



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE ELECTORAL FIELD BETWEEN THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND THE CENTRAL ELECTION COMMISSION OF GEORGIA

The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Central Election Commission of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”;

Taking into account their constructive relationship developed in the bilateral and multilateral context;

Confirming their support for the democratic process and respecting the widely recognized democratic standards regarding citizens’ rights and liberties;

Seeking to strengthen and deepen their bilateral cooperation in the areas of electoral management, as well as in the exchange of information and best practices in electoral matters;

Considering their common need to share the experience gained from earlier electoral processes, while also exchanging expertise and professional knowledge; and

Acknowledging their willingness to establish a mechanism for cooperation concerning the design and implementation of improvements of the electoral process;

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Participants will promote cooperation, as jointly decided, in the following areas:

- a. promoting the exchange of knowledge and experience in the organizational and technical development of the electoral process, with an emphasis on developing best practices in the field of electoral management;
- b. Support in exchanging information, materials, expertise, and organizing training of personnel basically on utilizing electoral technologies in elections;
- c. designing and disseminating materials on electoral systems, gender equality, and inclusiveness of the electoral process and the voting procedure in order to remove obstacles to the exercise of citizens’ voting rights, as well as to increase the legal understanding of voters and other participants in the electoral process;
- d. sharing information related to using voting technologies in the electoral process, voters’ education and awareness raising, disinformation and mechanisms and tools used against dis and misinformation;
- e. Facilitation relationships with other electoral stakeholders/authorities and organizations;

- f. enhancing cooperation towards increasing public confidence in the electoral process; and
- g. any other areas of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by the Participants within their mandates.

Paragraph 2

In order to develop an appropriate mechanism for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Participants will conduct regular consultations on the following:

- a. identifying and revising priority areas of cooperation;
- b. developing and submitting recommendations for areas of cooperation, arranging joint activities necessary for the implementation of this MoU, and identifying ways of carrying them out.

Paragraph 3

While implementing this MoU, the Participants may develop and jointly decide upon on joint plans, defining specific forms of cooperation. The financing of activities arising under this MoU will be determined by mutual consent of the Participants.

Paragraph 4

1. This MoU is not intended to create any legal obligations under international law.
2. This MoU will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Participants.

Paragraph 5

This MoU will not prevent either Participant from entering into bilateral arrangements with electoral management bodies, or international organizations or acceding to international electoral associations.

Paragraph 6

Any difference arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved by consultations and/or negotiations between the Participants.

Paragraph 7

This MoU may be modified upon mutual written consent of the Participants, set out in the form of protocols which will be an integral part of this MoU, and will become effective upon their signature by the Participants.

Paragraph 8

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force until terminated by either Party upon written notice.

Signed at Tbilisi on March 27, 2024, in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Georgian and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**FOR THE CENTRAL ELECTION
COMMISSION OF BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA**

Irena HADŽIABDIĆ

President



**FOR THE CENTRAL ELECTION
COMMISSION OF GEORGIA**

Giorgi KALANDARISHVILI

Chairperson



04-2-14-870-4/2023