and counting processes on Election Day. Additionally, up until 03 April, 2022, the ENEMO experts and observers conducted 374 meetings, with relevant and observed 30 campaign activities (meetings or rallies).



The Mission published its Interim Report and Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions, while its Final Report is in final phase of preparations. All mission's documents and findings are available on ENEMO's official website www.enemo.eu.



Online LTO trainings

Entirely new training modules specifically reflecting the content of the above mentioned Handbook for CT members/LTOs were designed by 4 ENEMO hired experts to effectively and interactively communicate the essential methodological framework. In general, this will provide for a comprehensive approach combining a theoretical medium, through the Handbook and Guidebook as support documents, and more interactive trainings on Zoom.

These trainings are based on a four-day standard, using the content outlined in the Handbook, and are expected to gather **over 60 LTO trainees in total**.

4 online trainings of four-day duration will be held with approximately 16 participants per group (prospective LTOs) per training, conducted by 4 trainers.

Participants will, for the first time, have an opportunity to undergo training based on the previously developed Handbook. This is expected to be a significant step forward in the understanding of ENEMO's methodology, improving the quality of reporting and LTO work and, therefore, the quality of observation missions. The main goal of these training sessions is to have better educated and more knowledgeable LTOs. This will raise the professionalism and quality of the mission to an even higher level and allow for advanced monitoring at all levels.

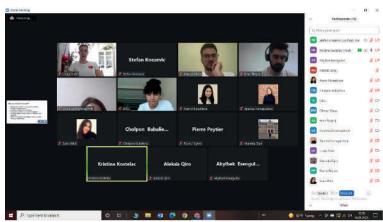
Candidates participating in the trainings will be required to undergo a written test based on the content of the Handbook and trainings, to check their knowledge and understanding of the Handbook and training modules. Upon successful completion of the tests, these trainings would be accompanied with a certificate of completion, certifying individuals having undergone training and read the Handbook.

Trainings are being held from 10 May to 16 May 2022 within following modules:

- ✓ About ENEMO, the principles of election observation and IEOM structure
- International standards, crucial aspects to observe in the electoral cycle, and mission reporting
- ✓ Organization of an ENEMO mission, logistical, financial and security procedures, evaluation of LTOs
- ✓ Work of LTOs, Election Day coordination of STOs, and reporting methodology







ENEMO General Assembly scheduled for May 2022

Centre for Monitoring and Research CeMI will host ENEMO GA 2022. GA will be held in period from 25th to 30th of May in complex of Hotel Palas, Petrovac, Montenegro. Four of six days will be working, 25th and 30th will be days of participants arrivals and departures.

During the GA member organizations will discuss on results under current Secretariat; discus and vote on changes of Rules of procedure and policies; vote on new member organizations, new Secretary General and Secretariat members; discuss about Strategic plans and future goals of Network.

