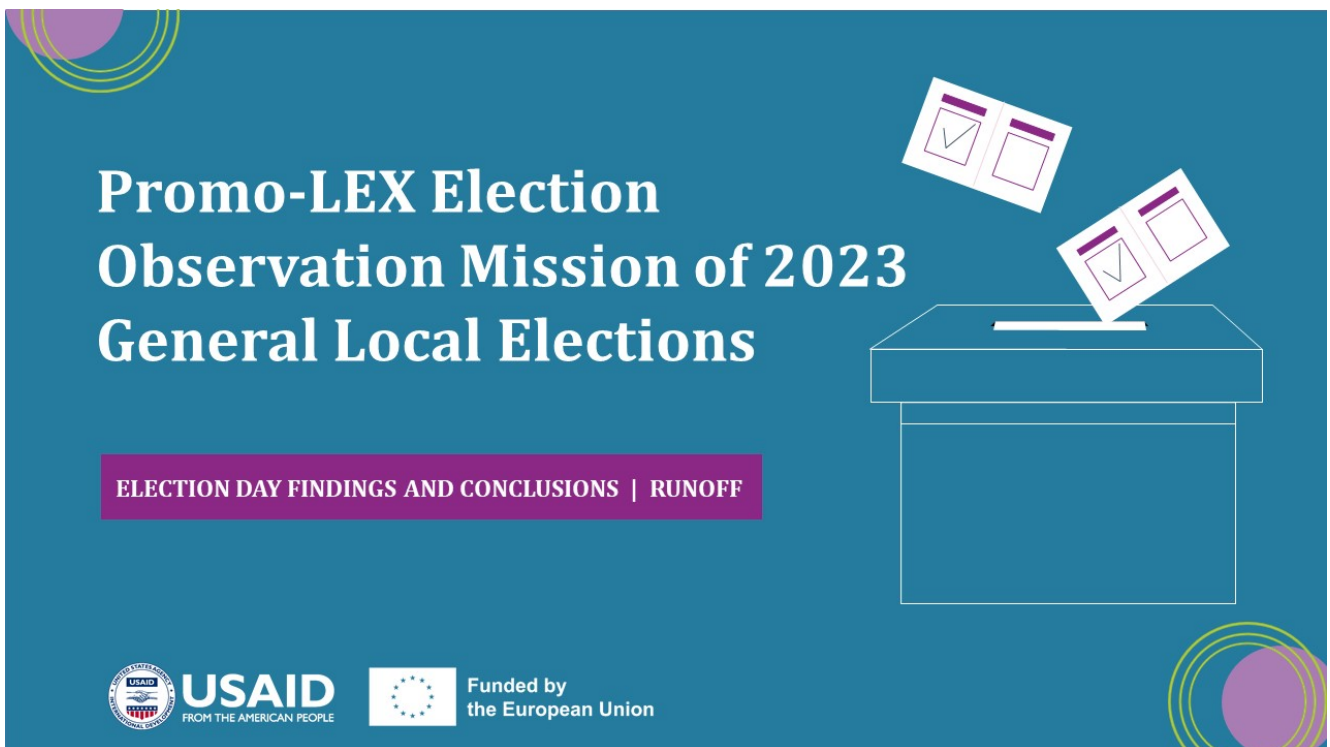


Promo-LEX Observation Mission for the General Local Elections 2023: FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS | ELECTION DAY | 2nd ROUND



On the day of the second round of voting, 19 November 2023, the Promo-LEX Observation Mission (OM) delegated one static short-term observer to 175 polling stations (PS) out of 620 open PSs. The other 445 PSs were be observed by 50 (two-observers) mobile teams. We remind that the second round of voting was held in 609 polling stations, and repeat voting in the case of 11 stations.

Following the processing of all the reports received from the observers, the Promo-LEX OM noted a number of 126 incidents during the voting.

The following were among the most frequent types of incidents: the unjustified presence of unauthorized persons in the premises or within 100 meters of the polling station (31 cases) and photographing ballot papers and other violations of the secret of voting (25 cases).

“Those types of incidents may suggest a causal link to some negative phenomena of influencing the will of the voters, which took place also during the election campaign and could indicate attempts to control and influence the behavior and decision of the voters, including on election day”, explains the head of the Promo-LEX OM, Nicolae Panfil.

During the election day, voting was generally organized efficiently in the precincts observed. At the same time, the SAIS Elections operation was affected sporadically. 8 cases of suspension of SAIS Elections operation were found due to the lack of electricity or the Internet, or situations in which the voters were not identified by the system. Also, 12 cases of interruption of the process of shooting the electoral operations for opening the polling station or the procedures for counting the ballot papers were observed.

The Promo-LEX OM expresses its concern relating to at least 6 cases of intimidation of observers or obstruction of the free observation process in the polling station. The Promo-LEX OM noted 2 cases of refusal to release copies of all vote counting minutes. We emphasize that, in carrying out their duties, observers have the right to have access to all electoral information.

The vote counting was generally quick and calm. The preliminary results of the vote counting for the position of mayor of Balti, carried out by the Promo-LEX OM based on the minutes collected, do not indicate significant differences compared to the preliminary data announced by the Central Electoral Commission.

Opening of Polling Stations
Earlier than 7:00 AM or with a delay



18 cases

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Accessibility of polling stations
for people with mobility difficulties



335 PS of 574
are not accessible

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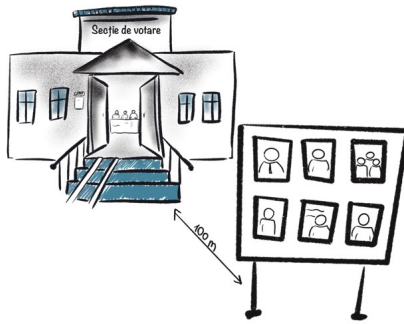
Closing of polling stations
earlier or later than 9:00 PM



1 case

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Presence of advertising materials, posters, billboards within the radius of the polling station (100 meters from the PS premises)



4 cases

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Restricted access for observers or obstruction of the free observation process in the polling station



6 cases

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Ballot boxes were not sealed according to legal procedures / breakage/damage or absence of seals on ballot boxes



9 cases

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Unauthorised presence of unauthorised persons in the polling station premises or within 100 m radius



31 cases

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Photographing of ballot papers, violations of the secrecy of voting



25 cases

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Electoral campaigning or black PR within 100 m perimeter and/or inside the polling station to influence the voters' choice



1 case

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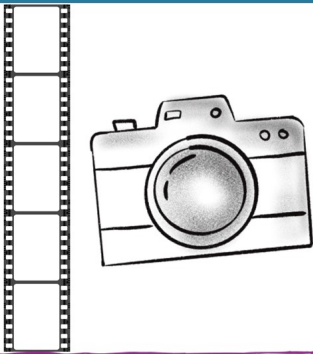
Organised transport of voters (coaches, minibuses or other transport units that normally wouldn't be in the vicinity)



7 cases

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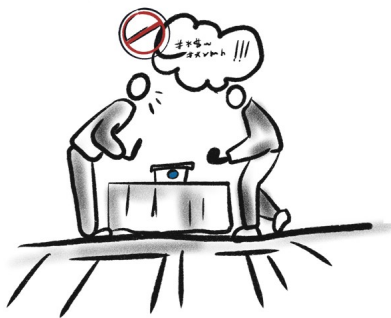
Interruption of the filming the entire electoral process



12 cases

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Acts of violence/intimidation of voters or other persons



2 cases

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Deficiencies in the functioning of SIAS Elections system
(suspension of functioning; situations where SIAS Elections system indicates that the voter has voted and the voter claims he/she did not vote)



8 cases

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Deficiencies in the voters lists
(discrepancies between addresses; deceased voters; signatures in place of other persons)



5 cases

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Unjustified group voting (2 or more people in the voting booths)



6 cases

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Refusal to issue copies of all the Minutes of the requested vote count



2 cases

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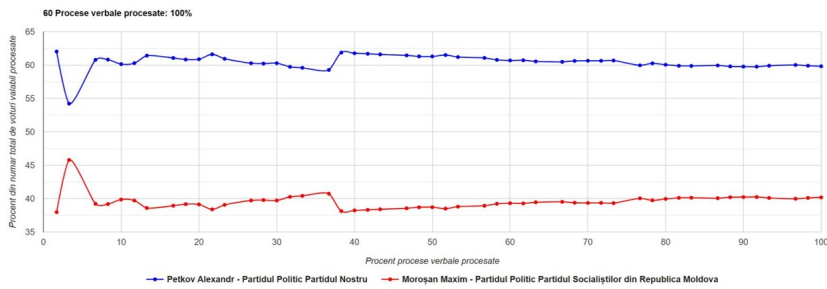
Others





8 cases

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Evolution of candidates' scores based on the number of processed minutes, percentage - Balti municipality, Mayor



Preliminary results on the vote count in Balti municipality

Candidate for MAYOR		CEC data	Promo-LEX data
	Petkov Alexandr, PN	59.63% (15111)	59.82% (15158)
	Moroşan Maxim, PSRM	40.37% (10230)	40.18% (10183)

Presentation of preliminary results regarding the parallel vote tabulation in the municipality of Balti

Total no. of PS	60
No. of PS observed by Promo-LEX	60
No. of Minutes received	60
No. of Minutes wrong/invalidated	2
No. of Minutes missing	0

Minutes that contain errors (Mayor, Balti municipality)

Types of errors	Number
I = C + J	4
J = I - C	4

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