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Call for Candidatures – Deputy Chief Observer
European Union Election Observation Mission to Kosovo for Early
Parliamentary Elections
Possible tentative election dates 22 or 29 September, or 06 October 2019

Following the resignation of Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj on 22 July 2019, early parliamentary elections are likely to be announced in the coming weeks. On 22 August, the Assembly might vote on its dissolution, and new elections are constitutionally mandated to be held between 30 and 45 calendar days after dissolution of Assembly. The EU has observed elections in Kosovo since 2013 and the Kosovo authorities have indicated that the EU will again be invited to observe.

In order to be able to deploy an EU EOM timely, this call for candidatures is launched under suspensive clause depending on the announcement of the Early Parliamentary Elections, receipt of an invitation from Kosovo authorities, decision of the HR/VP to deploy and EU EOM and the signature of an Administrative Arrangement between EU and Kosovo authorities. This call for candidatures can be cancelled and/or its timetable altered according to the actual election timeframe.

Please note that due to the tight deployment timetable and the deployment of the Deputy Chief Observer and Core Team Members simultaneously with the Service Provider, the DCO may need to work at the beginning of the deployment without usual office facilities. The use of personal phones/IT equipment may be needed and working from hotel or meeting rooms could be envisaged.

Considering the above, the European Commission initiates the selection procedure for the position of Deputy Chief Observer for the EU EOM to observe Early Parliamentary Elections. According to the procedures set out the Commission implementing decision of 29.10.2014 adopting the Implementing Arrangements for Election Observation Missions, C(2014) 7782, the DCO will have the status of Special Advisor under the Title VI of CEOS¹.

The Commission invites interested applicants to submit **by 28 August 2019 (24:00 Brussels time)** their candidature for this position.

Applicants are requested to follow the procedure described hereafter. Applications which do not meet all the specified conditions and formal requirements detailed in this procedure will not be considered. The evaluation of applications and selection of successful candidates will

¹ Conditions for Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS)

be carried out by a selection committee composed of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and European External Action Service (EEAS).

1. CONTRACT CONDITIONS

The fees plus allowances of the contract are as follows:

Position	Contract Length (Days) ²	DSA in days (in Kosovo) ³	DSA/Per Diem in days (Brussels)	Daily Allowance ⁴	Security
Deputy Chief Observer	68	61	2	0	

The selected candidate is expected to provide a health declaration (template provided in annex) prior to her/his deployment.

The successful candidate shall follow respectfully and at any time during her/his assignment as observer, the EU Code of Conduct for Election Observer, provisions of CEOS relative to Special Advisors as well as the European Commission, EEAS, EU EOM Core Team and Service Provider instructions, in particular security and safety instructions, upon deployment and throughout the mission.

Due to both security and reputational risks, DCO and other mission members are strongly discouraged from staying in the country, for personal reasons, outside their deployment period. Service Providers are instructed not to modify mission travel tickets.

The European Commission strongly discourages the EU EOM Kosovo Members to bring along their dependents to the Mission. Should they decide to do so, they have to be aware that the EU EOM infrastructure cannot be used for them, including in the case of medical or security evacuations.

Failure to follow the Code of Conduct and instructions may result in an anticipated termination of the observer's assignment, immediate repatriation to the place of residence and non-recommendation for future EU EOMs.

Contract form: the successful candidate shall be contracted by the European Commission Services as a Special Advisor under Title VI of COES⁵.

Please be aware that the eligibility criteria (citizen of a Member State) should ideally be fulfilled for the entire duration of the assignment. If the United Kingdom withdraws from the EU during the duration of the assignment without concluding an agreement with the EU ensuring in particular that UK citizens continue to be eligible, you may cease to receive EU funding or be required to leave the assignment.

² The contract length is tentative and might be modified. The Indicative Contract Length in Days includes the additional availability for the return visit with the Chief Observer (max 10 days) and calculated based on the e-day on 06 October 2019.

³ DSA in Kosovo: 80 + 140 EUR for accommodation; in Brussels: 102 + 148 for accommodation

⁴ At present not applicable in Kosovo

⁵ As specified in the art. 5 and 124 of the Conditions for Employment of Other Servants of the European Union (CEOS)

Duration of availability/contract duration: Candidates are requested to be available for the period foreseen under *Point 1*, and during the dates indicated under *Point 5 (tbc)*. These dates are indicative. The selected candidate will be contracted for the duration specified under *Point 1*. "*Indicative Contract length in days.*"

Payment: All payments shall be based on request for payment from the successful candidate addressed to the relevant European Commission service (FPI.3), indicating clearly the number of days worked (de facto).

2. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Any applicant evaluated previously in the EU EOMs as 'not recommended for future missions' will not be taken into account by the selection committee for 5 years counted from the 'election date' of the mission in the roster for which the person was negatively evaluated.

For each position incoming applications have to comply with the following requirements:

- Complete application online at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/applications/eom/index.cfm>
- Excellent physical conditions and good health to manage long working hours under particularly tough logistical conditions. Possibility of potentially demanding physical efforts.
- Full flexibility is required from the candidates in terms of mission timetable.

The selection criteria for the DCO position are as follow:

Language proficiency: excellent written and spoken proficiency (level C1)⁶ in English is necessary. The working and reporting language of the mission will be English. Interim and Final reports will be submitted in English.

- Professional experience: i) participation in at least three Election Observation Missions as Core Team member (this may include EOMs organised by other organisations) or equivalent election monitoring/supervision project.
- A specific (DCO) NEEDS/EODS training can substitute one practical experience in a mission.
- Proven managerial capacity, organisational skills and capacity to work as part of a team. Assessment of this criterion can be based on the record of participation in the past EU EOMs and on the evaluation form NEEDS/EODS trainings.
- Computer literacy.

The following criteria will be considered an asset:

- Professional experience in EU EOMs on other positions, participation in EU Election Expert Missions; experience gained in the field of electoral assistance;
- Participation in a specific DCO NEED/EODS or election observation training session (e.g. Member States training, NEEDS/EODS, EUEOM or other);
- Knowledge of the country or region.

The European Commission strongly encourages applications from newcomers and recent participants to the relevant EODS trainings.

⁶ Level C1 according to the Council of Europe languages levels available at <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/files/8a87d2f5-aba8-4272-b8f1-4922fe12c425>

Applicants' references and professional experience may be checked and language proficiency tested through phone interviews by European Commission officials during the selection process.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH APPLICANTS

- a) Apply online at <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/applications/eom/index.cfm>
- b) From the publication of this information, candidates are strongly discouraged from contacting the relevant services of the European Commission and the European External Action Service by any means except for submission of their application. All members of the Selection Committee are instructed not to provide any additional information except for the present Request for Candidatures or for any potential additional information provided on the relevant web-page of the Commission.

This measure is taken to ensure an equal treatment of all applicants and transparency of the selection process.
- c) The deliberations of the Selection Committee are confidential.
- d) Once the Selection Committee has chosen the Deputy Chief Observer, the successful candidate will receive a positive reply requiring them to supply all relevant documentation in order for the Commission services to verify the data specified in their CVs (University degrees, statement of employers, etc.) and bank details for payment of fees and allowances.
- e) Applicants who are not selected will be informed by email. The Commission services do not have capacity to automatically provide individual feedback due to the large number of applicants, however in case of further inquiry please refer to the functional mailbox: FPI-EUEOM-APPLICATIONS@ec.europa.eu
- f) The Selection Committee's decision is final.
- g) Candidates are herewith requested to update their CV in the EU Roster <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/applications/eom/index.cfm> prior to submitting their candidature. For the entire selection process and the preparations for fielding, the Commission will only take into consideration the data included in the Roster (departure airport, passport data, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, etc.). Should a CV not include all the required information, the applicant will be rejected. Further communication by the candidate (for example concerning new departure airport, changed e-mail, etc.) shall not be taken into consideration.

4. CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE CONTRACT

The deployment of the mission and the finalisation of related contracts depend on the successful finalisation of administrative preparations for the EU EOM.

5. INDICATIVE EU EOM KOSOVO 2019 TIMETABLES

	Service Provider
	Core Team
	E-Day
	LTOs
	STOs

Date	Day	Kosovo Parliamentary Election Tentative timetable 22 September	
4 September	Wednesday	SP Deployment to Kosovo	-18
4 September	Wednesday	CT Briefing in Brussels	-18
5 September	Thursday	CT Deployment to Kosovo	-17
10 September	Tuesday	LTO Deployment to Kosovo	-12
11 September	Wednesday	LTO Briefing	-11
12 September	Thursday	LTO ½ day briefing and deployment	-10
18 September	Wednesday	STO deployment to Kosovo	- 4
19 September	Thursday	STO briefing	-3
20 September	Friday	STO ½ day Briefing and deployment	-2
22 September	Sunday	E-Day	0
24 September	Tuesday	STO return to Pristina and debriefing	+2
25 September	Wednesday	STO departure	+3
27 September	Friday	Data analyst return	+5
02 October	Wednesday	LTO return to Pristina + debriefing	+10
03 October	Thursday	LTO departure – 3 teams if necessary	+11
08 October	Tuesday	LTO remaining teams + SP Deputy security departure	+16

13 October	Sunday	CT departure	+21
20 October	Sunday	SP departure	+28
21 October	Monday	SP and CT debriefing in Brussels	+29

Date	Day	Kosovo Parliamentary Election Tentative timetable 29 September	
4 September	Wednesday	SP Deployment to Kosovo	-25
4 September	Wednesday	CT Briefing in Brussels	-25
5 September	Thursday	CT Deployment to Kosovo	-24
9 September	Monday	Data Analyst deployment to Kosovo	-20
10 September	Tuesday	LTO Deployment to Kosovo	-19
11 September	Wednesday	LTO Briefing	-18
12 September	Thursday	LTO ½ day briefing and deployment	-17
25 September	Wednesday	STO deployment to Kosovo	-4
26 September	Thursday	STO briefing	-3
27 September	Friday	STO ½ day Briefing and deployment	-2
29 September	Sunday	E-Day	0
01 October	Tuesday	STO return to Pristina and debriefing	+2
02 October	Wednesday	STO departure	+3
04 October	Friday	Data analyst return	+5
09 October	Wednesday	LTO return to Pristina + debriefing	+10
10 October	Thursday	LTO departure – 3 teams if necessary	+11
15 October	Tuesday	LTO remaining teams+ SP Deputy security departure	+16
20 October	Sunday	CT departure	+21
27 October	Sunday	SP departure	+28
28 October	Monday	SP and CT debriefing in Brussels	+29

Date	Day	Kosovo Parliamentary Election Tentative timetable 06 October	
4 September	Wednesday	SP Deployment to Kosovo	-32
6 September	Friday	CT Briefing in Brussels	-30
7 September	Saturday	CT Deployment to Kosovo	-29
12 September	Thursday	Data Analyst deployment to Kosovo	-24
13 September	Friday	LTO Deployment to Kosovo	-23
14 September	Saturday	LTO Briefing	-22
15 September	Sunday	LTO ½ day briefing and deployment	-21
02 October	Wednesday	STO deployment to Kosovo	-4
03 October	Thursday	STO briefing	-3
04 October	Friday	STO ½ day Briefing and deployment	-2
06 October	Sunday	E-Day	0
08 October	Tuesday	STO return to Pristina and debriefing	+2
09 October	Wednesday	STO departure	+3
11 October	Friday	Data analyst return	+5
16 October	Wednesday	LTO return to Pristina + debriefing	+10
17 October	Thursday	LTO departure – 3 teams if necessary	+11
22 October	Tuesday	LTO remaining teams+ SP Deputy security departure	+16
27 October	Sunday	CT departure	+21
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Annex (for information only):

- Code of Conduct
- Health Declaration.

GUIDELINES - EU POLICY ON ELECTORAL OBSERVATION

"Code of Conduct

The following guidelines will apply to nationals of any country participating in EU observation missions decided by the EU unless specifically agreed otherwise. The guidelines will not apply to EU nationals participating in e.g. OSCE or UN missions, in which case those organisation's own codes will apply.

All official EU observers should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Respect the laws of the land. Observers enjoy no special immunities as an international observer, unless the host country so provides;
- Observers will participate in all pre-election briefings with their supervising officers;
- Observers will be subject to the direction and management of the observer team leadership, carrying out their written terms of reference and covering the geographical schedules specified by team leaders;
- Observers should be aware of the presence of other electoral monitoring teams, and liaise with them under the direction of the leader of the EU observer team;
- Observers will carry prescribed identification issued by the host government or election commission, and will identify themselves to any interested authority upon request;
- Observers shall maintain strict impartiality in the conduct of their duties, and shall at no time express any bias or preference in relation to national authorities, parties, candidates, or with reference to any issues in contention in the election process;
- Observers will not display or wear any partisan symbols, colours or banners;
- Observers will undertake their duties in an unobtrusive manner, and will not disrupt or interfere with the election process, polling day procedures, or the vote count;
- Observers may bring irregularities to the attention of the election officials, but will not give instructions or countermand decisions of the election officials;
- Observers will base all conclusions on well documented, factual, and verifiable evidence, and will keep a record of the polling stations and other relevant places that they visit;
- Observers will refrain from making any personal or premature comments about their observations to the media or any other interested persons, but should provide, through a designated liaison officer or spokesperson, general information about the nature of their activities as observers;
- Observers will participate in post election debriefings with their supervising officers and will contribute fully towards appropriate EU reports on the elections monitored;
- Observers must comply with all national laws and regulations. Where these limit freedom of assembly or movement about the country, they must note where such rules prevent them from carrying out their duties;
- At all times during the mission, including during private time away from work, each election observer should behave blamelessly, exercise sound judgement, and observe the highest level of personal discretion."

HEALTH DECLARATION – CT/DCO

European Commission – FPI

Please fill in each question.

Name:	
Date of birth:	ID/Passport No.:

1. MEDICAL HISTORY

Do you suffer from or have you ever suffered from, had symptoms of, been examined for or been treated for any of the following ailments, or anything related to them? Consider the examples as help - they do not cover all conditions. Any other symptoms or ailments must also be stated, and a clarification and further details should be written on the last page.

If your state of health changes after you have submitted your health information, you are required to notify EC/SP of this immediately for an assessment of new information.

Please state numbers for the following	Blood type: Blood pressure: Pulse: BMI: Waist:
Diabetes, metabolic diseases, respiratory diseases, gastrointestinal diseases, and diseases of the musculoskeletal system	If yes; what and when: What was the outcome of the treatment ? Is the treatment ongoing, completed or recurrent?
Cardiac and circulatory diseases Blood clots, pain/tightness in the chest, high blood pressure, varicose veins, phlebitis, swollen ankles, heart rhythm disorders, pacemaker, elevated cholesterol. Other cardiovascular disorders	Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes; what and when: What was the outcome of the treatment ? Is the treatment ongoing, completed or recurrent?
Cancer, other tumors/growths, immune system-related disorders Any type of cancer or cancer precursor/suspected cancer. Polyps in the bowel, benign tumors/growths	Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes; what and when: What was the outcome of the treatment ? Is the treatment ongoing, completed or recurrent?
Neurological disorders Epilepsy, migraine and headache disorders, multiple sclerosis, stroke, alcohol-related disorders, dementia, brain injury, infections and genetic diseases, Parkinson's disease,	Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes; what and when: What was the outcome of the treatment ?

chronic pain and other neurological	Is the treatment ongoing, completed or recurrent?	
Psychiatric and behavioral disorders Nervousness, anxiety, psychosis, depression, mania, insomnia, or disorders related to addiction to alcohol or drugs, or other addictions. Dementia. Developmental and behavioral disorders, compulsive behaviors (ADHD, OCD, etc.). Other psychiatric disorders and symptoms?	Yes:	No:
	If yes; what and when: What was the outcome of the treatment ? Is the treatment ongoing, completed or recurrent?	
Alcohol and intoxicating substances/narcotics(?) Do you currently or have you at any time for a period of more than six months, consumed more than 14 units of alcohol (men)/ 7 units of alcohol (women) per week? Do you currently or have you at any time for a period of more than six months used intoxicating substances?	Yes:	No:
Allergies Drugs: Foods: Other:	Yes:	No:
	If yes, what kind?	
Do you presently take any kind of medicine	Yes:	No:
	If yes, what kind of medicine and for what reason:	
Previous hospital admissions	Yes:	No:
	If yes; for what and when? If yes, is the treatment ongoing or are you cured?	
ECG (only for applicants over 45 years)	Please state numbers here:	
Other comments	Please state comments here:	

I certify, that (name): _____ has been examined on the date indicated above and has been found to be in good health, without any medical limitations and therefore medically fit to travel and work abroad in an international mission in post conflict areas and often under stressful conditions with long working hours.

Place:

Date:

Doctor's name, signature, phone number, e-mail and stamp