“Electoral Systems Center”

“Electoral Systems” Center NGO was etsablished in 1994. In November 2002 it was reorganized and registered as “Electoral Systems Center” NGO.

**Mission of the organization**

* To promote reinforcement of democratic values within the state, improvement of electoral system, increase of level of political and legal culture of society and formation of civil society.
* To initiate and carry out research, analysis of sociopolitical processes, sociologic surveys and public polls.
* To organize round-tables, discussions, seminars, conferences on sociopolitical, economic and other issues.
* To organize trainings, which is aiming at increase of political and legal culture of society, adequate perception of democratic values.
* To promote protection of Human Rights, dissemination of information on Human Rights.
* To promote civil activity, increase of participation and legal consciousness of citizens.

Organization was founded by young specialists with active public position(sociologists, political scientists, journalists etc). Civil Advocacy Programmes, Observation of Elections, research, publication and analytical activities and other projects have been implemented during past years.

Center consists of following structural divisions`

* Department of Political Analysis
* Image-making Center
* Vox Popili –Public Opinion Research Center
* Department of Marketing
* Department of Modern Technologies
* Department of Publications

**Past and Present experience of Organization in electoral processes**

Organization has carried out observation missions during all elections which took place in Armenia. In some cases Organization carried out observation with other partners within coalition.

During observations Organization has cooperated with the Council of Europe and OSCE observers, which were mentioned in their reports. 300 observers of Organization participated in elections of National Assembly of RA in 2003.

* Organization has carried out observations of
* Elections of Local Self-Government in1996 1999 2002 2005
* Elections of National Assembly of RA in1995, 1999, 2003, 2012
* Elections of the President of RA in1996, 1998, 2003
* Constitutional Referendum of RA in 2005.
* Periodically trainings of observers were carried out.
* Observers’ Assistance Pack” was elaborated.
* Collection of facts of violations from candidates’ headquarters, Commissions, observers, Media etc during 1st and 2nd stages of Presidential Elections of RA in 1998 has been implemented. It was published with the title of “Pastagrum” in 2 parts.

**Research**

* A number of Public Opinion Researches have been implemented during Presidential Elections of RA in 1998, particularly on Rating and Public Trust towards Electoral Commissions etc.
* Implementation of weekly monitoring researches of Mass Media and publication of results.
* Research of elections of Local Self-Government
* Weekly monitoring of elections of National Assembly and the President of RA in 2003 – totally 25 research etc.

**Publication activities**

* Booklet “Technologies of pre-election campaign” has been published and disseminated free of charge.
* Booklet “Methodical Guide for Proxies and Members of Electoral Commissions” has been published and disseminated free of charge.
* Booklet “Electoral Manners during Voting” has been published and disseminated free of charge.
* Collection “Pastagrum” on violations has been published in 2 parts.

**Organization’s Institutional Capacities**

Organization has hundreds of volunteers who have experience in observation. A number of Organization’s members have experience in observation abroad. Organization has trainers, actively functioning research center, group of experts.Organization has enough technical resources to organize its activities. It has tools for publication of its activities (Internet news).

**Our web-sites**

[**www.expert.am**](http://www.expert.am) **(the site is under the development but working)**

[**www.persons.am**](http://www.persons.am)