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The 2016 Fall edition of the training seminar for International Electoral Observers has come to an end

The 2016 Fall edition of the [#IEODAYS](#) is over, and on behalf of **the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation** ([EIUC](#)), we would like to thank all lecturers and participants for their involvement in the courses.

During the two modules of [#EIUCTraining](#) seminars for International Electoral Observers, **a pool of expertise**, considering both lecturers and participants from all over the world, gathered in Venice, proving once again the international relevance of EIUC in promoting democratisation.

Starting from Day 1, after an introduction to the course and trainers made by the Training Responsible **Demetrio Lazagna**, the participants attended to lectures, analysis of case studies, and engaged in simulations and group work. Among the trainers **Paul O’Grady**, who participated in over 50 assignments and is the co-founder of [Democracy Reporting International](#) (DRI), gave an overview on the history of Electoral Observation, explaining its purposes and structure. Then, **Marco Morettini** talked about being part of the Democracy and Election Observation Division of the [European External Action Service](#) (EEAS).

The core courses were those by **Charlemagne Gomez** (she participated in over 15 Election Observation Missions with EU, OCSE, the Carter Centre, and a Dutch NGO) and **Andreas Jordan** (he took part in more than 30 Election Observation Missions with the EU). The former talked about Short- and Long-Term Observers, on their role as unbiased figures during all procedures of polling and elections, and about gender issues regarding political participation. The latter, through the example of his many experiences in the field, illustrated how situations could be different from the manual, giving the participants practical

advice on how/when to intervene in case of emergency.

Among the lecturers there were also **Mirella Marchese** (Media Analyst in many observations/assessment missions) on the role of media in elections, **Lusine Badalyan** (Senior Election Adviser for OCSE/ODIHR) on ODIHR structure and missions, **Giovanna Barile** (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) on the role of national ministries of foreign affairs, and **Maria Teresa Mauro** (wide experience in electoral observation and technical assistance mainly in East-Europe countries and Africa) on legal frameworks and challenges in the Central African Republic.

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