

EU Results Framework Indicator Methodology Note

1. Name of indicator
Number of countries supported by the EU to conduct elections and/or improve their electoral process
2. Associated EU Results Framework statement and primary SDG
SDG 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions EU RF statement - Support accountable and transparent institutions, inclusive, transparent and credible elections and a pluralist democratic system.
3. Technical Definition
Elections in this indicator should be understood as relating to national parliamentary, presidential, or local elections as well as specific referendums in EU partner countries. Support to an election should be understood to include activities aimed at improving the quality of the electoral process such as the updating of voter registers, domestic electoral observations and support to electoral commissions. For the purposes of this indicator, EU election observation missions are considered as support to improvement of electoral processes.
4. Rationale (including policy priorities and links to this indicator)
The European Union’s commitment to democracy is articulated in the treaty (TEU article 21), and therefore a key component of its foreign policy. It is also part of the European Commission's communication: the New European Consensus on Development (2017). The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) includes a commitment to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels (SDG 16).
5. Level of disaggregation and other reporting requirements
N/A
6. Data Sources (including issues on different definitions by source and level of availability of the data)
EU intervention monitoring and reporting systems: (i) interim and final reports from implementing organisations, including governments, international organisations, non-state actors, etc. (ii) ROM reviews and (iii) evaluations
7. Data calculation (including any assumptions made)
Care should be taken to avoid double counting in instances where there is more than one election in the same country being supported in a given reporting period. For example, should both local and

national elections be supported by the EU in the same country, that country should only be counted once. Similarly, should the EU support a country's election process with different interventions, for example by funding EU election observation missions and also funding the updating of the electoral register, the country in which the interventions take place should only be counted once.

8. Worked examples

In Nigeria, the EU provided support for the general election, as well as local elections in 30 states of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory. Some of the state level elections occurred on the same date as the general election, but others occurred on different dates. In this case, the total number of countries supported to conduct elections and/or improve their electoral process is one.

9. Is it used by another organisation or in the framework of international initiatives, conventions, etc? If so, which?

This exact indicator is not used by other organisations/in international frameworks, but other similar or related indicators are included, e.g. UNDP- Number of Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) with strengthened capacity to conduct inclusive and credible elections

10. Other issues

The quality of the election process, e.g. free from violence, etc. should be monitored at intervention level.