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Training Seminar for International Electoral Observers



International election observation plays an important role in international relations since almost thirty years. The Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation adopted by the UN in 2005 is one of the first attempts of the international Community to set up standard rules recognized at international level.

The European Union is strongly committed to contribute to all democratic processes around the world through various activities which include the electoral observation. The adoption of EU guidelines on preconditions for EU observation missions and a code of conduct for EU electoral observers represented an important step towards enhanced co-ordination and serve as a basis for all electoral observers.

EIUC has developed a course aiming at providing training to civilian staff in election observation missions at the first steps of their career (i.e. short term observers). Selected applicants will be allowed to become aware of the role, the tasks and the status of international observers, and will be given a theoretical and practical training on election observation and election observation missions functioning. The training is organised with the patronage of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Czech Republic and Spain.

The Foreign Ministry is responsible for the State's functions, tasks and duties in matters concerning Italy's political, economic, social and cultural relations with other countries. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic is a Czech government agency which is responsible for international relations of the Czech Republic. The Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation is the department of Government of Spain responsible for Spain's foreign relations.

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