



Electoral Cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean Area
A EuroMeSCo Quarterly Seminar

Programme

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

Restaurant tbc

20:00

Welcome Dinner

Thursday, 25 September 2008

Library, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP)

9:30-10:00

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Name to come, OIIP, Vienna

Gonçalo Santa Clara Gomes, *Senior Project Manager, EuroMeSCo Secretariat, Lisbon*

Michael Meyer-Resende, *Democracy Reporting International, Berlin*

10:00-11:15

Political Participation in the Euro-Mediterranean Area: Elections in the South and their Impact on Political Development

Chair: Tobias Schumacher, *Deputy Project Manager, EuroMeSCo Secretariat, Lisbon*

Geoffrey Weichselbaum, *Consultant, Brussels*

Ahmed Samih, *Director, Andalus Institute for Tolerance and Anti-Violence Studies, Cairo*

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:15

Electoral Frameworks in North Africa: Evaluating Achievements and Future Perspectives

Chair: Gudrun Harrer, *Journalist, Der Standard, Vienna & former Special Envoy to Iraq for the Austrian EU Presidency*

Abdelkrim Dahmen, *MP, Movement for a Peaceful Society, Algiers*

Mohamed Sidati, *Association Mauritanienne, Nouakchott*

13:15-14:30 Lunch at the OIIP

14:30-16:00

Comparing Electoral Frameworks in the Mashreq Region: Judging Pitfalls and Potentials

Chair: Richard Chambers, *Chief of Party, IFES Lebanon*

Moataz El Fegiery, *Executive Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, Cairo*

Said Sanadiki, *Director, Lebanese Association for Free Elections (LADE), Beirut*

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-17:30

The EU, the EMP and Elections in the South: Revisiting Euro-Mediterranean Electoral Cooperation

Chair: Cengiz Günay, *Senior Researcher, OIIP, Vienna*

Michael Meyer-Resende, *Director, Democracy Reporting International, Berlin*

Richard Gillespie, *Director, EWC, University of Liverpool*

Amir Motahari, *European Commission, Brussels*

17:30

Conclusions & End of Seminar

Gonçalo Santa Clara Gomes, *Senior Project Manager, EuroMeSCo Secretariat, Lisbon*