



**European Union
Election Assessment Team
to Libya**
General National Congress
Election 2012

The European Union has deployed an Election Assessment Team (EU EAT) to Libya to assess the conduct of the 2012 General National Congress Election. The EU EAT is independent, impartial and neutral in its findings.

Mandate of the EU Election Assessment Team

The EU was invited to observe the upcoming elections by the High National Election Commission.

The mandate of the EU EAT is to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the electoral process and the extent to which the election complies with international standards for elections, as well as national law.

The EU EAT is independent from the Delegation of the European Union to Libya, the European Commission and the EU Member States.

The EU EAT uses the following criteria during its assessment of an electoral process:

- the degree of freedom of political parties and candidates to assemble and express their views;
- the degree of impartiality shown by the election administration;
- the fairness of access to state resources during the election;
- the universal franchise afforded to voters;
- the degree of access for political parties and candidates to the media, in particular the state media;
- the conduct of polling, counting and tabulation of votes;
- other issue related to the democratic nature of the election (e.g. legal framework; campaign violence; rule of law; campaign finance)

Some two months after the completion of the election process a comprehensive Final Report will be issued including recommendations for future elections.

Composition of the EU EAT

The EU EAT is headed by Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, a German member of the European Parliament.



His biography includes:

- Chief Observer of the European Union Mission to the general elections in Kenya (2007), to the parliamentary elections in Bangladesh (2008) and the presidential elections in Guinea Conakry (2010)
- Member of the European Parliament since 2004
- Member of the EP’s Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the EP’s Committee for Culture and Education
- Member of the Parliamentary Delegations for relations with China, Turkey as well as the ACP states
- Co-founder of the Atlantic Initiative Germany as well as of the German-Turkish Foundation

The Head of EU EAT Libya Alexander Graf Lambsdorff

The Mission consists of 7 core team members and 14 regional experts from 19 different EU member states. Two liaison officers were deployed to support the EU EAT activities in the field.

Background to EU Election Observation

The EU has an established methodology for observing elections. The members of the observation missions cannot interfere in the electoral process and have no authority to correct any shortcomings. Observers are bound by a strict code of conduct that guarantees their neutrality and impartiality. The EU EAT’s assessment of the election is based on an established methodology which is applied consistently in all EU election observation, assessment or expert missions around the world.

The different modalities of the EU election observation include:

- EU EOM – EU Election Observation Mission
- EU LEOM – EU Limited Election Observation Mission
- EU EAT– EU Election Assessment Team/Mission
- EU EEM – EU Election Expert Team/Mission

While all the modalities of the EU election observation activities focus on the assessment of the election process, they can differ in size or scope of activities, in particular in regards to observation on the election day. The EU has sent over 70 election observation missions to 50 countries since 2000.

The main objectives of election observation and assessment efforts are:

- to enhance public confidence in the electoral process;
- to deter fraud;
- to strengthen respect for human rights and the rule of law;
- to contribute to the resolution of conflict

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