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SUMMARY

As part of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, Promo-LEX is performing the long-term monitoring of the election period related to the general local elections of 14 June 2015 (28 June 2015). This report covers the period between the elections day, 28 June and the votes counting day and reflects the findings of electoral nature together with the corresponding legal framework, which were reported by Promo-LEX observers.

According to Promo-LEX reports, the first level electoral bodies opened most of the polling stations on time, as prescribed by the law, with 4 exceptions, the delay being between 3 and 10 minutes. The problems were related to logistical and procedural issues, SRV operation, absence of EOPS members. The polling stations infrastructure is still worrying. The observers reported missing safe box in the PS, problems with the Internet connection, failure to ensure the necessary conditions for persons with motor impairments to vote, failure to secure the ballot papers, problems with electricity supply. The sale of alcoholic beverages in the vicinity of polling stations remains a major issue, with 22 such cases registered. During the voting day, many cases of poor quality of lists of voters were reported. Most of the reported procedural breaks related to the failure to ensure secrecy of the vote and security of ballot boxes. Thus, 11 cases of EOPS members breaking the legal provisions were reported.

Contrary to the legal provisions, 5 cases of illegal voting were found. 3 cases of observer intimidation were registered. It is worrying that Promo-LEX observers reported at least 4 incidents on the voting day. 12 cases of electioneering on the voting day were reported. At least 2 cases of voter corruption were reported in 5 constituencies, by offering them alcoholic beverages and money. The voting in Topala v., Cimislia d. was tense.

ELECTIONS OF 28 JUNE 2015

Local elections were held on 28 June 2015 in 1223 PSs in the Republic of Moldova, in 2 of which repeated elections were held (PSs 45-46, Ulmu v., Ialoveni d. and PS 4 Topala v., Cimislia d.). In PS 45-46, Ulmu v., Ialoveny d., voters received 2 ballot papers (one for the local council, and the other one for the position of mayor). The voters from PS 44, Topala v., Cimișlia d. received 3 ballot papers (for the district council, local council, and the other one for the position of mayor).

PROMO-LEX OBSERVERS

Promo-LEX Monitoring Mission monitored the second tour of the elections throughout the whole country, by 93 mobile teams (186 observers), as well as by 320 observers present in all polling stations from Chisinau and Comrat municipalities.

POLLING STATIONS (PS) ACTIVITY

Polling Stations Opening/Closing

According to Article 50 of the Electoral Code, on the Election Day voting shall take place from 07.00 am to 9.00 pm. According to Article 55(1) of the Electoral Code, at 07.00 am on the election day the chairman of the electoral office of the polling station, in the presence of no less than half of the members of the office, shall check the ballot boxes and seal them. The chairperson shall also check the lists of voters, ballot papers and seals, and prepare minutes of this in two copies. Minutes shall be signed by all attending members of the electoral office; one copy is put in the ballot box, after which the chairperson declares the election open.

The following PSs were opened before the legal term:

- by 10 minutes earlier - PS 7, Tvardita v., Taraclia d.;
- by 5 minutes earlier - PS 23, Chisinau mun., and PS 4, Glodeni t.;
- by 3 minutes earlier - PS 43, Chisinau mun., and PS 24, Musait v., Taraclia d.

The following PSs were opened with delay:

- by 10 minutes later - PSs 150 and 190, Chisinau mun.; PS 10 Bulboaca v., Anenii Noi d.
- by 15 minutes later - PS 153, Chisinau mun.
- problems that led to late opening of PS: late counting of ballot papers (PS 150, Chisinau mun.); problems with the operation of SRV (PS 190, Chisinau mun.); late preparation of the protocol (PS 153, Chisinau mun. and PS 4, Glodeni t.); problems with Internet connection (PS 153, Chisinau mun.); absence of EOPS member (PS 153, Chisinau mun.).

ENABLING PS INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE ELECTION DAY

According to points 5, 7, 12, 14 of the CEC Guidelines on Enabling the Polling Station Infrastructure, when deciding on the venue of the polling station, the ground floor spaces will be preferred, placed in publicly accessible places, in a way which would facilitate the access of elderly people and of those with disabilities; the buildings where voting spaces are set up must have telecommunication, electronic, and electricity networks, lavatories, fire safety measures, and marked evacuation ways; the venue of the polling station must have an area big enough for the location of the voting booths to ensure vote secrecy for every voter; there must be 2 laptops connected to the Internet in every polling station, by means of which operators could check the identity data of the voters against the State Register of Voters and record their participation in elections.

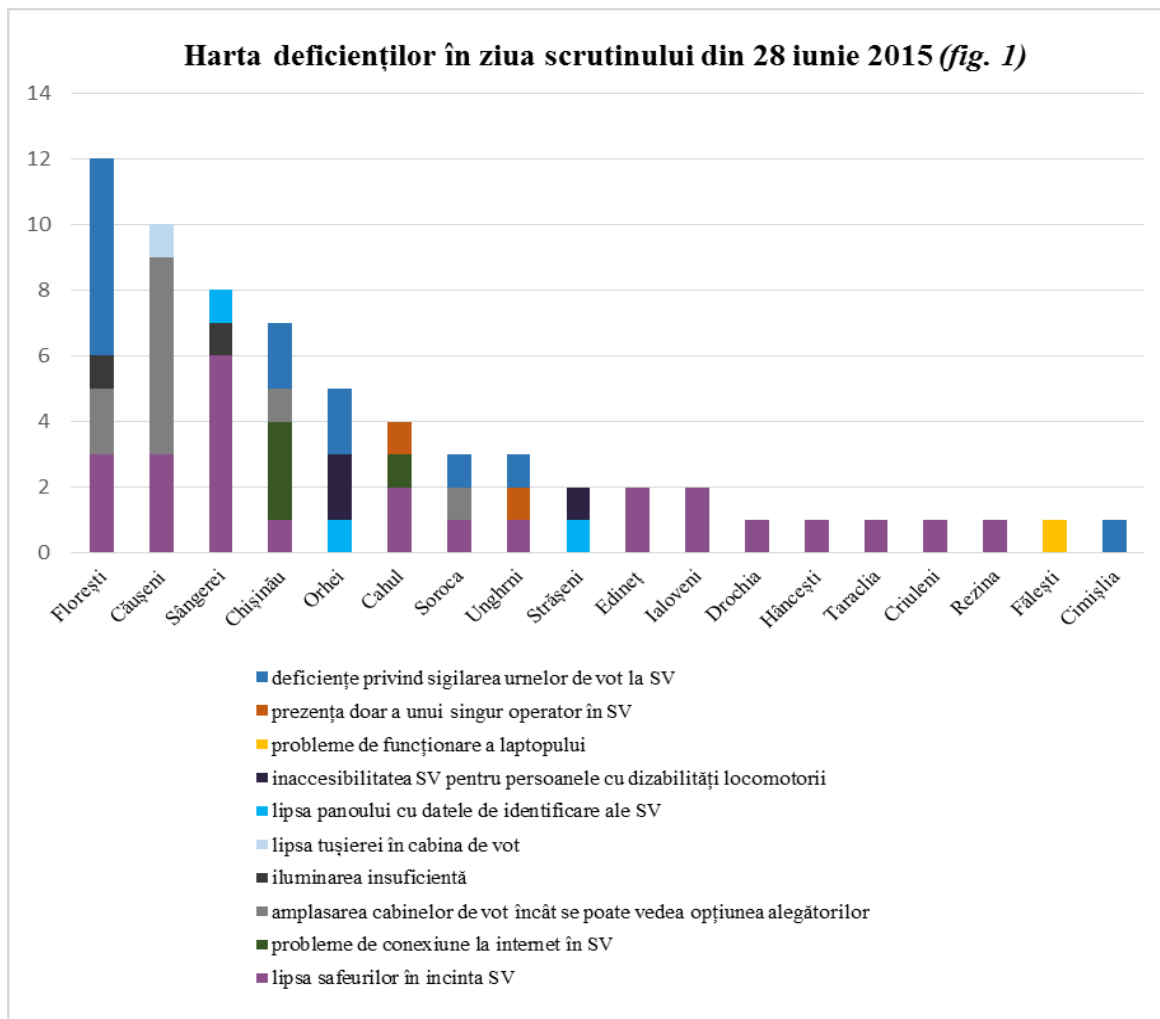
According to the reports of Promo-LEX observers, deficiencies were found in 54 PSs in the 18 constituencies of the second level:

- lack of safe boxes in 27 PSs from 15 level-two constituencies (PS 140, Chisinau mun.; PS 7, Tvardita v., Taraclia d.; PS 22, Hartopul Mic v., Criuleni d.; PS 5, Rezina t.; PS 14, Biliceni Noi v., PS 16, Mandresti Noi v., PS 51, Pepeni v., PS 64, Octeabriscoe v., all in Sangerei d.; PS 3, Sangerei t.; PS 44, Stolniceni v., PS 37, Poiana v., Edinet d.; PS 14 and PS 16 Costesti v., Ialoveni d.; PS 20, Hasnasenii Noi v., Drochia d.; PS 38, Grozasca v., PS 37, Floritoaia Noua v., Ungheni d.; PS 6, Cimislia t.; PS 18, Andrusul de Jos v., Cahul d.; PS 55, Pervomaiscoe v., Hancesti d.; PS 18, Chircaiestii Noi v., PS 19, Baurci v., PS 35, Pervomaisc v., Causeni d.; PS 49, Lugovoe v., Soroca d.; PS 11, Dumitreni v., PS 43, Bursuc v., PS 42, Japca v., Floresti d.);
- problems with the Internet connection at 4 PSs from 2 level-two constituencies (PS 51, Pascani v., Cahul d., PSs 184, 185, 284 Bubuieci v., all in Chisinau mun.);
- inappropriate location of the voting booths, so that the voters' choices could be seen in 10 PSs from 5 level-two constituencies (PS 11, Dumitreni v., Floresti d.; PSs 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, Causeni t., PS 10, Cainari t., Causeni d.; PS 68, Slobozia Varancau v., Soroca d.; PS 120, Chisinau mun.; PS 44, Lunga v., Floresti d.);
- poor illumination of 2 PSs (PS 6, Biruinta v., Sangerei d.; PS 43, Bursuc v., Floresti d.);
- lack of an ink-pad in a voting booth in PS 6, Causeni t., because of which people voted only in 2 of the 3 booths;
- lack of the panel with the identification data at 3 PS from 3 level-two constituencies (PS 45, Voinova v., Strasenii d.; PS 63, Tambula v., Sangerei d.; PS 82, Pocsesti v., Orhei d.);
- inaccessibility of PS for persons with disabilities in 3 PSs from 2 level-two constituencies (PS 10, Rasvet v., Strasenii d.; PS 56, Piatra v., PS 75, Butuceni v., Orhei d.);
- problems with laptop operation in PS 53 Suvorovca v., Falesti d.;
- problems with the access to the State Register of Voters (SRV) in PS 22, Borceag v., Cahul d.;
- presence of only one operator in 2 PSs (PS 40, Gavanoasa v., Cahul d.; PS 10, Ungheni t.).

According to points 26 and 27 of CEC Guidelines on Enabling the Polling Station Infrastructure, the ballot boxes shall be secured through sealing. The stationary ballot boxes and the mobile ballot boxes shall have the possibility to be sealed by means of 4 and, respectively, 2 collar-type self-locking seals.

Deficiencies with the sealing of ballot boxes were found in 15 PSs:

- cases of unsealed mobile ballot boxes were reported for 4 PSs (PS 22, Pelivan v., PS 30, Cucuruzeni v., Orhei d.; PS 11, Ungheni t.; PS 26, Cunicea v., Floresti d.);
- in 5 PSs the mobile ballot boxes were sealed only on one side (PS 25, Cunicea v., PS 42, Japca v., PS 43, Bursuc v., PS 46, Napadova v., Floresti d.; PS 2, Floresti t.);
- in 4 PSs the seals on mobile ballot boxes were broken and then fixed with a thread (PS 25, Iorjnita v., Soroca d.; PS 19, Cosernita v. and SV 45, Marculesti v., Floresti d.; PS 218, Chisinau mun.);
- in PS 36, Mihailovca v., Cimislia d., the stationary ballot boxes were sealed by only 2 seals. In PS 304, Truseni v., Chisinau mun., a seal was broken on the stationary ballot box and a protocol was developed on this case.



Legislation Breaches by EOPS Members

The EOPS members violated the legal provisions in 11 instances. The following are among the reported violations:

- the ballot paper was handed over with the “Elections 14.06.2015” stamp on the voter’s ID card (PS 55 Rosu v., Cahul t.);
- the EOPS members deposited ballot papers in the ballot boxes (PS 155, Chisinau mun.);
- only one EOPS member was moving along with the mobile ballot box (PS 120 and 140, Chisinau mun.);
- inaccurately prepared electoral lists (PS 31, Pelinia v., Drochia d.);
- violation of the secret voting principle (PS 21, Chiscareni v., Sangerei d.);
- home voting applications were accepted although submitted after 3 p.m. (PS 119, Chisinau mun.);
- fulfilling job duties in an inebriated state (PS 82, Pocsesti v., Orhei d.);
- helping voters apply the “Voted” stamp in the ballot paper (PS 92, Chisinau mun.);
- the complaint of an observer was undersigned by the EOPS members (PS 9, Cobilea v., Soldanesti d.);
- EOPS members refused to sign the vote counting protocol (PS 14, Cusmirca v., Soldanesti d.).

As much as 22 cases were found in which alcoholic beverages were sold in the vicinity of the polling stations in 12 constituencies (PS 58, Elizaveta v., Balti; PS 1 and 3, Soroca t.; PS 17, Baxani v.,

Soroca t.; PS 4, Basarabeasca t.; PS 26, Harbovat v., Anenii Noi d.; PS 119, 120, Chisinau mun.; PS 14, 16, Costesti v., Ialoveni d.; PS 45, Voinova v., Straseni d.; PS 35, Sarcova v., Rezina d.; PS 19, Baurci v., PS 18, Chircaiestii Noi v., PS 8 and 9, Cainari v., PS 36, Constantinovca v., PS 26, Coscalia v., Causeni r.; PS 4, Alcedar v., Soldanesti d.; PS 13, Albota de Sus v., Taraclia d.; PS 70, Vertiujeni v., PS 42, Japca v., Floresti d.). Also, there were several drunk people sleeping in Baxani v., Soroca d., near the shop close to the PS 17.

QUALITY OF THE LISTS OF VOTERS

According to Article 39 (1) of the Electoral Code, the lists of voters drafted based on the State Register of Voters are lists containing the name of all citizens having the right to vote, who are domiciled or reside on the territory of a polling station.

Inaccurate drafting of the lists of voters by including strangers as having the same domicile as certain voters was found in 2 PS (PS 299, Stauceni twp, Chisinau mun. and PS 4, Comrat t.).

BALLOTING PROCEDURE

Voting on the Basis of Inappropriate Documents

According to Article 53 (3) (a) of the Electoral Code, voting on the territory of the Republic of Moldova is done on the basis of the ID and the loose leaf which certifies the domicile or, depending on the case, the voter's legal residence in the radius of the respective polling station.

Promo-LEX observers found irregularities in 8 PS where people voted on the basis of inappropriate documents:

- in 5 PS (PS 92, 164, 189, Chisinau mun.; PS 23, Dusmani v., Glodeni d.; PS 6, Straseni t.) several voters voted without having the loose leaf of the ID card;
- in PS 23, Dusmani v., Glodeni d., one person voted without the loose leaf of the ID card;
- in PS 3, Causeni d., a voter voted on the basis of a laminated loose leaf, with the "Elections 28 June 2015" stamp being applied on it;
- in PS 1, Nisporeni t., a voter voted on the basis of a copy of the ID card;
- in PS 75, Chisinau mun., one person voted with an expired ID card.

Illegal Voting

According to p. 1 of the CEC decision No 3514 of 23.06.2015 on the particularities of voting in the second tour of general local elections of 28 June 2015, the voters who change their domicile or residence between the first and second round of election will be able to vote based on the same lists of voters in the polling stations, according to the residence as of 14 June 2015.

Contrary to the legal provisions, 5 cases of illegal voting were found in 4 PSs. Thus, the voters who changed their residence after 14 June 2015 were allowed to vote in 4 PS; one such voter was found in 3 of the PS (PS 47, Mingir v., Hancesti d.; PS 3, Hancesti t.; PS 3, Briceni t.) and two such voters voted in PS 15, Ciuciulea v., Glodeni d.

Failure to Apply the "Voted" Stamp in the Loose Leaf of the ID Card

Two voters in PSs 189 and 248 (one voter in each), Chisinau mun., did not have "Elections 28.06.2015" stamped on the loose leaf of the ID Card.

Entry of Several Persons in the Voting Booths

Pursuant to Article 54 (1) of the Electoral Code, the ballot paper shall be filled in by the voter only in the booth for secret voting. The voter who is not able to fill the ballot in by himself/herself has the right to invite into the booth another person, with the exception of members of the electoral office, representatives of candidates, and other accredited individuals entitled to attend electoral procedures. These cases shall be recorded in the report of the Electoral Office of the Polling Station. Thus, in PS 153, Chisinau mun., two voters voted together in one booth, which is in conflict with the legal provisions.

Violation of the Secret Voting Principle

According to Article 6 of the Electoral Code, voting in elections or referendums is secret. Therefore, any possibility to control a voter's will shall be excluded. Pursuant to Article 54 (1) of the Electoral Code, the ballot paper shall be filled in by the voter only in the booth for secret voting. The voter who is not able to fill the ballot in by himself/herself has the right to invite into the booth another person, with the exception of members of the electoral office, representatives of candidates, and other accredited individuals entitled to attend electoral procedures. These cases shall be recorded in the report of the Electoral Office of the Polling Station.

According to Promo-LEX observers the following violations were registered:

- in 2 PS (PS 99, Chisinau mun. and PS 12, Comrat t.) the ballot papers were taken pictures of;
- in PS 12, Comrat t., one voter took a picture of the ballot paper, which was then cancelled;
- in 4 PS (PS 4, Floresti t.; PS 46, Napadova v., PS 25, Cunicea v., Floresti d.; PS 4, Alcedar v., Soldanesti d.) the voters showed everyone their ballot papers on which they expressed their vote and deposited them in the ballot box afterwards.

Collecting the Ballot Papers

3 cases of ballot papers annulment were registered in 2 PS:

- in PS 99, Chisinau mun., a voter tore the ballot paper in half and wanted to introduce it into the ballot box. The EOPS Chairperson cancelled the ballot paper and after he/she explained the voter how to use the stamp, issued another ballot paper for him/her to vote;
- in PS 12, Comrat t., the ballot paper of a voter who took a picture of the ballot paper, and of another voter who showed to everyone his - were cancelled, and other ballot papers were given in exchange.

Fraudulent Collection of Ballot Papers

In PS 2, Oxentea v., Dubasari d., two supporters of the PDM candidate for the position of Mayor - Leca Valerii, collected by fraud at least three ID cards of some elderly people from the village. The elderly people were promised that they will be able to vote upon arrival.

Taking the Ballot Paper out of the Polling Station

According to Article 49 (4) of the Code of Administrative Offences, taking an electoral ballot issued for voting off of the premises of an polling station shall be sanctioned.

Promo-LEX observers reported 2 cases of ballot papers being taken out of the PS:

- in PS 56, Piatra v., Orhei d., two EOPS members took out the ballot papers for a voter with mobility impairments, and he voted outside with the help of an assistance, who then deposited the papers in the ballot box;

- in PS 2, Comrat t., a voter who was not allowed to vote on the basis of “Form No 9”, which expired in 2014, stole a ballot paper. After which he shouted “I support Dudoglo” and ran out of the PS. With the help of the police, the citizen was apprehended, and the ballot paper was recovered.

Stamps Security

In PS 18, Andrusul de Sus v., Cahul d., the members of the Office decided by vote to have the “Voted” stamps on the desk of the members of the Office and give them to the voters along with the ballot papers.

Presence of Unauthorized Persons in the PS

According to Article 55 (8) of the Electoral Code, no other individual may remain in the polling section longer than it takes one to vote.

There were 6 cases in which unauthorised persons were inside 5 PSs:

- in PS 5, Cosnita v., Dubasari d., the PDM candidate for the position of Mayor - Alexandru Lesan, introduced himself to the members of the Office as a national observer, claiming that he was accredited. Upon Promo-LEX observers’ demand to present the accreditation certificate again, he refused to and left the PS;
- in PS 151, Chisinau mun., the PSRM MP, Marina Radvan, entered the PS twice during the day although she is not domiciled nor has she her residence visa in the range of this polling station. When she first entered, she spent 10 minutes in the PS, and when she entered the second time - she registered herself in the observers’ register as MP;
- in PS 11, Comrat t., an unknown citizen spent an hour in the PS, behaving violently;
- in PS 60, Ivanovca v., Floresti d., the sector policeman stayed inside the PS;
- in PS 16, Bestemac v., Leova d., the voting process was monitored by the former election candidates’ observers who dropped out of the election race (PLDM and PSRM).

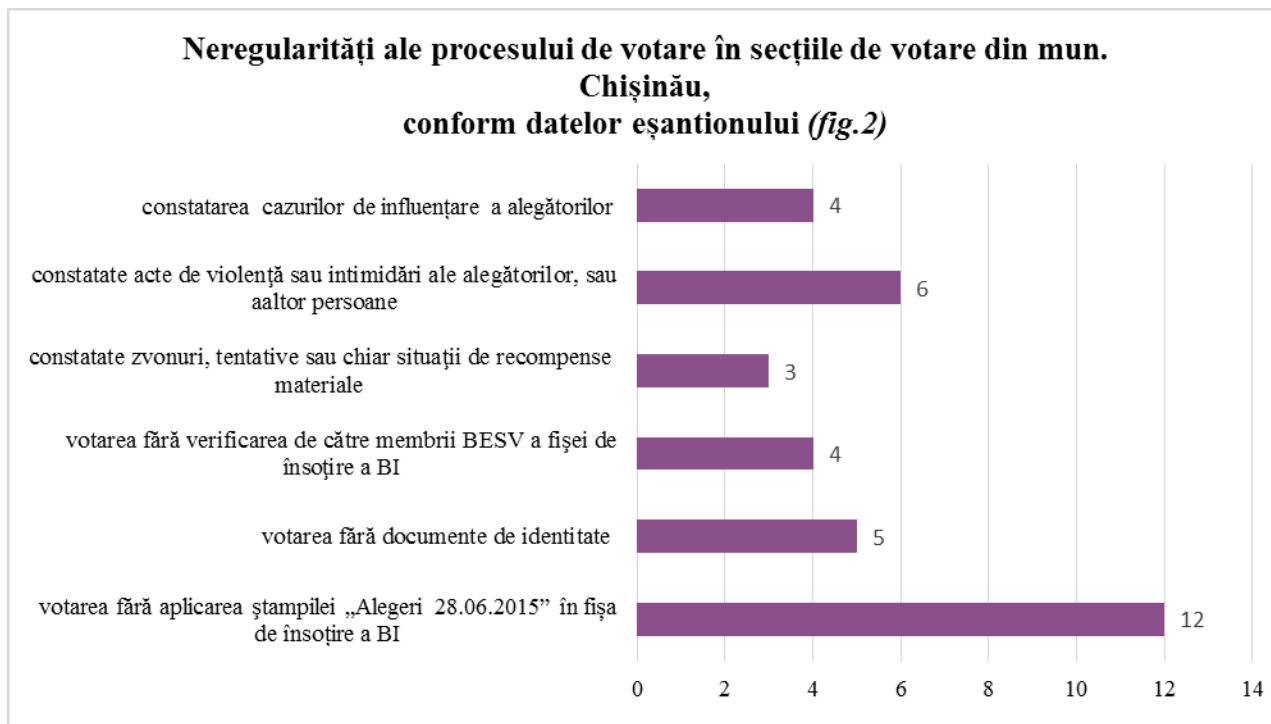
Incidents

4 incidents were registered on the voting day:

- in PS 13, Cotova v., Drochia d., the label with information about the PS was torn in the morning of the voting day;
- in PS 308 Ghidighici v., Chisinau mun., a local PL councillor - Vadim Bosceanu - brought 4 health certificates, on the basis of which some people were supposed to vote. When asked by an inhabitant about the reason for health certificates, he attacked him physically. The case is being investigated by the police;
- in PS 4, Comrat t., one voter tore the ballot paper and caused a scandal in the PS, when he found in the list of voters other 2 people domiciled on his address. They called the police and the voting process was suspended for 7 minutes. Later, another voter caused a scandal on the same reason.
- in PS 10, Bocani v., Falesti d., the PPPN observer - Turcanu Vladimir - stayed at the entrance of the polling station for an hour and prohibited the access into the PS to voters who do not live in the village, but have the residence there. The incident was settled after the intervention of the sector policeman.

MISINFORMATION

In PS 7, Otaci t., Ocnita d., a former candidate for the position of Mayor - Liudmila Goncar, brought 2 persons to the PS whom she introduced as representatives of the TVC 21 television channel, although the letters on the microphone said TSN. Those persons were working on a coverage about the fact that in that PS cases of voter corruption were registered. Beside that, 3 other persons, who introduced themselves as mass media representatives (although they did not present any legitimation), were carrying out an interview with a citizen who was talking about voter corruption cases and other severe incidents. The Promo-LEX observer, present on the ground said the rumours were not true.



ELECTION CONTESTANTS' ACTIVITY ON THE VOTING DAY

Electioneering on the Voting Day

According to Article 47(8) of the Electoral Code, electioneering is not allowed on the day of the elections and on the previous day.

Promo-LEX observers found 12 cases of electioneering on the voting day:

- PLDM representatives have engaged in electioneering activities in the vicinity of PS 7, Cimislia t.; PS 35, Sircova v., Rezina d.; PS 34, Speia v., Anenii Noi d.;
- PPPN representatives have engaged in electioneering activities in the vicinity of PS 25 from Drochia d.;
- PDM representatives have engaged in electioneering activities in the vicinity of PS 36 Floritoaia Veche v., Ungheni d.;
- PCRM representatives have engaged in electioneering activities in the vicinity of PS 19, Căraclia v., Taraclia d.;

- PL representatives have engaged in electioneering activities in the Great National Assembly Square. During the demonstration related to the celebration of the Soviet occupation day, a supporter of PL held the party flag. Also, in the vicinity of PS 17, Ciucur Mingir v., Cimislia d.;
- PSRM representatives have engaged in electioneering activities in the vicinity of PSs 147 and 253, Codru v., Chisinau mun.;
- some citizens have engaged in electioneering activities in the vicinity of PS 3, Basarabasca t. and PS 58, Bocsa v., Falesti d., in favour of PPPN, and at the PS 58, Elizaveta v., Balti mun., the voters, who were queueing at the voting booths, were discussing about their electoral options.

The Location of Electoral Advertising in Close Proximity to PS

According to p. 14 of the CEC Regulation on the Location of Electoral Advertising and Political Promotion Materials on Advertising Billboards, the posting of electoral posters is not allowed in the range of 100 m around the PS.

PROMO-LEX observers have reported 14 cases of placing electoral advertising for the following candidates in the vicinity of PS:

- PSRM (PSs 253, 239 and 310, Chisinau mun.; PS 4, Causeni t.);
- PDM (PS 5, Causeni t.; PS 58, Elizaveta v., Balti mun.; PSs 26 and 25, Harbovat v., Anenii Noi d.; PS 43, Grigoraucă v., Sangerei d.);
- BE PPEM (PS 27, Copaceni v., Sangerei d.);
- PCRM and PLDM (PS 12, Albina v., Cimislia d.);
- PPPN (PS 2, Basarabasca t.);
- PNL (PS 26 and 25, Harbovat v., Anenii Noi d.).

Organized Transportation of Voters

In 10 constituencies at least 23 cases of organized transportation of voters were reported (See Table 1):

Table 1.

| EC | Name of the person / position / organization | Means of transport | Number of rounds (r.) / persons (p.) | Venue |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | | K PW 244 | 1 r. | PS 276, Bubuieci v., Chisinau mun. |
| | | K PW 244 | 2 r. | PS 280, Bubuieci v., Chisinau mun. |
| | | Chevrolet C QW 796 | 3 r. | PS 284, Bubuieci v., Chisinau mun. |
| | | bus H 2361 BH | 15 p. | PS 308, Ghidighici v., Chisinau mun. |
| | | minivan Volkswagen CM AJ 215 | at least 2 r. | PS 37, Mihailovca v., Cimislia d. |
| | | Toyota KA 55 NPZ | 12 p. | PS 3, mun. Comrat, ATUG |
| | | Opel GE AC 565 | 12 p. | PS 3, mun. Comrat, ATUG |
| | | Vaz GE GH 428 | 8 p. | PS 11, mun. Comrat, ATUG |
| | | Volkswagen CMAJ 215 | 2 p. | PS 37, Mihailovca v., Cimislia d. |
| IC Nicolae Dudoglo | | Vaz CO AO 201 | 9 p. | PS 11, mun. Comrat, ATUG |
| | | minivan Mercedes GE AO 877 | 20 p. | PS 11, mun. Comrat, ATUG |
| PCRM | candidate for the Mayor's position, Galina Lachi | CMX 833 | | PS 20, Rediul Mare v., Donduseni d. |
| PDM | | Ford Mondeo A726 SO | | PS 26, Coscalia v., Causeni d. |
| PDM | Ion Borta | Il BM 484 | | PSs 14 and 16, Costesti v., Ialoveni d. |
| PDM | candidate for the Mayor's | P 551 CB (Rabnita) | 4 p | BEDP, Rezina t. |

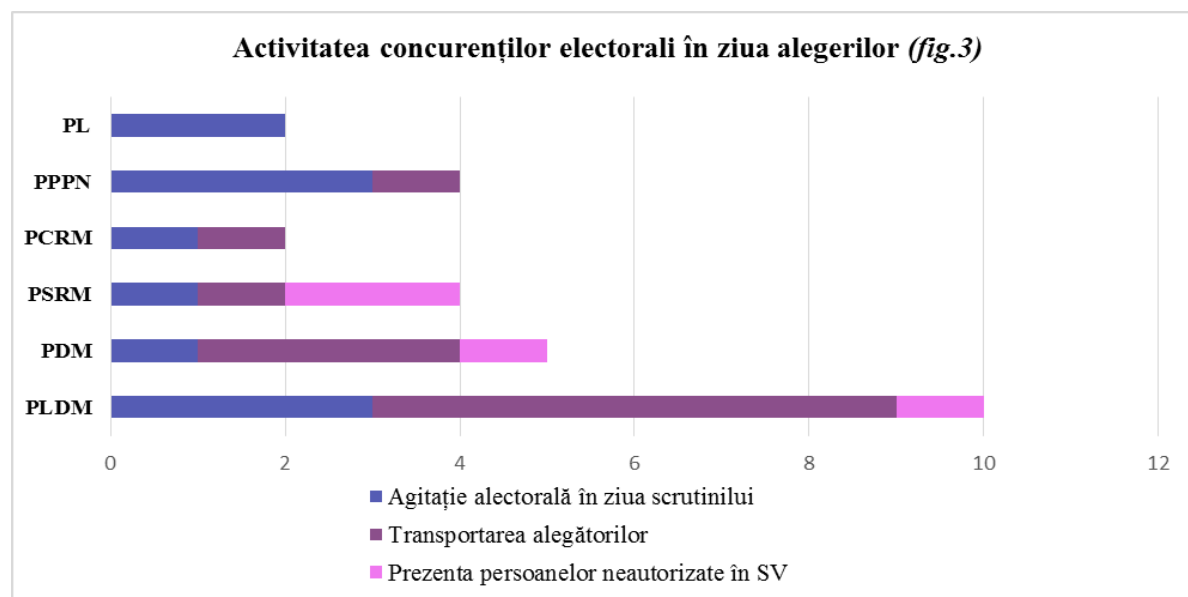
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| | position, Aliona Cuiban, v. Ghinduleni | | | |
| PLDM | candidate for the Mayor's position, Alexei Coadă | Minivan Mercedes Sprinter SD AE 775, VAZ SD AA 460, Niva SD AF 973, Niva SR BD 335, Volkswagen Pasat sau AH 730. | 50 p. | PS 14, Cusmirca v., Soldanesti d. |
| PLDM | the relative of the candidate running for Mayor, Srgiu Ceban | | | PS 46, Napadova v., Floresti d. |
| PP PN | the candidate running for the Mayor, Valentina Grubii | Ford Transit | | PS 13, Condrenii Noi v., Donduseni d. |
| PSRM | PSRM supporter | Vaz BS AF 209 | 5 p. | PS 5, t. Basarabeasca |

Corruption of Voters

According to Article 181¹ para. 1 and 2 of the Criminal Code, offering or giving money, goods, services or other benefits in order to determine the voters to exert their voting rights in a certain way under the Parliament and local elections or referendums shall be punished; Under the category of goods foreseen in para. 1 fall the alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and foodstuffs.

At least 2 cases of voter corruption were reported, in which voters were offered alcoholic beverages and money.

- in PS 35, Draguseni v., Soldanesti d., Nica Ion - the relative of the PDM candidate for the position of Mayor - Rapdau Petru, gave MDL 100 to a citizen, to pay for his debts at the local pub. Being invited on the site, the sector policeman found this fact, but did not qualify it as an attempt to buy the vote;
- in PS 26, Coscalia v., Causeni d., persons who voted were served alcoholic beverages at the grocery store, located at 20 m from the PS.



OBSERVERS' ACTIVITY

Procedural Violations by Observers and Representatives with the Right to Consultative Vote

According to the Regulation on the Status of Observers and their Accreditation, an observer cannot be a candidate for election, member of the election body and representatives of the election contestant. The observers must be impartial and not express their personal opinions or preferences regarding certain election candidates/participants to the referendum or regarding any issues that emerge during elections.

Three instances took place in which the observers broke the law:

- in PS 84, Chisinau mun., the PSRM observer helped an elderly person vote;
- in PS 58, Elizaveta v., Balti mun., the PCRSM observer and representative (social workers by profession) engaged in discussions with elderly voters;
- in PS 75, Butuceni v., Orhei d., the PPPN representative spent one hour in the PS being under the influence.

Observer Intimidation

Observers' rights were violated in 3 instances:

- in PS 26, Coscalia v., Causeni d., a Ford Mondeo car (registration number CS AR 423) permanently followed the mobile team of Promo-LEX;
- in PS 6, Cimislia t., the Promo-LEX observer was not allowed to enter the PS on the ground that only the observer who was in the PS concerned during the first round of elections can be present there;
- in PS 25, Cunicea v., Floresti d., the EOPS Chairperson refused to give the Promo-LEX observer information about the voter turnout in that PS, on the ground that he did not register it after reporting it to CEC.

Situation in Topala v., Cimislia d.

Close to the PS 44, Topala v., Cimislia d., about 30 persons blocked the entry to the PS and protested because strangers were allegedly trying to vote there. The protesters were also outraged because of the great number of policemen in the village, who were mobilized to maintain order and ensure free access to the polling station.

Until 6:00 p.m., 45 persons voted on the additional lists. All these people are not domiciled in Topala v., but registered their residence in late May and early June.

The president of ECC II talked with the protesters for an hour at the PS. Representatives of PDM, PLDM and BEPPEM candidates were also present there.

COMPLAINTS

Promo-LEX observers registered the following cases:

- in PS 11, Comrat t., 6 complaints were filed (5 of them are filed by the IC representative, Nicolai Dudoglo, against the PPPN representative and observer, Serghei Anastasov and one against the EOPS Chairperson because the latter did not provide any information to the PPPN observer);

- PSRM filed two complaints to the ECC M of Chisinau mun., asking to exclude one member from EOPS 57, arguing that he did not reach the age of majority, as well as a member from ECC 1/1 from Codru t., arguing relations with affinity with one of the election candidates;
- in PS 12, Cimiseni v., Criuleni d., 6 complaints were filed. as much as 3 complaints (which were rejected as unsubstantiated) were submitted by the PCRM and PLDM representatives, on the grounds that the electoral process was filmed by a journalist from Euro TV television channel. Other 3 complaints were submitted by the PLDM candidate - Ion Slisarenco, against the transportation of voters and buying of votes;
- in ECC II from Basarabasca d., 2 complaints were filed by the PPPN and PSRM candidates for the position of Mayor of Basarabasca t., that are mutually blaming one another of electioneering in the proximity of the PS 5 in Basarabasca t.;
- in PS 31, Caslita v., Cahul d., the BEPPEM candidate for the position of Mayor - Moraru Dumitru, filed a complaint by which he demanded the annulment of the records made by the PDM observer because they would have been made while violating the procedure. The EOPS Chairperson refused to register this complaint;
- in ECC, Vorniceni v., Straseneni d., Capatina Vladislav - the representative of the PL candidate for the position of Mayor filed a complaint with the electoral body, demanding its intervention to stop the transportation of voters by the citizen named Tutunaru Ion. The complaint was not reviewed as there were no pieces of evidence;
- in PS 2, Nisporeni t., the PL observer - Ciobanu Andrei - filed a complaint to cancel the votes of the voters who voted there. The reason behind the complaint was that the signatures of the voters would have been forged. The complaint was rejected as being submitted by unauthorised persons and because there was no evidence for the alleged deeds.
- in PS 9, Cobalea v., Soldanesti d., Badicu Tatiana - a PDM observer filed a complaint to cancel the votes in the mobile ballot box. 2 unauthorised persons rode in the same vehicle with the mobile team, them being the PLDM councillors - Gorn Dina and Plamadeala Sergiu. The PDM got a footage of it;
- in PS 44, Topala v., Cimislia d., 5 complaints were filed by the representatives of BE PPEM, PL and PLDM, which ECC II. The complaints referred to voting on the basis of expired ID cards, voting by persons without the domicile or residence in that settlement, violation of the secret voting principles by EOPS members.

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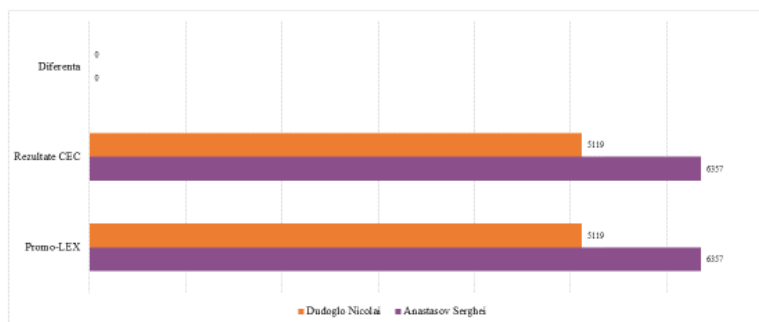
It was found that “Moldova Yesterday” group disseminated on social networks some parts of the video clips produced by Promo-LEX Association as part of the “COME to VOTE!” Campaign.

PARALLEL VOTE TABULATION ON THE VOTING DAY,

As part of its effort to monitor general local elections, Promo-LEX Association performed the parallel vote tabulation (PVT) in Chisinau and Comrat municipalities. This procedure was carried through in the 308 polling stations from Chisinau mun., and 12 PS from Comrat mun. Besides the parallel tabulation of votes for the position of Mayor, Promo-LEX observers also answered to a set of questions regarding the quality of the protocols.

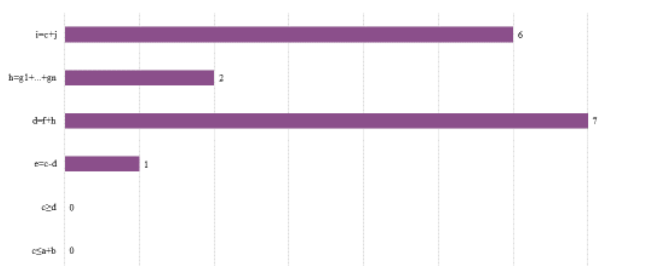
In Comrat mun., the electoral officials abode by the vote tabulation procedure and the drawing up of reports on the results of vote counting according to the Regulation on the Activity of the Electoral Office of Polling Station. And thus, there were no differences between the number of votes counted by Promo-LEX Association and CEC. See Figure 4.

Numărarea voturilor, mun. Comrat, turul II (fig.4)



In Chisinau mun., there were violations registered in the vote tabulation procedure and in the drawing up of the reporting forms. Thus, in 308 polling stations, in as much as 61 cases the vote tabulation procedure was not abode by; there were more than one member of the EOPS presenting the ballot papers to the participants to the counting of votes.

Tipuri de erori în procesele verbale, turul II, mun. Chișinău (fig.5)

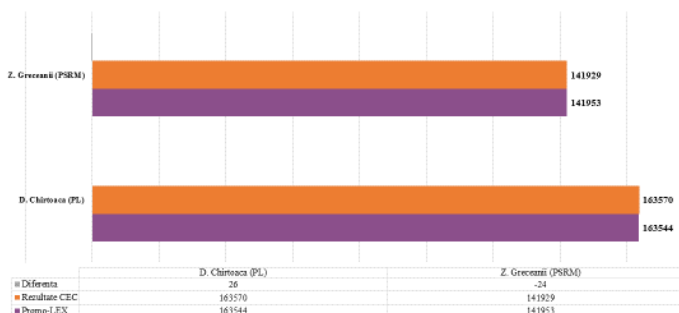


There were errors in 13 protocols out of the 308 collected ones, at the level of the logic controls determined by the calculation formulae defined by CEC. See Figure 5.

In 6 cases errors were made in the calculation formula at the item (i) number of ballot papers received by EOPS; in 4 cases - item (h) total number of valid votes cast; in 7 cases - item (d) number of voters who voted; in 1 case - item (e) the figure that stand for the difference between ballots received by voters and number of voters who voted;

In Chisinau mun., out of the above mentioned ones, there were differences in the number of votes counted by Promo-LEX Association and those counted by CEC. 26 votes for the candidate Chirtoaca and 24 votes for the candidate Greceanai. See Figure 6.

Numărarea voturilor mun. Chișinău, turul II (fig.6)



The data provided by the 320 observers on the ground who monitored the qualitative development of the electoral process on the voting day were systematically collected by phone, by standardized forms.

Promo-LEX observers, present to the extent of 100% in the stations in Chisinau and Comrat municipalities filled the standardized observation forms in, which allowed for the quick codification and transmission of findings to the joint collection and analysis centre of Promo-LEX.

During the parallel vote tabulation process, the data from the official protocols were stored in a data base. Promo-LEX has a professional data storage and analysis electronic system that allows for the analysis of trends in polling stations.

The purpose of the parallel vote tabulation (PVT) is to consolidate citizens' trust in the electoral process in general, and in vote tabulation in particular.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

para. - paragraph

ap. - apartment

Art. - Article

BE PPEM – “European Popular Platform from Moldova - Iurie Leanca” Electoral Block

OPRD - Office of Population Registration and Documentation

EOPS - Electoral Office of the Polling Station

EC - electoral constituency

CEC – Central Election Commission

ECC - Electoral Constituency Council

CEM - Municipal Electoral Council

IC - independent candidate

Fig. - Figure

IDNP – Individual State Identification Number

mun. - municipality

No - number

t. - town

p. - point

PCRM - Party of the Communists of the Republic of Moldova

PDM – Democratic Party of Moldova

PL – Liberal Party

PLDM - Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova

PNL - Liberal National Party

PPPN - Our Party Political Party

PSRM – Political Party “Party of the Socialists from the Republic of Moldova”

PVT - parallel vote tabulation

d. - district

RM - Republic of Moldova

SVR – State Voter Registry

v. - village

St. - street

PS - polling station

ATUG - Autonomous Territorial Unit Gagauzia