

Elections related projects

EU Delegation to Ukraine - update as of September 2015

1. Project Title: International Election Observation mission for the Local Elections in Ukraine, funded under IcSP

Grant beneficiary: ENEMO (administered by its secretariat ISFED)

Budget: expected EU contribution: €1 M

Duration: up to 6 months

Description: ENEMO (European Network of Election Monitoring Organisations) will deploy a mission of international long-term and short-term electoral observers, to ensure international presence and in complementarity to ODIHR and local observation, by ensuring. Similar IcSP-funded observation missions were successfully deployed in 2014 for presidential and parliamentary elections.

2. Project Title: "Support to election observation in Ukraine, IcSP

Grant beneficiary: OSCE/ODIHR

Budget: EU contribution € 1,5 M

Duration: 2 years (April 2014 – March 2016)

Description: €1,5 M contribution to the to OSCE/ODIHR sustainability fund allowed for additional short-term observers to be deployed for presidential and parliamentary elections last year, and for local elections in 2015, from EU MS and candidates countries.

3. Project Title: "European practices and standards for Ukrainian elections", EIDHR

Grant beneficiary: All-Ukrainian non-governmental organization "Civil Network **OPORA**" in partnership with the European Partnership for Democracy

Budget: total amount - € 264 000; EU contribution - € 243 000

Duration: 2 years (January 2014 – December 2015);

Overall objective: contribute to a proper legislative base for local and national election campaigns and test it during the national civic campaigns of election observation in 2015;

Specific objectives:

- to lobby amendments to the law of Ukraine "On local elections" in accordance to recommendations worked out by European and Ukrainian experts;
- to observe the process of bringing electoral legislation in line with the recommendations listed in OSCE/ODIHR final report on 2012 Ukraine's parliamentary elections;
- to train and involve the public into a national observation campaign for parliamentary, presidential and local elections in 2014-2015 by developing an interactive training course and launching an online map of election violations.

4. Project Title: "Civic monitoring of electoral processes as a means of raising electoral awareness and ensuring free and fair elections", EIDHR

Grant beneficiary: Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DIF)

Budget: total amount - € 330 000; EU contribution - € 205 000

Duration: 22 months (January 2014 – October 2015)

Overall objective: enhance the role of civil society in promoting citizens' influence on electoral processes in Ukraine

Specific objectives:

- to define the agenda for parliamentary, presidential and local electoral campaigns by formulating 10 most important issues on the basis of public opinion polls;
- to organise and maintain an open and inclusive discussion around issues common for all Ukrainian regions and promote them into the future electoral agenda;
- to provide the society with objective and unbiased information on the course of the electoral campaigns;
- to provide civil society organisations and think tanks with the results of public opinion polls necessary for their activities.

4. Project Title: "Setting up a civil society platform for the development of democracy and voter rights in the Eastern Partnership countries" (Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Poland, Germany), NSA

Grant beneficiary: EPDE (European Platform for Democratic Elections), managed by Europaischer Austausch (European Exchange)

Budget: total amount - € 722,619; EU contribution - € 541,964

Duration: 28 months years (December 2013 – April 2016);

Overall objective: strengthen civil society's capacities to promote free and fair elections in the Eastern Partnership countries

Specific objectives for Ukraine 2015 local elections:

- experts mission to support OPORA and CVU (on IDPs, elections in the East, fake observation, application of new law) + 20 observers
- set up a platform for the interaction and communication between the election observers and experts;
- foster cross-border cooperation in the area of free and fair elections through election experts' missions and advocacy campaigns;
- enhance the communication on the election processes in the region and advocate in the EU for a greater support for the democratic development in the EaP countries.