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**Short-Term Observers join the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM)**

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24 short-term observers have arrived in Afghanistan to join the European Union Observation Mission (EU EOM), deployed in the country since early July. The short-term observers belong to European Union Member States, with the exception of Norway and Rumania. They have all had previous experience in polling procedures. They will be deployed across the country between September 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

The EU EOM comprises of a Core Team of 13, including Chief Observer Emma Bonino, and 60 long-term observers, who were deployed early August covering 29 Provinces so far. EU EOM will further enlarge thanks to about 40 locally recruited short-term observers, mostly from EU Embassies and EU Institutions. A European Parliament delegation will also join the Mission close to E-Day.

The EU EOM is the largest and most prolonged international observation mission present in Afghanistan for these elections.

On September 19, at 17:00, at the Hotel Intercontinental, the EU EOM will issue a preliminary statement on its findings.

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