

# EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION

KOSOVO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2025



The European Union has deployed an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Kosovo to observe the parliamentary elections on 9 February 2025.

## What is the mandate of the EU EOM?

In response to an invitation by the President of Kosovo, the European Union (EU) has deployed an Election Observation Mission to Kosovo to observe the parliamentary elections scheduled for 9 February 2025. The EU has previously deployed election observation missions to Kosovo in 2014, 2017 and 2019 for the early parliamentary elections, and in 2013, 2017 and 2021 for the municipal elections.

The mission's mandate is to observe all aspects of the electoral process and assess the extent to which the elections comply with Kosovo law, as well as with international standards for elections.

## The Mission will assess all aspects and stages of the electoral process including:

- legal framework and its implementation
- performance of the election administration
- role of Kosovo institutions
- voter registration
- campaign activities and campaign finance
- overall environment of the elections, including respect for fundamental freedoms, civil and political rights
- participation of women, youth and non-majority communities
- participation of vulnerable groups
- role of the media, including online information sources and social media
- role of civil society
- voting, counting and tabulation
- complaints and appeals process
- announcement of the results

## Independence, impartiality and non-interference

The EU has a well-established methodology for observing elections which has been consistently applied in different countries for more than 20 years. Observers do not interfere in the electoral process and have no authority to change or correct any shortcomings. All EU election observers are bound by a strict code of conduct and ethical guidelines that guarantee their neutrality and impartiality.

The EU EOM operates in accordance with the 'Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation' adopted at the United Nations in 2005 by a number of international bodies involved in election observation.

The EOM is independent in its findings from the EU Office in Kosovo, EU Member States, and all other EU institutions.



Chief Observer **Nathalie Loiseau**,  
Member of the European Parliament

The European Union Election Observation Mission is led by Chief Observer Nathalie Loiseau, Member of the European Parliament, and it will comprise around 100 observers from EU Member States, Norway, Switzerland and Canada.

A core team of nine election analysts arrived in Pristina on 8 January. The core team assesses all aspects and stages of the electoral process, including political, electoral and legal issues, and is supported by logistical and security experts.

Eighteen long-term observers will be deployed across Kosovo on 19 January to cover all Kosovo regions. They will observe the electoral process in their areas and report back to the core team in Pristina.

The mission will be reinforced with 36 short-term observers around election day, and up to 36 locally recruited short-term observers from EU Member States' and Canada's, Norway's and Switzerland's diplomatic missions accredited to Kosovo, as well as by a Delegation of Members of the European Parliament. They will observe voting, counting and the tabulation of results.

The EU EOM will remain in Kosovo until the completion of the electoral process.

In accordance with the EU election observation methodology, the mission will issue a preliminary statement and hold a press conference in Pristina shortly after the elections.

The final report, which will include a set of recommendations for future electoral processes, will be presented and shared with stakeholders approximately two to three months after the finalisation of the entire electoral process.

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