



Information for International Observers Regarding Observing Elections for the President of the Republic of Croatia that will be held on 29 December 2024

According to the Obligatory instructions for observers for Elections for the President of the Republic of Croatia, international observers have right to observe method of election, election procedure and work of electoral bodies.

International observers are representatives from the international organizations engaged in the Republic of Croatia, representatives of diplomatic-consular missions located in the Republic of Croatia, representatives of international electoral associations and representatives of electoral commissions from other countries.

Application form for observing Elections for the President of the Republic of Croatia is available on the web site of the State Electoral Commission of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter: Commission).

Approval for election observation will be delivered without delay to the international organization or to international observer to the address indicated in the application form, by the Commission.

The Commission will issue an official ID card for every international observer who has approval for election observation.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF OBSERVERS

The right to observe elections includes observation of the entire election process, especially voting, the work of electoral bodies and insight into the entire election material, except for excerpts from the voter list and certificates on the basis of which voters voted.

The observer has the right to:

- attend the work of the electoral body and warn about observed irregularities
- ask for a copy or transcript of the minutes on the work of the electoral body whose work he observed
- attend the handover of the election material
- attend the work of the election committee, from the preparation of the polling station before its opening, during voting, the counting of ballots and the determination of voting results, as well as filling out the minutes of the work of the election committee

- put reasoned objections to the work of the electoral body in the minutes on the work of the electoral body or attach them in written form to that record, and request a confirmation of the given reasoned remark to the work of the electoral body
- review election materials until the announcement of the final election results, except for excerpts from the voter list and certificates on the basis of which voters voted
- to come and go from the polling station, without disturbing the voting process and the work of the election committee.

The observer is not allowed to:

- obstruct the work of the electoral body
- photographing, audio or film recording of the polling station and the work of the electoral body, especially photographing excerpts from the voter list and certificates on the basis of which the voters voted, as well as ballots at the polling station during voting, i.e. determining the voting results
- during the observation of the work of the election committee, answer the voter's inquiries, and in case the voter addresses him, he is obliged to refer him to the president, deputy president or member of the election committee
- review excerpts from the voter list and certificates based on which voters voted
- wear any signs of political parties or candidates or non-governmental organizations that observe elections, photos of candidates or other promotional materials and influence voters in any other way.

AUTHORITIES OF ELECTORAL BODIES REGARDING OBSERVERS

Electoral bodies are obliged to allow observers to observe and monitor their work.

The president of the electoral body will verbally warn an observer who disturbs the work of the electoral body, and if the observer continues to disturb despite the warning, the president of the electoral body is authorized to order his removal and also may request the help of the police.

For more information, please contact the Commission:

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