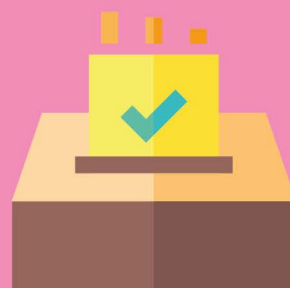


# ODIHR Election Follow-up Activities



ODIHR has so far conducted more than 370 observation activities across the OSCE region to support democratic processes



ODIHR election reports make specific recommendations



All OSCE countries have committed to promptly follow up on ODIHR's recommendations



## How can ODIHR help?



Legal reviews, expert opinions, comparative studies



Expert meetings and roundtables



Technical advice

## ODIHR election follow-up principles

ODIHR follow-up activities take place at the request of national authorities, supporting local ownership of the reform process

- Remain impartial and independent
- Promote political pluralism
- Assist in implementation of recommendations
- Stay open and transparent
- Increase participation of under-represented groups
- Co-ordinate with other organizations to prevent duplication
- Prioritize assistance according to local needs and resources available
- Regularly review effectiveness of follow-up practices
- Refrain from follow-up activities during election observation
- Encourage countries to report on follow-up

## Keys to sustainable follow-up



## How ODIHR can help: examples

- Legal opinions on draft and adopted election-related laws
- In-depth expert support to parliamentary and governmental committees
- Database of electoral recommendations and status of implementation
- Review of draft code of conduct for media coverage of election campaigns
- Study trips for election officials
- Advice on increasing election participation of under-represented groups including women, people with disabilities, and national minorities

Want to learn more? Check out ODIHR Election Handbooks <https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/handbooks>

