



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Service for Foreign Policy Instruments

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NOTE TO MEMBER STATES

**CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR LONG-TERM OBSERVERS AND SHORT TERM OBSERVERS FOR AN
ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION (EU EOM) TO TUNISIA**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS 06 OCTOBER 2019

It is possible a 2nd round of Presidential Elections takes place, likely on 03 NOVEMBER 2019

Following the decision of the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (HR/VP) to deploy an EU Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to Tunisia, **pending the signing of an Administrative Agreement between the European Union and the Tunisian Authorities**, the European Commission wishes to initiate the selection procedure for **selection of Long Term Observers and Short Term Observers**, in order to observe **the Presidential Elections on 15 September 2019 and the Legislative Elections on 06 October 2019**.

Note that it is likely that a **2nd round of Presidential Elections** takes place on **03 November 2019**.

1. 28 LONG-TERM OBSERVERS (LTOs)

INDICATIVE AVAILABILITY DATES:

Arrival in Tunisia: **01 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Departure to Europe **15 NOVEMBER 2019**

The dates include a possible 2nd round of Presidential Elections likely to take place on 03 November 2019

Requested availability: 76 days - including 2nd round of Presidential Elections

Training session: 3 days (upon arrival in Tunis)

In order to ensure the recruitment of observers, the European Commission invites Member States to submit candidates' names via the ROSTER at the latest **by 13/08/2019 (23:59hrs CET)**

Member-States can propose **up to 4 candidates** for the position of Long-Term Observers (LTOs)

2. 28 SHORT-TERM OBSERVERS (STOs)

INDICATIVE AVAILABILITY DATES:

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Arrival in Tunisia: **10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Departure to Europe: **15 SEPTEMBER 2019**

LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

Arrival in Tunisia: **01 OCTOBER 2019**

Departure to Europe: **11 OCTOBER 2019**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS – (possible 2nd round likely to take place on 03 November 2019)

Arrival in Tunisia: **30 OCTOBER 2019**

Departure to Europe: **07 NOVEMBER 2019**

Requested availability: 76 days (including 2nd round of Presidential Elections)

Training session: 2 days (upon arrival in Tunis) for the Presidential Elections, 1 day for the Legislative Elections and 1 day for the possible 2nd round of Presidential Elections.

In order to ensure the recruitment of observers, the European Commission invites Member States to submit candidates' names via the ROSTER at the latest **by 13/08/2019 (23:59hrs CET)**

Member-States can propose **up to 4 candidates** for the position of Short-Term Observers (STOs)

Two STO positions are reserved for potential applications of Focal Points

LANGUAGE: The working and reporting language of the mission will be **French**. Member States should ensure a fair balance among the gender, professional and linguistic background of shortlisted candidates.

NOTE: Any applicant evaluated 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.

IMPORTANT REMARK:

LTOs & STOs would be deployed throughout the country. Observers should be willing to accept difficult living conditions when deployed in some of the duty stations.

3. CANDIDATE PROFILE

- **Language proficiency:** written and spoken proficiency in **French (C1 level)**
- **Previous experience in the country and/or region or in a similar context will be considered an asset.**
- **Previous electoral observation experience** and/or other relevant experience including electoral training, technical assistance or experience in the region in relevant fields:

LTO: Minimum two (2) observation mission as an observer or Core Team member (this may include EOMs organised by other organisations) or relevant electoral training (preferably by EODS/NEEDS).

STOs: minimum one (1) observation mission as an observer or Core Team member (this may include EOMs organised by other organisations) or relevant electoral training (preferably by EODS/NEEDS) or relevant previous work experience.

A limited number of STO positions will be reserved for newcomers with relevant skills.

Member States are invited to propose **one STO without experience.**

- **Previous experience of work as a civilian in a large scale international mission or in a human rights monitoring mission is an asset.**
- **Demonstrated commitment to democracy and human rights.**

- **Computer and IT** (Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Access, Adobe Acrobat, Outlook, Android) and internet browser and web mail software. Familiarity with use of satellite phones, GPS, BGAN.
- **Excellent physical conditions and good health**, which can afford long working hours and potential demanding physical efforts. Candidates should consult their government's health advisories.
- **Living conditions**: observers should be willing to accept very difficult living conditions when deployed in some duty stations.
- **Full flexibility** is required from the candidates in terms of mission timetable in case of changes and delays.

4. **SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES AND INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO SHORTLISTED OBSERVERS**

- The Commission and EEAS will proceed with the selection of observers in the framework of the criteria outlined in the European Union Council Decision “**EU Guides for the Selection of the electoral observers**” **Council Decision 8728/99 - PESC 165 - COHOM 4** and will inform the Member States of the final list of selected observers.

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

- Previous evaluations during EU EOMs and EODS/NEEDS training sessions will also be taken into account.
- The Commission will use for the Mission the data already existing in the ROSTER system: http://eeas.europa.eu/eucom/become-an-observer/election-roster/index_en.htm
- Applications sent by email will not be taken into account
- The tentative date by which the Commission plans to inform Member states and the selected/non-selected LTO/STO is **19/08/ 2019**

IMPORTANT REMARK: Applicants' references and professional experience might be checked and language knowledge tested through phone interviews by European Commission officials during the selection process

5. **THE COMMISSION INVITES THE MEMBER STATES:**

- to only propose candidates certifying their **full availability** for the entire period of the mission; keeping in mind that the date between notification and deployment will be extremely tight;
- to ensure an appropriate balance between the observers' past professional experiences (various types of public or civilian background);
- to remind pre-selected observers to **update their personal data in the ROSTER** before the submission of their candidatures. For the entire selection process and the preparations for fielding, the Commission will only take into consideration the data entered in the CV in the Roster (departure airport, passport data, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, etc.). Should a CV not include all the required information, the applicant may be rejected. Further communication by the candidate (for example concerning new departure airport, changed e-mail, etc.) will not be taken into consideration;

- to rank in each category all shortlisted observers by order of suggested preference;
- to inform the observers of the information and Terms of Reference detailed in the annex to the present Note (in particular regarding deployment dates & forfeit (lump sum));
- to inform the observers that **proficiency in French** may be tested through phone interviews by European Commission officials during the selection process;
- to inform observers of the security instructions and health precautions and requirements as published on the websites of their respective Ministries and Embassies. More information on health precautions and requirements will be communicated by the Service Provider to selected candidates at a later stage;
- to inform the observers to follow respectfully and at any time during their assignment as observers the EU **Code of Conduct for Election Observers** as well as the European Commission and EU EOM Core Team and Service Provider instructions, particularly security and safety instructions, upon deployment and throughout the mission;

IMPORTANT NOTE: Failure to follow the Code of Conduct (attached) and instructions may result in an early termination of the observer's assignment, immediate repatriation to the place of residence and non-recommendation for future EU EOMs

6. INFORMATION ABOUT THE LUMP SUM (*FORFAIT*) FOR OBSERVERS:

- Daily lump sums (forfait) are reimbursed to the LTOs/STOs
- The lump sum should be paid per day worked on the EOM.
- Travelling days for mobilisation and demobilisation of LTOs will be eligible for the payment of the lump sum, as long as Observers are spending the night outside of their place of residence.
- The following rules will apply, from the day of mobilisation until the day of demobilisation, including for travelling days:
 - In the event that full board accommodation (i.e. all meals included) is provided by the EU EOM, the lump sum will be reduced to 30%. This rate also applies in the case of night flights.
 - If lunch and dinner are provided, the lump sum will be reduced to 80% of the lump sum. Each meal (lunch or dinner) represents deduction of 10% of the lump sum.
 - The breakfast represents deduction of 5% of the lump sum.
 - If only accommodation, including breakfast, is provided, the lump sum received will be reduced to 50%.
 - If the accommodation without breakfast is provided the lump sum will be reduced to 55%.

Lump sum calculation - LTOs/STOs				
Accommodation	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total
Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	30%
Provided	-	Provided	Provided	35%
Provided	Provided	-	-	50%
Provided	-	-	-	55%
-	Provided	Provided	Provided	75%
-	-	Provided	Provided	80%

- Public transportation from the place of residence (as recorded in the EOM Roster at the time of the submission of the application) to the closest or economically most advantageous airport (and back) will be reimbursed, on top of the lump sum received

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Annexes:

- Observers' recruitment information and Terms of Reference;
- Code of Conduct;
- LTO and STO Health declaration templates