Overview of EU EOM Preparation and Implementation

Brussels, December 2008

1- EU EOMs Organisation

- Programming – Institutional Framework

- Exploratory Mission

- Decision

- Contracting I.P and I.P Deployment

- Selection of the « Core Team » and Deployment

- Selection of Observers (LTOs, STOs) and Deployment

- E-Day + <u>Preliminary Statement</u>

- <u>Debriefing and Final Report</u>

- Closure / Follow-up

Instrument : EIDHR
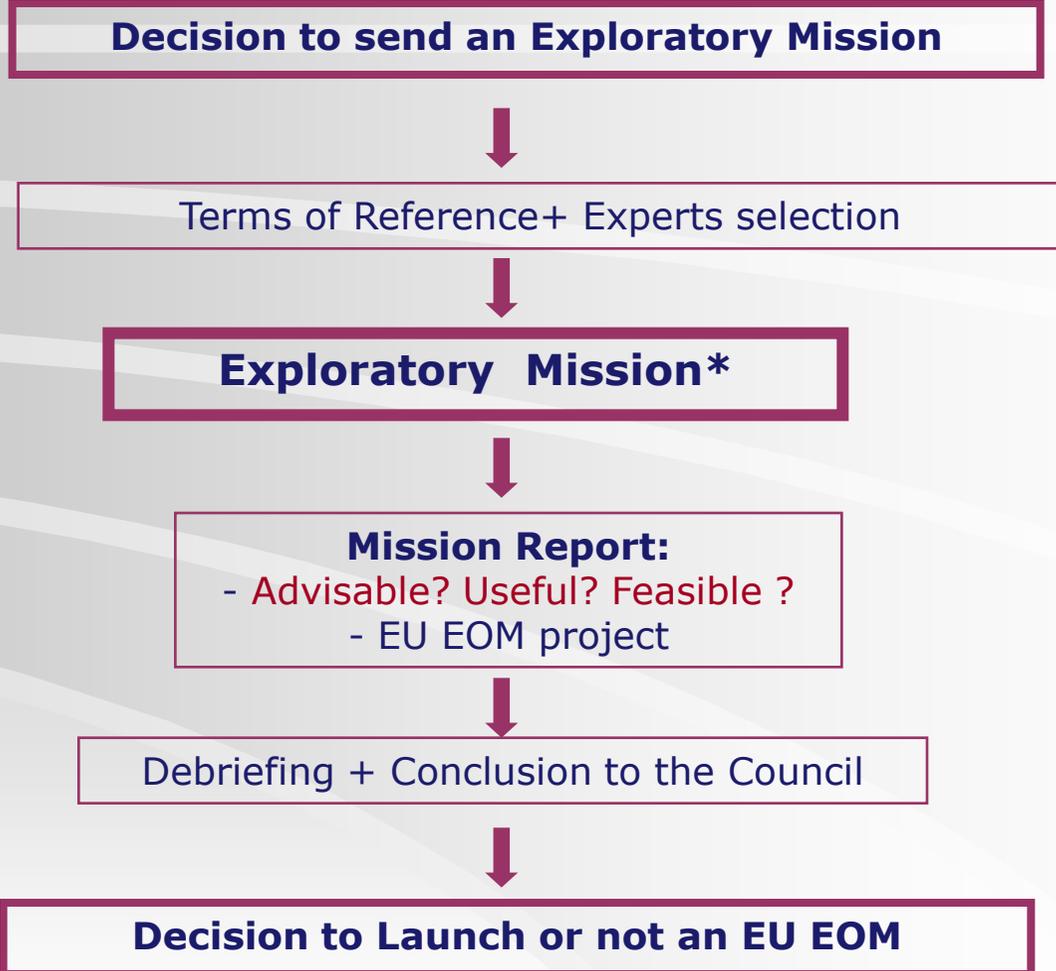
(European Instrument for Human Rights and Democracy)

- Ad Hoc Regulation of European Parliament and Council (n° 1889/2006 of 20 December 2006)

- Specific Budget Line (+/- 30 Million euro per year) for Election Observation

- Implemented via Annual Action Plan

ELECTION CYCLE

Identification: The Exploratory Mission

Decision to send an Exploratory Mission

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Terms of Reference+ Experts selection

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Exploratory Mission*

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Mission Report:
- Advisable? Useful? Feasible ?
- EU EOM project

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Debriefing + Conclusion to the Council

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Decision to Launch or not an EU EOM

* On invitation – led by Commission Officials with external experts and experts seconded by Member States.

EU Election Observation Mission: Implementation

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EU EOM's Teams

Core Team: Chief Observer + Experts

LTOs and STOs
Proposed by MS + EC ROSTER
Selected by EC selection Committee

**Contracts:
C T, LTO, STO**

+ LSTO's
+ EP Members
+ Third Countries Observers

Implementing Partner

Tender
Direct Agreement

Evaluation

Service/Grant Contract
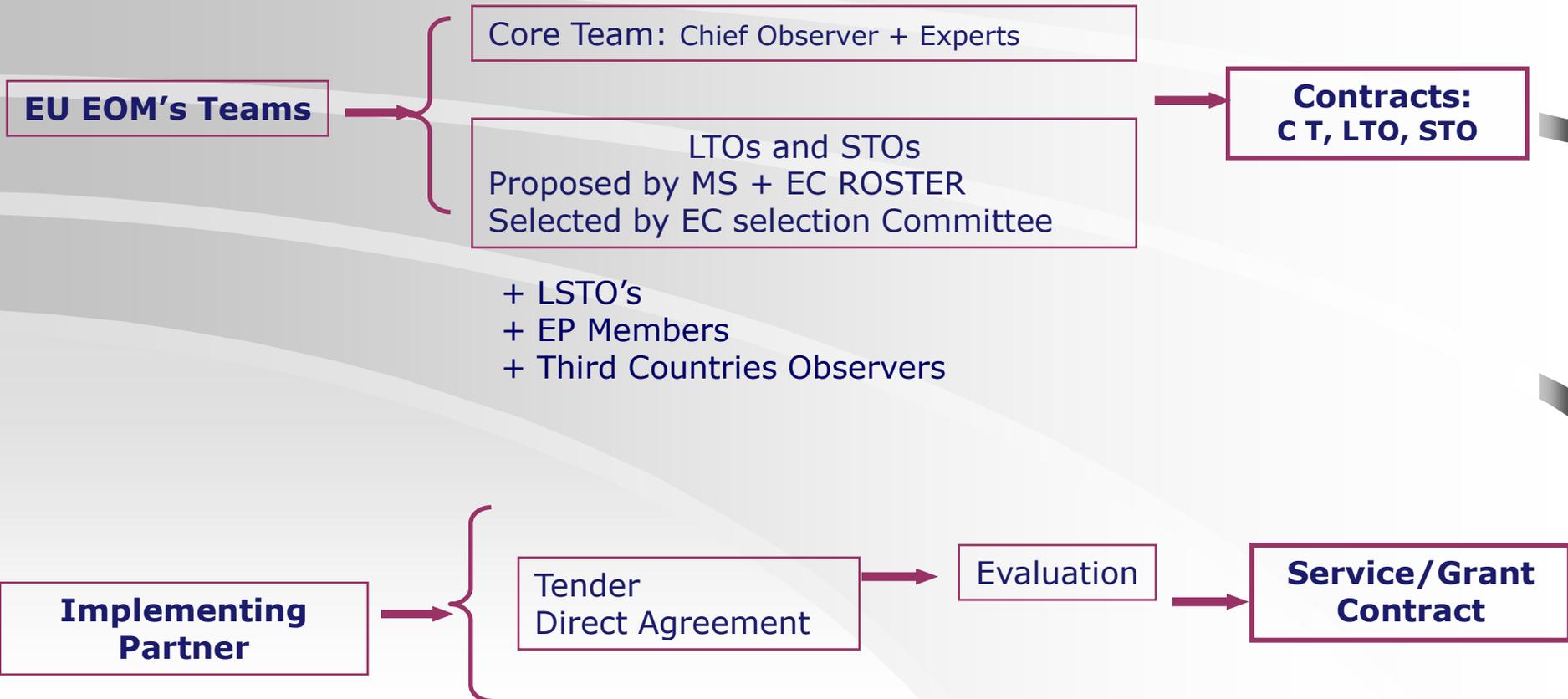
The European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights

EU Election Observation Mission

ELECTION CYCLE

| HQ Briefing ⟹ Core Team* Deployment |
| Briefing ⟹ LTO Deployment |
| Briefing STO ⟹ LSTO Deployment |

e- Day(s)

Initial Debriefing ➡ **EU EOM Statement***

Observers Debriefing

Closing of EU EOM

Debriefing in HQ EU EOM + Evaluation
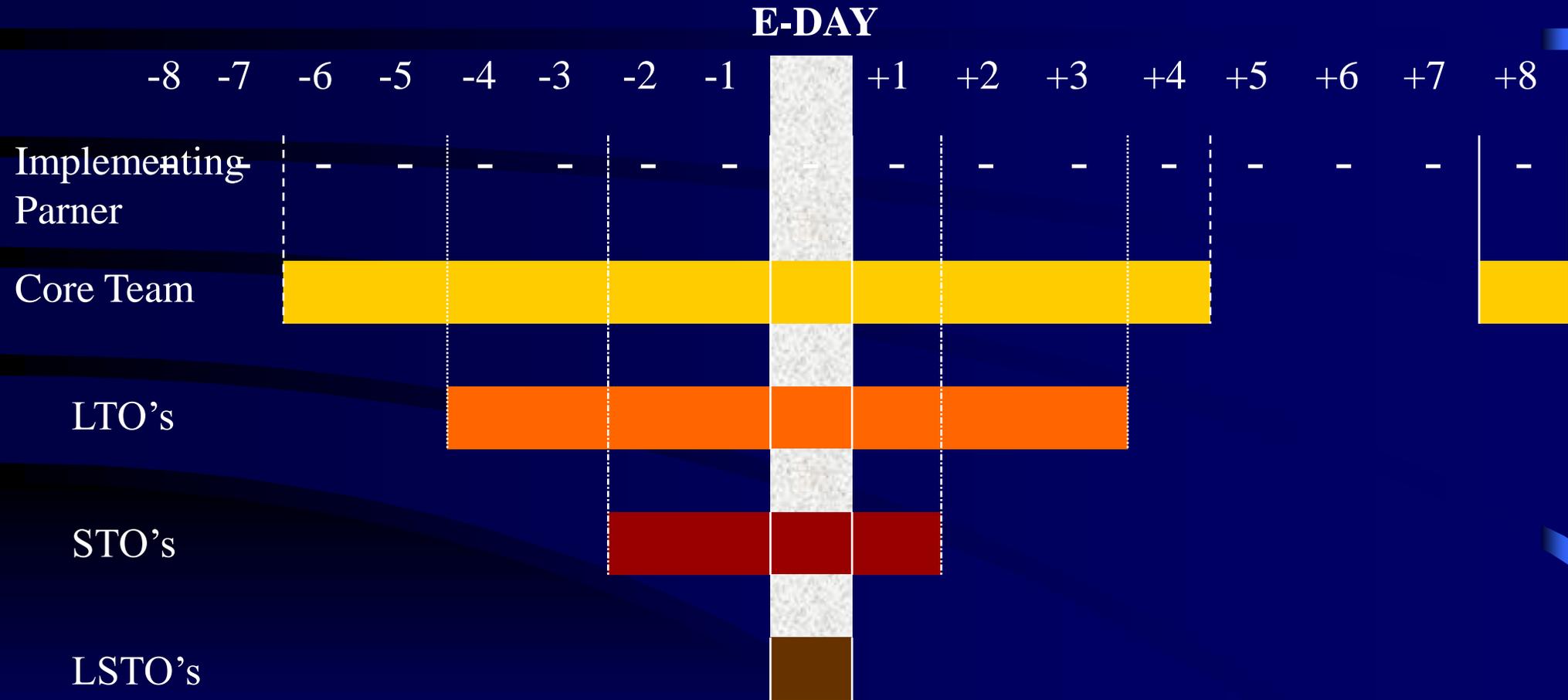
EOM Final Report

Follow up :
CO monitoring mission + Country Strategy Paper + PIN + other Instruments

*The EU Presidency may also make a Declaration subsequent to the EOM's statement

Deployment Timing

E-DAY

-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1		+1	+2	+3	+4	+5	+6	+7	+8

Implementing Parner

Core Team

LTO's

STO's

LSTO's

2- Selection Procedures

- **Announcement to MS via CIRCA and Roster (mail):**
  - Country, election, deployment dates
  - LTOs and STOs numbers requested per country – priority ranking
  - Profile
    - Language
    - Experience
    - Training
    - Specific conditions

- **Selection Committee** (AIDCO, RELEX, DEV)
  - CV analysis
  - Balance between nationalities, gender, experience, age,…

- **Results publication** via Roster
  - Selected
  - Reserve List
  - Non selected

- **Information to** Implementing Partner

3- The use of the Roster :

- The Roster is a CV database available via the www

- It provides access to CVs to
  - The CV holder
  - The Member State
  - The Commission (RELEX, AIDCO)

- Nov 2008: 9.828 CVs (5.478 males+4.350 females)

The NEEDS Project

- **Starts in October 2008 for 3 years**
- **Consortium of specialised international bodies:**
  IDEA (leader); Internews Europe; EISA; IIDH/CAPEL; IOM

3 objectives :

- **Develop EU EOMs Tools (methodology; materials; SOPs; ad-hoc research; website …**
- **Improve EU Observers capabilities (training material including e-learning platform; ad-hoc training sessions; EU MS common training approach, …)**
- **Targeted support to Third Countries and Networking (support to CSOs and to Domestic Observers Groups; network with regional partners; fora; links with ACE, …)**

Thank you

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