



European Union Election Observation Mission

PRESS RELEASE: EUEOM/2013/08

71 European Union Observers will be deployed throughout Kosovo on Election Day

Pristina, 29 November 2013 – The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) deployed today 31 Short-Term Observers (STOs) throughout Kosovo in order to monitor the second round of the Mayoral Elections scheduled to take place on Sunday 1 December 2013.

On Election Day, the total number of EU observers will amount to 71 with the further deployment of observers from the local EU embassies in addition to the 20 Long-Term Observers and the core team experts who have been present in Kosovo for several weeks in order to assess the whole election process.

The observers are coming from 26 EU Member States as well as from Norway and Switzerland.

“I hope that the EU Election Observation Mission’s presence will help increase confidence in the election process and, that people will be encouraged to cast their ballot in a peaceful environment”, said Peter Palmer, Deputy Chief Observer at the STO’s departure.

On Election Day, observers will visit polling stations in order to monitor the opening of the stations as well as the voting and counting operations. Then, they will observe the complaints and appeals and the announcement of the results.

Following Election Day, the EU Election Observation Mission will issue its preliminary assessment of the process. A final report - with recommendations for future elections - will be published at the beginning of 2014.

Media inquiries should be directed to Florence Marchal, EU EOM Press & Public Outreach Officer, +386 49 73 77 08 – florence.marchal@eueomkosovo2013.eu

- Follow us on *Twitter* - <https://twitter.com/EUEOMKosovo>
- A selection of high-resolution images of the mission is available on *Flickr* <http://www.flickr.com/photos/eueomkosovo/> - Photo credit must be given to the **EU EOM Kosovo 2013**. By downloading, you agree to use the images in accordance with these restrictions.