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Essential criteria for neutral, impartial and transparent elections – Timeline and inventory of political criteria for assessing the quality of an election

- I **Election as a process over many months and years**
II First protocol EConvHR, Code of good pract in elect matters, Copenhagen Criteria,
 OSCE/Odhir “Bluebook”, Declar. of principles for intern. elect. observ., ECourtHR.

The 15 main topics/criteria in the 7 main stages in the electoral process

Periodization

<u>Stage of the process</u>	<u>Specific Topic</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
<u>I Sound legislation</u>	1 Elect system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elect. belong to people- Approved by a Referendum- Really representative (More than maj formation)
	2 Electoral law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- inclusive- offering real choices/options- no closed list, no fix by party bosses- regional constituencies (max 2% to get a seat)
	3 Political party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- easy to establish- transparency in establishment and funding- Public Payback after half percent
	4 Camp financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contrib of over 100 Euro on, doubled by State (max 1000)
<u>II. Quality of political Culture and political Freedoms</u>	5 Freedom-Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Right to speak, associate, meet- Freedom of press, access and of public sphere- Degree of pluralism- Right to disagree without fears

- III. Elections day clear**
- 6 Voter's List/registration** - ord. communal regist as best way
- voters absent abroad should be known
- 7 Cand select process** - party conference/party primaries/
+/- TV/press-influence
- IV. Election campaign**
- 8 Public deliberations** - Real public pluralist programmat. deliberations
- Free TV/radio/press time, same attractive placement
- 9 Equal level playing field** - no administ. ressources
- V. Election-"period"/day**
- 10 Voters information and doc at home** - 3 weeks bef ore?
- secrecy?
- voter. pamphlet
- 11 Casting by mail, internet, Ballot-Box**
- VI. Counting**
- 12 Publically surveyed counting** - POS and citizen based
- Transparent district/reg additioning
- 13 Results information** - no estimations before end polling
- POS-Protocoll attatched
- VII. Complaints**
- 14 Legally to every court**
- 15 Fairness to the Indep. public. Elect. Auth à la CAN**

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