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In close cooperation with the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF) will conduct a

**Specialisation Course on
Long-Term Election Observation
from 12th to 16th October 2008**

Aim

The course aims at providing participants with the background and skills required for assignments in OSCE and EU election observation missions and preparing them for challenges of long-term field assignments.

The methodology is participatory and includes case studies, scenarios, simulations and exercises. All trainers have an extensive practical background in election observation, while observers from previous EU and OSCE missions serve as resource persons throughout the course. Moreover, the methodology encourages the creation of new knowledge and skills through the interaction that takes place between participants with diverse experience, professional skills, and national backgrounds.

Modules

- International Actors and Democratization Support
- EU and OSCE Election Observation Missions
- International Standards and the Electoral Cycle
- Electronic Voting
- Frame and Context of Long-term Election Observation Missions
- Other Types of Election Support: Supervision, Technical Assistance and Direct Implementation
- Working relationship between Core Team, LTOs and STOs
- Working with National Staff
- Code of Conduct
- LTO and STO Reporting: Formats and Responsibilities
- Security in Election Observation Missions

Participants

The course specifically targets candidates who already are on a national rosters and will soon be deployed to Long Term Election Observation Missions. While Short Term Election Observers are generally deployed for 7-10 days, Long-Term Observers serve an average of 2-3 months in missions. Please note that applicants for LTO courses should ideally have extensive previous experience as a Short Term Observer - previous LTO experience is however not required. Maximum number of participants: 20

Location

Europäische Akademie Grunewald
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Cost & Application

1050 € per person including full board and accommodation.

Please email your application to: training@zif-berlin.org