

Monitoring Elections in Kosovo - A Tool for Increasing the Transparency of Political Parties in the Republic of Kosovo

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Monitorování voleb v Kosovu 2017 – Zásadní zlepšení transparentnosti financování politických stran v Kosovu prostřednictvím přenosu metodiky a příkladů dobré praxe z monitoringu předvolebních kampaní v ČR

TERMÍN REALIZACE

1.1.2017 – 31.12.2017

01-03/2017 Preparatory phase

First Experience-sharing visit (1.1.3) to Prague (3 representatives of KDI / two-days, 3/2017) will be used also to re-assure the workflow at Kickoff meeting (1.1.2). Its internal part – work-meetings with experts on elections monitoring (EM) in CZ (D.Ondráčka TICZ, P.Vymětal VŠE) – will mark the differences in legislation of CZ and XXK regarding electoral codes (1.1.2) and will overview the Methodics for planned Seminar (3.1.1) and Microgrant (2.1.1) in XXK. TICZ will also organize the meetings with local players/organizers of EM and mediate the exchange of experience and knowledge on EM.

Open Roundtable (1.1) will serve to share the knowledge with external experts (Frank Bold, Glopolis, Oživení o.p.s.) and disseminate the info about the project.

03-04/2017 Research phase

Following Microgrant (2.1.1) distributed by KDI among researchers (political sciences, law, social sciences) is dedicated to deliver the solid materials about legislation and will propose concrete preliminary scenarios/necessary conditions and applicable criteria for successful elections monitoring in XXK (in English).

Vice versa TICZ will summarize its experience with EM of elections to Senate and local municipalities 2016¹ pointing out best practices and weak-points. Materials will form cooperative English *Comparative study on best practices in elections monitoring in CZ-XXK* (2.1, 15pgs., ENG). It is a necessary ground for three other steps:

Methodics and content of *Seminar* in XXK (3.1.3) and *Cookbook for EM in XXK* (4.1). Third step will be actual piloting of the monitoring based on recommendations from the Study (see below).

04/2017 Phase of transfer of knowledge and good practice examples

Experience-sharing visit of TICZ to XXK (3persons/3days, 05/2017) is mainly about Seminar for ambassadors for EM where the know-how on organizing and promoting successful monitoring will be thought to 15 participants gathered by KDI from

¹ <http://www.transparentnivolby.cz/podzim2016/>

students of politology, eastern studies, political sciences but also from other CS initiatives (e.g. COHU, FOL and KLI).

The participants (and tutors) will be evaluated via Colloquial exam (3.1.5) on model situations prepared by TICZ and will become a core of in-formal *Group of ambassadors of EMs in XXK* (3.1).

By disseminating their knowledge they will enlarge the group by new ambassadors empowered with skills and legal background to support the monitoring.

Public *Round-table II* with same functions as nr. I will be held in Pristina.

04-10/2017 Activation, summarization and piloting phase

Local elections in XXK are announced to mid-2017, although delay till October 2017 is reasonably expected.

Piloting will be done accordingly, applying the know-how learned. For the elections one representative of TICZ will be invited to KDI for support and observation of monitoring process (2.2.4, 1 person/2days). The evaluation of transparent financing of political campaigns during elections will be published on internet subpage by KDI. Diary of visit will be written and published after – as an attractive and meaningful promotion of collaboration and report on its outcomes (4.2).

The practical Cookbook (4.1 on-line) is of the most important outcomes of MEIKo.

Findings from Comparative study and experience of Seminar will be used for

A) Albanian description of legal minimum for eligibility of EM, potential mistakes/weak-points in organization (based on CZ experience and legal analysis of XXK), proposals of topical criteria for evaluation of campaigns in EM, examples of good practice from CZ.

B) executive summary in ENG. explaining the aims of publication and project.

The Cookbook will be easily readable, practically designed with 32 pages, published online by KDI under the supervision of TICZ. In Kosovo the book will serve as application *manual* for direct democracy principles spreading strong message of democratic values and strengthening democratic development.

10-12/2017 Dissemination and reporting phase

Besides the experience-sharing visit from TICZ to XXK (2.2.4) TICZ will also take over shooting of video-blog with KDI partners (Visar Sutaj) which will promote the project and serve for dissemination (see below), for evaluation of the outcomes and promotion (namely Cookbook and On-line platform) among independent journalists (Press-conference and Press release 4.4).