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Project news: training for election observers

As part of a project to widen participation in election observation missions, the ODIHR organizes training courses for short-term election observers from states that do not regularly send observers to OSCE election missions.

Following on from a similar event last November, a course was held at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek on 14-16 June. The 36 participants came from 16 OSCE states.

Election missions

Assessment of parliamentary elections in Turkey

Latest reports

Full Press Statement on the
Second Round of Local
Elections in Moldova, 17 June
2007

Needs Assessment Mission
Report ahead of the 22 July
2007 Parliamentary Elections
in Turkey

Final Report on the 18 February
2007 Local Elections in Albania

Statement of Preliminary
Findings and Conclusions on
the 3 June 2007 Local
Elections in Moldova

2007 Parliamentary Elections
in Armenia: Post-Election
Interim Report 1

Needs Assessment Mission
Report ahead of the 10 June
2007 Parliamentary Elections
in Belgium

Statement of Preliminary
Findings and Conclusions on

Conference on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

A Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on *Promotion and Protection of Human Rights: Responsibilities and Effective Remedies* will take place in Vienna on 12-13 July.

[Conference website](#)



Recruitment of experts for ODIHR election observation mission to Kazakhstan

The ODIHR is currently recruiting for core-team positions for an election observation mission to observe the 18 August parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan.

The deadline for applications is **22:00 CET, 3 July 2007**.

[More information](#)



ODIHR Director addresses OSCE Permanent Council

ODIHR Director Ambassador Christian Strohal presented his regular thrice-yearly report of ODIHR activities to the OSCE Permanent Council on 28 June.

[Ambassador Strohal's speech](#)

Warsaw seminar on participation and representation

A Human Dimension Seminar on *Effective Participation and Representation in Democratic Societies* took place in Warsaw on 16-18 May. The meeting covered both normative and capacity aspects of participation and representation, drawing on the experiences with a wide variety of participatory and representative systems and procedures from across the OSCE region.

Speeches and documents submitted to the seminar are available on the [seminar website](#).

Bucharest meeting highlights forced evictions of Roma

During the OSCE High-Level Conference on Combating Discrimination and Promoting Mutual Respect and Understanding in Bucharest, 7-8 June, the

[the 12 May 2007
Parliamentary Elections in
Armenia](#)

[The Role of Civil Society in
Preventing Terrorism](#)

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ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues held a side event on
forced evictions of Roma in the OSCE region.

Jointly held with the Geneva-based NGO COHRE (Centre on Housing
Rights and Evictions) and the Bucharest-based Roma NGO Romani CRISS,
the meeting prepared a number of recommendations for participating
States.

[Side event report](#)

[Conference website](#)

TANDIS user survey

The ODIHR's Tolerance and Non-Discrimination System (TANDIS) is
inviting feedback through a user survey.

TANDIS was launched in 2006 as an online resource for governments,
NGOs and other organizations working on tolerance-related issues.

[TANDIS homepage](#)

[Access the user survey](#)

New publications

- ODIHR Annual Report 2006
- Factsheet on ODIHR Panel of Experts on
Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Building the Capacity of Roma Communities
to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings:
Roundtable Report
- Booklet on Effective Participation and
Representation in Democratic Societies



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