EU to deploy EOM for municipal elections in Kosovo

In the context of the EU facilitated dialogue between Pristina and Belgrade, the European Union is deploying an Election Observation Mission to observe the municipal elections in Kosovo on 3 November.

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission has today nominated Roberto Gualtieri (S&D) as Chief Observer for this mission.

Catherine Ashton said: "The EU observation mission aims to support Kosovo in the conduct of a fair and inclusive electoral process, since the municipal elections of 3 November are an essential element of the 19 April Agreement. The decision to deploy such a mission follows the results of an exploratory mission which confirmed that the EU observers would be welcomed by all the stakeholders involved. I am confident that, under the leadership of MEP Roberto Gualtieri, the Observation mission will accomplish its aim."