

EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION (EU EOM)

THE GAMBIA 2017

Election Date	Parliamentary Elections: 6 th April 2017
Country	The Gambia
Deadline for submission of CVs from Member States	08/03/2017 (12:00 CET) 12:00 am Brussels

LTOs

14 Long Term Observers	
Each Member State is invited to submit the following number of possible LTOs:	Up to 3
Indicative Deployment Date of LTOs	20/03/2017
Availability requested for selected Observers	28 days
Compulsory pre-deployment awareness training:	None
Briefing will take place in Banjul upon arrival:	1 day – 21/03/2016
Forfeit (lump sum) ¹	280 € per day
Risk Allowance	0 € per day

STOs

14 Short Term Observers	
Each Member State is invited to submit the following number of possible LTOs:	Up to 3
Indicative Deployment Date of STOs	01/04/2017
Availability requested for selected Observers	10 days
Compulsory pre-deployment awareness training:	None
Briefing will take place in Banjul upon arrival:	1 day – 02/04/2017
Forfeit (lump sum) ²	240 € per day
Risk Allowance	0 € per day

¹ According to the procedures set out the Commission implementing decision of 29.10.2014 adopting the Implementing Arrangements for Election Observation Missions, C(2014) 7782 final.

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Important remarks about the forfeit (lump sum):

1. The lump sum should be paid per day worked on the EOM.
2. Travelling days for mobilisation and demobilisation of LTOs will be eligible for the payment of the lump sum, as long as Observers are spending the night outside of their place of residence.
3. The following rules will apply, from the day of mobilisation until the day of demobilisation, including for travelling days:
 - In the event that full board accommodation (i.e. all meals included) is provided by the EU EOM, the lump sum will be reduced to 30%. This rate also applies in the case of night flights.
 - If lunch and dinner are provided, the lump sum will be reduced to 80% of the lump sum. Each meal (lunch or dinner) represents deduction of 10% of the lump sum.
 - The breakfast represents deduction of 5% of the lump sum.
 - If only accommodation, including breakfast, is provided, the lump sum received will be reduced to 50%.
 - If the accommodation without breakfast is provided the lump sum will be reduced to 55%.
4. Public transportation from the place of residence (as recorded in the EOM Roster at the time of the submission of the application) to the closest or economically most advantageous airport (and back) will be reimbursed, on top of the lump sum received.

Terms of Reference

Long Term Observer (LTO)

Under the supervision of the Observer Co-ordinator and in coordination with the Service Provider's team of experts and liaison officers, the Long Term Observers shall carry out the following specific tasks:

1. Familiarise themselves with the methodology of EU EOMs, respective roles and duties of EU EOM members, as outlined in the EU Handbook for European Union Election Observation³;
2. Sign and abide by the (attached) Code of conduct for Election observers and by the instructions of the Core Team, the security and logistics experts. Failure to follow those code of conduct and instructions may result in an early termination of the observer's assignment, immediate repatriation to the place of residence and non-recommendation for future EU EOMs;
3. Attend training sessions, briefing and debriefing sessions, as required by the European Commission relevant services, the Core team and the security and logistics expert;
4. Familiarise themselves with the applicable International standards for elections⁴, and the relevant country specific election rules, regulations and procedures;
5. Establish the presence of the EU EOM in their assigned Area of Responsibility (AoR);
6. Report to the Observer coordinator, the Security expert and the Logistics expert, as requested by Core team and Service provider's instructions;
7. Under the guidance of the logistics and security experts of the service provider, gather security and logistics information on their AoR including road conditions, food and water availability, and accommodation facilities;
8. Establish good working relations with the electoral and civil administration, political parties, NGOs, International Organisations and other election stakeholders in the AoR; Liaise with local domestic and international observers deployed in the AoR;
9. Follow on electoral disputes, complaints and appeals;
10. Monitor local media in accordance with the methodology specified by the Media Analyst (if required);

³ https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/handbook_for_eu_eom_2016.pdf

⁴ http://www.eueom.eu/files/dmfile/compendium-of-int-standards-for-elections_en.pdf

11. Monitor pre-electoral environment, the election campaign and administrative preparations in the AoR; Observe election day procedures, counting and tabulation operations; Monitor post-electoral developments;
12. Coordinate and manage (if applicable) the deployment of Short Term Observers in the AoR;
13. Train, brief and debrief (if applicable) Short Term Observers and Member of the European Parliament Delegation deployed in the AoR, as requested by the Core Team;
14. Evaluate the performance of Short Term Observers (if applicable) in conjunction with the Observer Coordinator;
15. Ensure that report forms used by Long Term and Short Term Observers (if applicable) in the AoR are sent back to headquarters as soon as feasible;
16. Submit an End of Mission report, based on the template provided by the Core Team;
17. Participate in an evaluation meeting with the Observer coordinator at the end of the mission;
18. Perform any additional duties and comply with any additional requests deemed necessary to the good functioning of the EU EOM.

GUIDELINES - EU POLICY ON ELECTORAL OBSERVATION

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"Code of Conduct

The following guidelines will apply to nationals of any country participating in EU observation missions decided by the EU unless specifically agreed otherwise. The guidelines will not apply to EU nationals participating in e.g. OSCE or UN missions, in which case those organisation's own codes will apply.

All official EU observers should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Respect the laws of the land. Observers enjoy no special immunities as an international observer, unless the host country so provides;
- Observers will participate in all pre-election briefings with their supervising officers;
- Observers will be subject to the direction and management of the observer team leadership, carrying out their written terms of reference and covering the geographical schedules specified by team leaders;
- Observers should be aware of the presence of other electoral monitoring teams, and liaise with them under the direction of the leader of the EU observer team;
- Observers will carry prescribed identification issued by the host government or election commission, and will identify themselves to any interested authority upon request;
- Observers shall maintain strict impartiality in the conduct of their duties, and shall at no time express any bias or preference in relation to national authorities, parties, candidates, or with reference to any issues in contention in the election process;
- Observers will not display or wear any partisan symbols, colours or banners;
- Observers will undertake their duties in an unobtrusive manner, and will not disrupt or interfere with the election process, polling day procedures, or the vote count,
- Observers may bring irregularities to the attention of the election officials, but will not give instructions or countermand decisions of the election officials;
- Observers will base all conclusions on well documented, factual, and verifiable evidence, and will keep a record of the polling stations and other relevant places that they visit;
- Observers will refrain from making any personal or premature comments about their observations to the media or any other interested persons, but should provide, through a designated liaison officer or spokesperson, general information about the nature of their activities as observers;
- Observers will participate in post election debriefings with their supervising officers and will contribute fully towards appropriate EU reports on the elections monitored;
- Observers must comply with all national laws and regulations. Where these limit freedom of assembly or movement about the country, they must note where such rules prevent them from carrying out their duties;
- At all times during the mission, including during private time away from work, each election observer should behave blamelessly, exercise sound judgement, and observe the highest level of personal discretion."

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