

# Continuous training of electoral stakeholders in Armenia

# There are two types of trainings organized in Armenia.

- Trainings organized by the Central Electoral Commission
- Trainings organized by the Political Parties and NGOs.

# The CEC in its turn holds two types of trainings.

- Trainings for candidates of Precinct Electoral Commission membership and observers.

It is required by the Electoral Code, according to it: “Only those citizens who completed professional training courses on the administration of elections and have been awarded qualification certificates may be involved in the composition of precinct electoral commission”. As well as for observers who want to carry out observation mission in the polling station shall have the qualification certificate for observers. As a result, every year approximately 40.000 citizens are trained.

# Trainings for members of electoral commissions

- In accordance with the Electoral Code Precinct Electoral Commissions shall be formed 25 days before the voting day. The CEC holds trainings for already formed PEC members. The number of PEC members during the National elections is approximately 16 000. The CEC periodically organizes training for members of the Territorial Electoral Commissions. At the time of national elections PEC and TEC trainings are assessed positively by the OSCE/ODIHR observers in their reports.

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- The team of trainers is composed of the CEC members, CEC Staff and independent electoral experts who have a big experience in the field of elections. I want to mention, that every time prior to organizing trainings for members of electoral commissions the CEC holds trainings for trainers.

# Trainings organized by the political parties (candidates) and NGOs.

- Political parties and candidates organize trainings for their proxies and NGOs organize trainings for observers. Political parties (candidates) may have 6.000 proxies for each National election based on the number of polling stations. In practice every local NGO may carry out observation mission. During National Assembly elections in 2012 there were 54 NGOs with 32.000 observers.
- Taking into consideration that in Armenia the number of voters is approximately 2.5 million, we can say that periodically 5% of total number of voters have been trained.

# Publications.

- The CEC publishes about 50.000 samples of the Electoral Code and manuals of CEC decisions in the same number, guidebooks for the members of Precinct and Territorial election commissions in about 20.000 samples. The CEC also published manuals and handbooks for proxies and observers, based on the request of the Political parties(candidates) and NGOs, as well as guidebooks, posters on the voting day procedures and complain procedures.
- In general about 200.000 samples of electoral materials are published during every National Election.

For raising voters' awareness, during the National Elections the CEC prepared social rolls and cartoons on voting day procedures which were broadcast on State and private TV channels.



Thank you 😊!