



EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION



THE PHILIPPINES National Midterm Elections, 12 May 2025

THE INVITATION

Following an invitation from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the European Union has deployed an **Election Observation Mission (EOM)** for the 12 May 2025 National Midterm elections. The mission's mandate is to observe all aspects of the electoral process and assess the extent to which the elections comply with the Philippine Constitution and laws, as well as with the Philippines' international and regional commitments related to democratic elections.

MORE THAN 200 OBSERVERS

The EU EOM Philippines 2025 is led by Chief Observer **Marta Temido**, a member of the European Parliament from Portugal.

In total, the mission will comprise more than 200 observers from EU Member States, as well as from Canada, Norway and Switzerland.

A **core team of 11 analysts** arrived in Manila at the end of March. The core team assesses all stages and aspects of the electoral process, including electoral, legal, political, campaign and media issues.

Seventy-two long-term observers were deployed on 16 April to cover all regions of the country. They observe the electoral process in their areas and report to the core team in Manila. Shortly before election day, they will be joined by more than **100 short-term observers**.

On election day, the mission will be reinforced by diplomats from EU member states accredited to the Philippines, as well as from Canada, Norway and Switzerland.

A delegation of **members of the European Parliament** will also join the EU EOM. They will observe voting, counting and the tabulation of results.

INDEPENDENCE, IMPARTIALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE

The EU EOM Philippines 2025 is independent in its findings and conclusions from all EU institutions and EU Member States. EU EOM observers adhere to a [Code of Conduct](#) and maintain strict neutrality and impartiality in the course of their work.

They never interfere in the electoral process, nor do they offer advice or assistance. They do not legitimize the electoral process nor do they validate the election results. The EU long-term observation methodology is applied in the same way across all EU election observation missions deployed worldwide.

The EU EOM operates in accordance with the [Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation](#), adopted at the United Nations in 2005 by a number of international organizations involved in election observation. EU observers are also bound by [Ethical Guidelines](#) and respect Philippine laws.



WHAT WE DO

In the course of its observation, the EU EOM Philippines 2025 will meet with representatives of the COMELEC, national and local authorities, political parties and candidates, as well as with representatives of civil society, domestic observers, and the media.

Among others, the mission will assess:

- the laws and instructions related to elections;
- the performance of the electoral administration;
- the registration of political parties and candidates;
- the voter registration;
- campaign activities and campaign finance;
- the participation of women, youth, ethnic and religious groups, sectoral and marginalised groups;
- the respect for fundamental freedoms, as well as for civil and political rights;
- the role of the media and social media;
- the accuracy, security and transparency of the automated election system;
- voting and tabulation;
- complaints and appeals;
- the publication of the results.

ELECTION DAY

On election day, the EU Election Observation Mission will deploy observers throughout the Philippines to observe the opening of polling stations, voting, counting, and tabulation of results. They will visit hundreds of polling stations across the different regions of the country, in both urban and rural areas.

OUR REPORTS

The mission will present a **preliminary statement** shortly after election day. This statement will outline the EU EOM's initial findings and conclusions, and the extent to which the mission considers the election to have been conducted in line with Philippine laws, as well as with the international commitments to democratic elections the country has subscribed to.

A comprehensive **final report**, including recommendations for the improvement of future elections, will be presented approximately two months after the completion of the election observation process.



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