



European Union Election Observation Mission Zimbabwe 2023

[EEAS](#) > [EOM Zimbabwe 2023](#) > [EU Election Observation Mission deploys 44 short-term observers](#)

EU Election Observation Mission deploys 44 short-term observers

🕒 20.08.2023

📍 Harare

👤 [European Union Election Observation Mission Zimbabwe 2023](#)



The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) to the Republic of Zimbabwe deployed today 44 short-term observers (STOs) across the country. The group is the third contingent, following the core team and 46 long-term observers, which have arrived in Zimbabwe earlier in July.

“The short-term observers will cover all ten provinces in both, urban and rural areas. Together with the other EU EOM observers they will be the eyes and the ears of the mission on election day during polling, counting and collation of results. They will also pay attention to the election environment”, said Chief Observer Fabio Massimo Castaldo.

Prior to their deployment, the short-term observers received a two-day in depth briefing in Harare on the electoral background, voting procedures, the political environment, code of conduct and other topics.

For election day the EU EOM will be reinforced by a Delegation of the European Parliament and diplomats accredited to Zimbabwe. In total, the EU EOM will comprise about 150 observers from all 27 member states, as well as Canada, Norway and Switzerland.

“EU observers will be visiting many polling stations from the opening to the closing of the polls and follow also the collation of results. They will however not interfere in the process. They are here to observe and not to supervise”, said Mr. Castaldo, adding: “Although election day is an important element of our observation, the EU EOM is in Zimbabwe to assess all aspects of the elections over the entire duration of the process allowing for an impartial assessment of the entire election process.”

Chief Observer Castaldo will present the initial findings and conclusions of the mission two days after the elections. The EU EOM will remain in Zimbabwe to observe also the post electoral environment and follow possible appeals and complaints. A final report, with recommendations for future elections, will be published some two months after election day.



EUROPEAN UNION WEBSITES

[European Union](#)  | [European Commission](#)  | [European Parliament](#)  | [European Council](#)  |

[All EU Institutions](#) 

[Contacts](#)

[Data protection](#)

[Privacy statements](#)

[Cookie policy](#)

[Europa analytics](#)

[Language policy](#)

[Legal notice](#)

[Accessibility](#)

[Login](#)