2017 Election Observation Overview



Election Observation 2017 Missions' Overview



2017	Country	Description
1 April	Armenia	Parliamentary
25 June	Albania	Parliamentary
26 June	Mongolia	Presidential
24 September	Germany	Parliamentary
15 October	Kyrgyzstan	Presidential

- Five observation missions in as many OSCE participating States.
- 216 participants taking part in the missions, including 161 Members of Parliament.
- First-time elections observation in Mongolia and Germany

Election Observation 2017 Mission Leadership



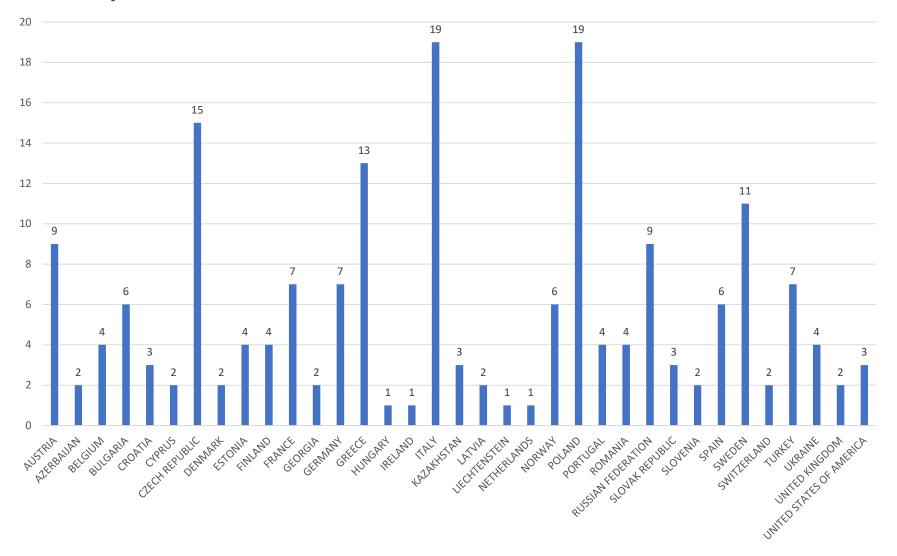
2017	Country of Observation	Elections	Surname	Name	Mr/Ms	Country of Participant
1 April	Armenia	Parliamentary	Sanchez Amor	Jose Ignacio	Mr.	Spain
25 June	Albania	Parliamentary	Battelli	Roberto	Mr.	Slovenia
26 June	Mongolia	Presidential	Picchi	Guglielmo	Mr.	Italy
24 September	Germany	Parliamentary	Tsereteli	George	Mr.	Georgia
15 October	Kyrgyzstan	Presidential	Guliyev	Azay	Mr.	Azerbaijan

Special Co-ordinators

	2017	Country of Observation	Elections	Surname	Name	Mr/Ms	Country of Participant
	1 April	Armenia	Parliamentary	Bekkevold	Geir Joergen	Mr.	Norway
Heads of OSCE	25 June	Albania	Parliamentary	Tidei	Marietta	Ms.	Italy
PA delegation	26 June	Mongolia	Presidential	Varemenos	Georgios	Mr.	Greece
	24 September	Germany	Parliamentary	Santos	Isabel	Ms.	Portugal
	15 October	Kyrgyzstan	Presidential	Gerasymov	Artur	Mr.	Ukraine

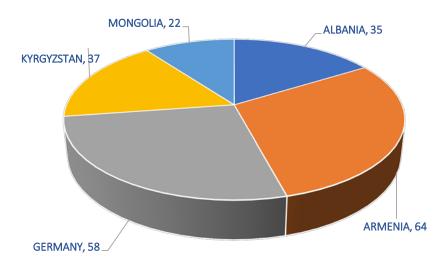
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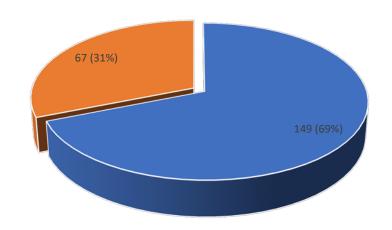


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Mission-by-Mission



Gender



Male Female



Election Observation 2017 Armenia, parliamentary elections 1 April 2017

In a statement delivered in Yerevan, OSCE observers noted that the 2 April parliamentary elections in Armenia were well administered and fundamental freedoms were generally respected. Despite welcomed reforms of the legal framework and the introduction of new technologies to reduce electoral irregularities, the elections were tainted by credible information about vote-buying, pressure on civil servants and employees of private companies, international observers concluded. This contributed to an overall lack of public confidence and trust in the elections.

"Yesterday's elections marked a first step towards establishing a new political system in Armenia, but change cannot happen overnight," said Ignacio Sanchez Amor, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission on 2 April. "Reform is a never-ending process, and I encourage the parliamentary majority and the new government to continue their efforts to transform the country's political culture, in partnership with the opposition, civil society and the international community."

"The new electoral law provides for greater representation of women and minorities," said Geir Jorgen Bekkevold, Head of the delegation from the OSCE PA. "I am glad to note that a greater number of our colleagues in the National Assembly will be women, and I encourage political parties to empower them to bring about transformative change."

The mission was a common endeavor of the OSCE PA and OSCE/ODIHR, led by Ambassador Jan Petersen, as well as observers from PACE and the European Parliament. The OSCE PA had 51 members of parliament from 23 countries.





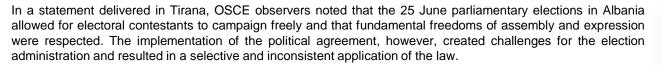


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"It is good that the elections could be held and that promises were made to improve elements of the electoral process that have created so much distrust in the past in the functioning of this key component of a democratic system," said Roberto Batelli (MP, Slovenia), Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "In light of this, it is disappointing that so much of what we observed was a repetition of past practices - in particular concerns related to pressure on voters, creating a negative atmosphere."

The campaign presented a variety of political options and was significant throughout the country, although widespread allegations of vote-buying, concerns over misuse of state resources, and workplace-related pressure on voters further undermined public trust. Media provided the electorate with extensive campaign coverage and a range of political opinions, but with only a limited analytical approach.

"I have witnessed a broad desire to overcome once and for all the political gridlock that has held Albania back for too long," said Marietta Tidei (MP, Italy), the Head of the OSCE PA delegation. "I sincerely hope that this momentum, triggered by the political agreement, will be exploited to the fullest in the best interests of our Albanian friends, to meet their domestic ambitions and aspirations for integration into the European Union. We will continue to support Albania."

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly coordinated with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the European Parliament (EP), as well as the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), whose mission headed by Ambassador Peter Tejler. 327 observers from 43 countries were deployed, including 255 long-term and short-term observers deployed by the OSCE/ODIHR, as well as a 34-member delegation from the OSCE PA.







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Election Observation 2017 Mongolia, presidential election 26 June 2017



The 26 June 2017 presidential election in Mongolia was competitive and well-organized, featuring a short yet fierce campaign, observers said. The election administration largely enjoyed public confidence and the freedoms of assembly and expression were generally respected, according to the post-election statement, protracted resolution of complaints, as well as pending court cases, led to uncertainty regarding candidacies. The media coverage was extensive, but largely devoid of analytical reporting.

"These were competitive and well-run elections, and are overall promising for the future of Mongolia's democracy. Pending court cases related to candidacies caused confusion and doubt, and this must be addressed because, to put it plainly, voters must know if the candidates they are voting for on election day will be legally allowed to take office," said Guglielmo Picchi, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "I look forward to the second round confirming this overall positive experience."

"Yesterday was an impressive display, and many European politicians would be envious of how technologies were put to good use in polling stations, enabling Mongolians to freely choose their next president," said Georgios Varemenos, Head of the OSCE PA delegation.

The mission was a common endeavor of the OSCE PA, OSCE/ODIHR led by Amb. Geert-Hinrich Ahrens, and the European Parliament. The OSCE PA had 16 members of parliament from 11 countries.





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Election Observation 2017 Germany, parliamentary elections 24 September 2017

The 24 September 2017 elections in Germany were highly competitive, and demonstrated that faith in democracy is strong in Germany, concluded observers in a post-election statement delivered by George Tsereteli (MP, Georgia), Special Co-ordinator of the short-term OSCE observer mission. Observers said that the legal framework provides a solid basis for a competitive process, founded on the respect for fundamental freedoms, and applauded the efforts of authorities to ensure equal campaign conditions for candidates and parties.

"Germany has once again demonstrated that its commitment to democracy is undiminished," said Tsereteli. "Highly competitive and well-run, these elections were an opportunity for voters to express their choice in a process that benefits from and is based on broad trust among society."

"This was the first time we've deployed a full observer team to Germany, and the welcome of our mission by all German officials and political parties that we met is a positive signal that the country is ready to pay continued attention to democratic processes," said Head of the OSCE PA Mission, Isabel Santos (MP, Portugal). "Changing political cultures in many countries and new challenges such as cyber attacks mean that we must all dedicate time and effort to preserving democratic systems."

On election day observers visited some 260 polling stations in several cities and regions. In the limited number of polling stations visited, the elections were well administered, and observers were warmly welcomed by election board workers. The observers, however, regretted cases of apparent intolerance towards political debate some in the public, which resulted in isolated instances of physical violence and certain limitations on abilities for the campaign.

The OSCE PA delegation consisted of 45 parliamentarians, with members of parliament from 25 countries and worked with election officials, party representatives, and other experts including from the OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR).







Election Observation 2017 Germany, parliamentary elections 24 September 2017



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Election Observation 2017 Kyrgyzstan, presidential election 15 October 2017

The 15 October presidential election in Kyrgyzstan contributed to the strengthening of democratic institutions by providing for an orderly transfer of power from one elected president to another, international observers concluded. The election was competitive, as voters had a broad choice and candidates could generally campaign freely, although cases of the misuse of public resources, pressure on voters and vote buying remain a concern.

"Kyrgyzstan has demonstrated a generally positive example for holding competitive elections and a peaceful transfer of power, but some concerns remain," said Azay Guliyev (MP, Azerbaijan), Special Co-ordinator and Leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "I look forward to engaging with Kyrgyzstan on the issues we have identified, including on strengthening the legal framework for campaign financing, improving secrecy of the vote and curbing vote buying."

"This election was an important benchmark for the Kyrgyz Republic. New technological advances surely contributed to increased confidence in the election process, but there is still work to be done in improving the voter register," said Artur Gerasymov, Head of the OSCE PA delegation. "I hope that the positive developments we have seen will serve as the basis for a consolidation of democracy in this country and in the region."

The observers received reports of undue restrictions on media freedom. Defamation claims against media outlets by the incumbent president and some candidates had an adverse effect on public debate and resulted in self-censorship.

Civil society played an important role in civic and voter education and undertook comprehensive long-term and shortterm observation, contributing to increased transparency in the electoral process. However, the recent legal amendments limited the number of observers a civil society organization or candidate can have in an election commission.

The OSCE PA worked closely with partners from the OSCE/ODIHR, PACE and the European Parliament. The OSCE PA delegation had 26 members of parliament from 18 countries who participated in the observation mission.









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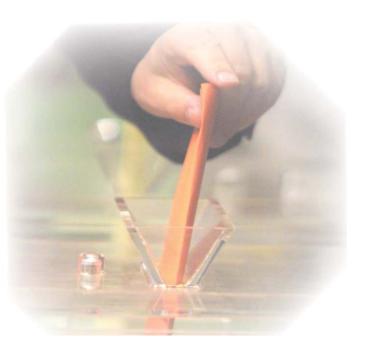
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Election Observation: 25 years in action



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2016	10	334	445	45
2015	6	221	298	50
2014	9	398	522	58
2013	7	166	240	34
2012	11	392	523	48
2011	6	286	374	62
2010	10	392	511	51
2009	6	174	223	37
2008	7	313	387	55
2007	6	244	303	51
2006	7	296	380	54
2005	6	186	225	38
2004	9	313	375	42
2003	4	133	163	41
2002	3	103	118	39
2001	6	207	134	22
2000	6	131	163	27
1999	4	122	165	41
1998	10	213	269	27
1997	6	122	159	27
1996	5	118	163	33
1995	10	164	214	21
1994	4	66	85	21
1993	1	36	57	57







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