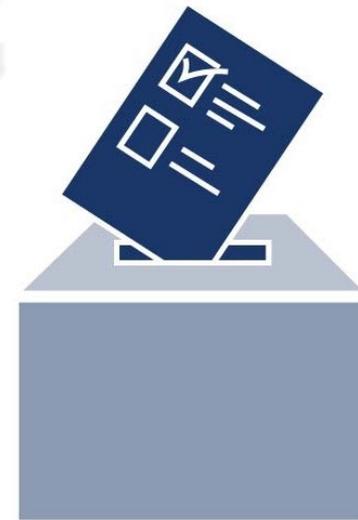




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# 2023 Election Observation Annual Report



# Election Observation 2023

## Missions' Overview

2023	Country	Elections
19 March	KAZAKHSTAN	Parliamentary
14 May	TURKIYE	Parliamentary and Presidential
28 May	TURKIYE	Presidential, 2nd round
15 October	POLAND	Parliamentary
17 December	SERBIA	Parliamentary

- The OSCE PA deployed 5 election observation missions to 4 different OSCE participating States in 2023.
- The OSCE PA deployed a full-scale mission to Poland for the first time ever.
- 370\* participants took part in the missions, including 283 Members of Parliament.

\* Number of participants who attended the missions

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## Mission Leadership

Date	Country of Observation	Type of Elections	Surname	Name	Mr/Ms	Country of Participant
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28-May-23	TURKIYE	Presidential, 2nd round	KARIMI	Farah	Ms.	NETHERLANDS
15-Oct-23	POLAND	Parliamentary	KAUMA	Pia	Ms.	FINLAND
17-Dec-23	SERBIA	Parliamentary	LOPATKA	Reinhold	Mr.	AUSTRIA

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### Heads of OSCE PA Delegations

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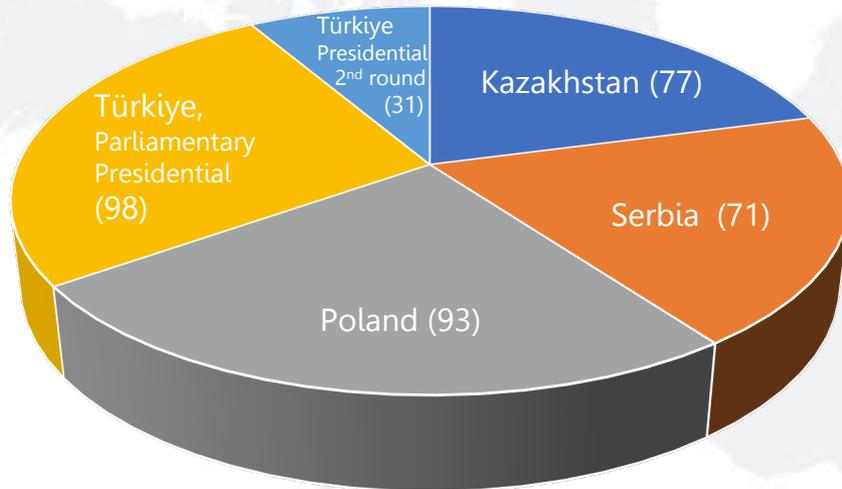
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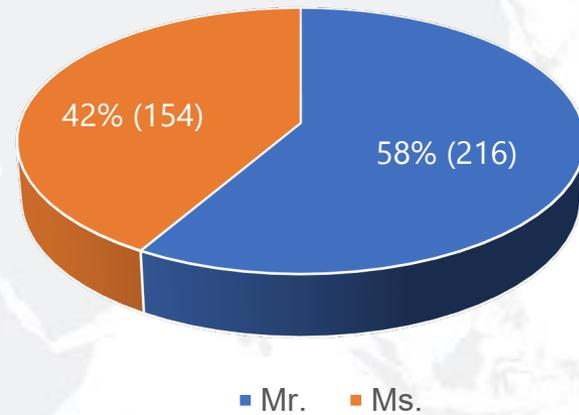
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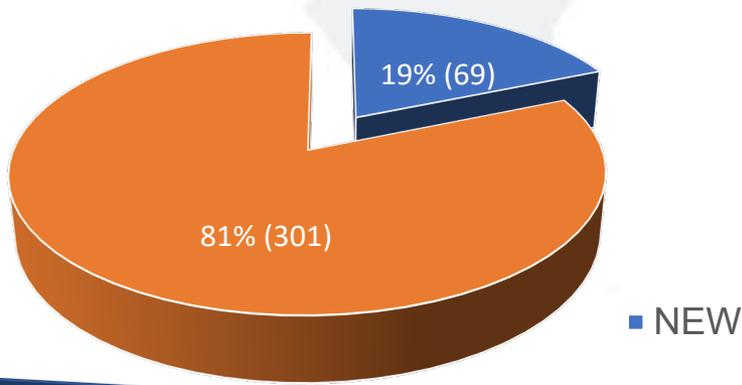
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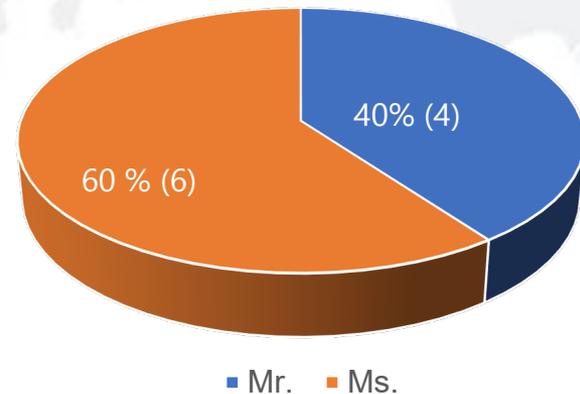
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Gender among Leadership



# Election Observation 2023

## Kazakhstan, Parliamentary Elections

### 19 March 2023

The 19 March early parliamentary elections were held in the context of reforms introduced to bring Kazakhstan closer to holding elections in line with international standards and OSCE commitments, as legal amendments addressed several previous recommendations and provided increased choice for voters. However, limits on the exercise of fundamental freedoms remain, and some political groups continued to be prevented from participation as parties in elections. Further changes to the legal framework are needed to provide a sufficient basis for conducting democratic elections, the international observers said in a [statement](#).

While the elections introduced elements of competitiveness to the political arena, diverse administrative obstacles negatively affected the equality of campaign opportunities for some self-nominated candidates, and the practice of deregistration created uncertainty for candidates over their continued participation in the contest.

Overall, contestants campaigned actively and freely. Party platforms and messages addressed a wide range of social and economic issues but were generally supportive of the president's reform agenda.

Undue administrative hurdles, broad discretionary powers during the party registration process and a lack of judicial remedy all remain of concern. Freedom of expression and the media, guaranteed by the Constitution, are undermined by a restrictive legal framework, which deters independent critical reporting and contributes to widespread self-censorship.

The electoral preparations were administered efficiently, and the Central Election Commission held regular live-streamed sessions and published its decisions promptly. However, the fact that outcomes were discussed in advance of formal sessions detracted from the transparency of the decision-making process.

While voting was organized in a smooth manner overall, significant procedural irregularities were observed during counting and tabulation and important safeguards were often disregarded, undermining the transparency of the process. Observers consistently noted discrepancies between the number of voters casting their ballots and the officially reported preliminary turnout figures.

The OSCE PA observers worked closely with the delegation of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



- Photos from the Mission available [here](#).

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## Kazakhstan, Parliamentary Elections

### 19 March 2023

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# Election Observation 2023

## Türkiye, Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

### 14 May 2023

Characterized by a high turnout, Türkiye's general elections were well-managed and offered voters a choice between genuine political alternatives, but the current president and the ruling parties enjoyed an unjustified advantage. Continued restrictions on fundamental freedoms of assembly, association and expression hindered the participation of some opposition politicians and parties, as well as civil society and independent media, international observers said in [a statement](#).

"These were competitive but still limited elections, as the criminalization of some political forces, including the detention of several opposition politicians, prevented full political pluralism and impeded individuals' rights to run in the elections," said Michael Georg Link, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "Political interference in the electoral process is not in line with Türkiye's international commitments."

Almost 61 million voters were registered to vote in the country as well as 3.5 million abroad, in an election that took place against the background of this year's devastating earthquakes. The election administration organized the elections efficiently and generally enjoyed trust, although there was a lack of transparency and communication in their work, as well as concerns over its independence. Voting day was mostly peaceful and smooth, despite a number of incidents in and around polling stations.

"Despite the promising opportunity for choice presented in these elections, there were significant challenges for citizens to exercise their right to vote, and unfortunately, women were underrepresented as candidates," said Farah Karimi, head of the OSCE PA delegation. "Hundreds of thousands of individuals, people affected by the earthquakes and particularly students, had to make significant additional efforts to exercise their right to vote."

Freedom of expression and of the media, although protected by the constitution, are limited by a number of laws. During the campaign, the ruling parties and their candidates were clearly favoured by the majority of national TV stations, including the public broadcaster, despite its constitutional obligation to remain impartial.

The OSCE PA observers worked closely with partners from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, as well as the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



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- Post-Election Press Conference recording available [here](#).

# Election Observation 2023

## Türkiye, Presidential and Parliamentary Elections

14 May 2023

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# Election Observation 2023

## Türkiye, Presidential Election

### 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 28 May 2023

The second round of Türkiye's presidential election was well run and gave voters the opportunity to choose between real political alternatives but was characterized by increasingly inflammatory and discriminatory language during the campaign period. Media bias and ongoing restrictions to freedom of expression created an unlevel playing field, and contributed to an unjustified advantage of the incumbent, international observers said in a [statement](#).

The mission found that although the election authorities introduced some regulations ahead of the first round to ensure the smooth running of a potential run-off, the legislation does not address important aspects of holding second rounds, which has a negative impact on legal certainty and the stability of the overall legal framework.

"Concerns raised during the first round over the lack of a level playing field and the unfairness of the campaign remained unaddressed, with the incumbent president continuing to benefit from an unjustified advantage," said Farah Karimi, who headed the OSCE PA delegation and served as Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "Regretfully, the use of harsher rhetoric by both contesting sides that was discriminatory and inflammatory further polarized the political environment. Voters came out in great numbers yesterday, and it is crucial that the winner makes genuine efforts to ensure the unity of the people of Türkiye."

The campaign period ahead of the second round was generally peaceful. The election administration managed the preparations for the second round efficiently within a short timeframe.

Observers noted that many broadcasters did not meet the legal obligation to provide impartial coverage of the campaign and equal opportunities for the two presidential candidates, with the public broadcaster significantly favouring the incumbent and a similar bias noted in numerous private media outlets.

The observation mission was a joint undertaking of delegations from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, as well as the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



- Press-release from the mission available [here](#).
- Post-Election Press Conference recording available [here](#).

# Election Observation 2023

## Türkiye, Presidential Election

### 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 28 May 2023

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# Election Observation 2023

## Poland, Parliamentary Elections

### 15 October 2023

Poland's parliamentary elections were characterized by record high voter participation with a wide choice of political options and candidates able to campaign freely, but the campaign was tarnished by notable overlap between the ruling party's messages and government information campaigns. Together with distorted and openly partisan coverage by the public broadcaster, this provided a clear advantage to the ruling party, undermining the democratic separation of state and party, international observers said in a [statement](#).

The elections took place in a highly polarized atmosphere and were regarded by many as critical to Poland's democratic future. The mission found that the legal framework provided a sufficient basis to hold democratic elections.

The national election commission prepared for the elections efficiently and despite some questions being raised about their impartiality, generally enjoyed public trust. Election day itself was calm, and the process was efficient and well organized in the polling stations visited by observers.

While freedoms of association and assembly were respected in a pluralistic campaign, it was marred by the misuse of state resources. The overlap between the ruling party's campaign messages and government information campaigns as well as state-controlled companies and their foundations, including on the referendum, gave a further significant advantage to the ruling party.

The run-up to the election remained peaceful overall. However, the campaign was highly confrontational and often negative, with candidates repeatedly using intolerant, misogynistic and discriminatory language, including anti-migrant narratives from some parties that were at times xenophobic.

The observer mission found that while public television gave free airtime to all contestants, its political coverage clearly promoted the ruling party and its policies and at the same time demonstrated open hostility towards the opposition.

The OSCE PA deployed full-scale observation mission in Poland for the first time ever. The Assembly delegation worked closely with the delegations of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, as well as the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



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- Post-Election Press Conference recording available [here](#).

# Election Observation 2023

## Poland, Parliamentary Elections

### 15 October 2023

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The OSCE observers concluded that although Serbia's early parliamentary elections offered voters a choice between political alternatives and freedoms of expression and assembly were generally respected, pressure on voters as well as the decisive involvement of the President and the ruling party's systemic advantages undermined the election process overall.

The mission found that the legal framework is adequate to carry out democratic elections. However, there are still numerous issues to address, such as the misuse of public resources, the lack of separation between the official functions and campaign activities, and intimidation and pressure on voters, including cases of vote buying.

"While the elections were technically well-organized, they unfolded in the midst of a socially and politically divided landscape," said Reinhold Lopatka, Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. "The decisive involvement of the President dominated the electoral process, and the use of his name by one of the candidate lists, together with bias in the media, contributed to an uneven playing field."

The elections took place against the background of high polarization and intense competition between opposing political agendas. In the run-up to the election, a number of concerns were voiced about the intimidation and harassment of civil activists, human rights defenders, and journalists.

The election administration prepared for voting day efficiently and transparently, considering the challenges posed by the short timeline and the local and regional elections taking place the same day. Election day was smooth overall, but there were a number of procedural deficiencies, including frequent cases of overcrowding, violations of the secrecy of the vote, and numerous instances of group voting.

OSCE PA Head of Delegation, Farah Karimi, noted that "Serbia has conducted its third parliamentary election in just under four years, a frequency that has diminished the public's trust in the democratic process and the institutions governing it, and the election campaign has been marked by extreme divisiveness."

It was a joint undertaking of delegations from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, as well as the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.



- Photos from the mission available [here](#).
- Post-Election Press Conference recording available [here](#).

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Year	Missions #	MPs	Total Participants	Average Participants
2023	5	283	374*	75
2022	4	289	373	93
2021	9	340	455	51
2020	4	96	141	35
2019	9	340	455	51
2018	8	436	479	60
2017	5	161	216	43
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

\* Including participants who were denied accreditation



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