

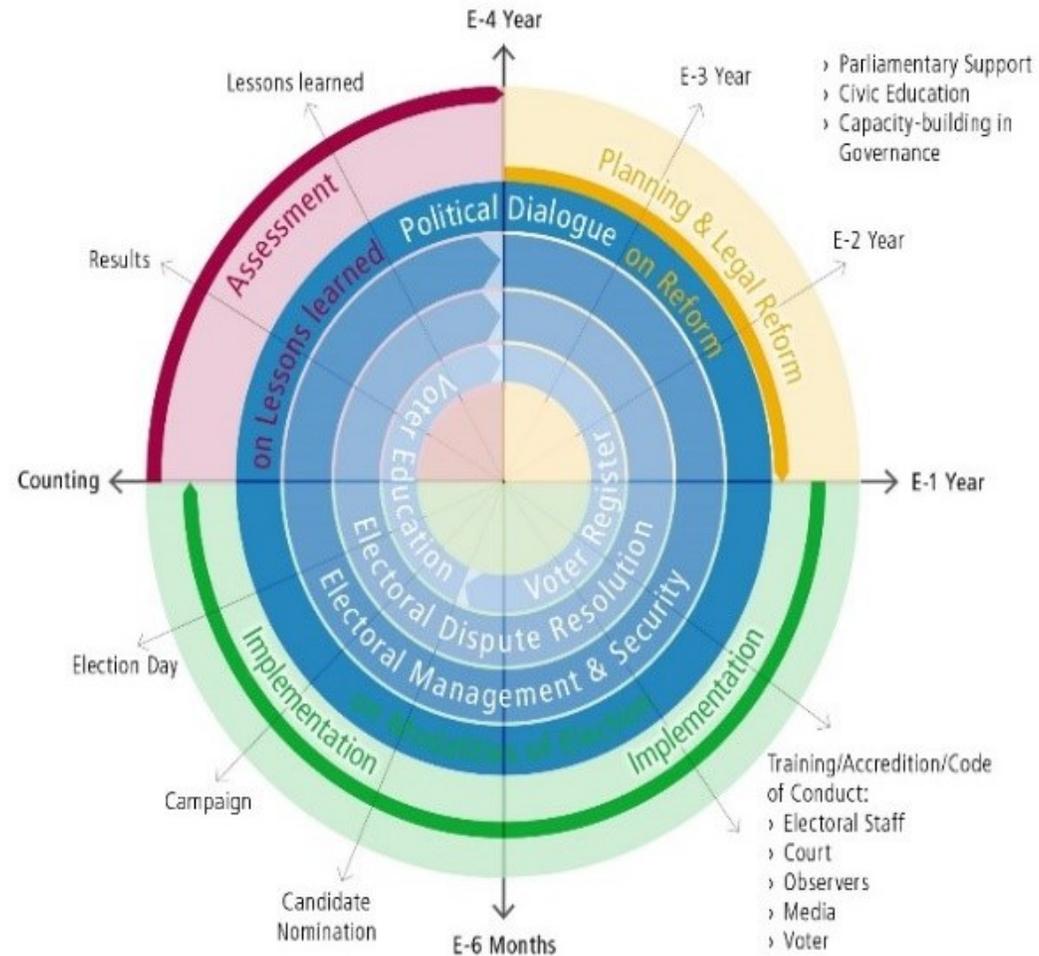
«Election to Peace – E2P»

HSD's commitments for Democracy

Bridging peacebuilding and state building

- Electoral assistance: support the organization, preparation and reforms
- Electoral observation: provide a feedback
- Democracy support and state building (support the reform of the legal framework and of the constitution, support the parliament etc.)
- Conflict prevention throughout/through democratic processes
- Peacebuilding (from armed conflict to political debate, security sector reform, dealing with the past, religion and politics, etc.)

Electoral Cycle



Focus on Elections

“Elections, when well conducted, can be a process for conciliation, for giving voice to citizens and for peaceful transitions; but they may also deepen divisions, lead to exclusion or trigger violence. The challenge lies in identifying when and how an electoral process can help overcome conflict.”
(United Nations General Assembly, 2017, A/72/260)

HSD's Approach

- HSD, *at the request of local actors*, combines technical expertise with diplomatic tools (facilitation, dialogue, preventive diplomacy, mediation) to *prevent violence* and to *resolve conflicts*. HSD has developed an integrated approach («**Elections to Peace - E2P**») to support its technical and political engagement.



Who do we work with

- HSD involves all actors and decision-makers, such as political parties, electoral management bodies (EMB), members of parliament, civil society, minorities.
- HSD also collaborates with **various organizations**, such as Democracy Reporting International, IFES, International IDEA as well as with **various institutions**, such as the Parliamentary Services.

HSD's Initiatives and Tools

	Measures	Actors	Outcome	HSD's Role
PREVENTION ←-----	Political and moral commitments	Political parties - Security forces - Electoral authorities	Agreement - Code of conduct process - Dialogue platform	Facilitation & Electoral/ political expertise
	Legislative reforms	Parliamentarians - Lawyers/experts - Watchdogs	Dialogue platform / Parliamentary committee - Workshop & Peer-to-Peer exchange	Facilitation & Legal expertise
	Operational and security planning	Political parties and candidates - Security forces	Consultative technical /security committees	Facilitation,electoral or security expertise
RESOLUTION	Monitoring / Observation	Political parties parliamentarians - Respected or religious leaders - CSOs, observers, watchdogs and experts	Peace committee - Alternative dispute resolution - Local mediation	Facilitating - International observation - High-level support/ mediation
	Electoral dispute resolution (challenges before court or administration/contentieux)	Judges Political parties	Workshop Peer-to-Peer	Judicial expertise

Codes of Conduct

- Basic principles to which the signatories commit to respect (code of conduct, charte, peace pledge)
- Anchored into the legal framework or on a voluntary basis. In any case, they should be based on a process

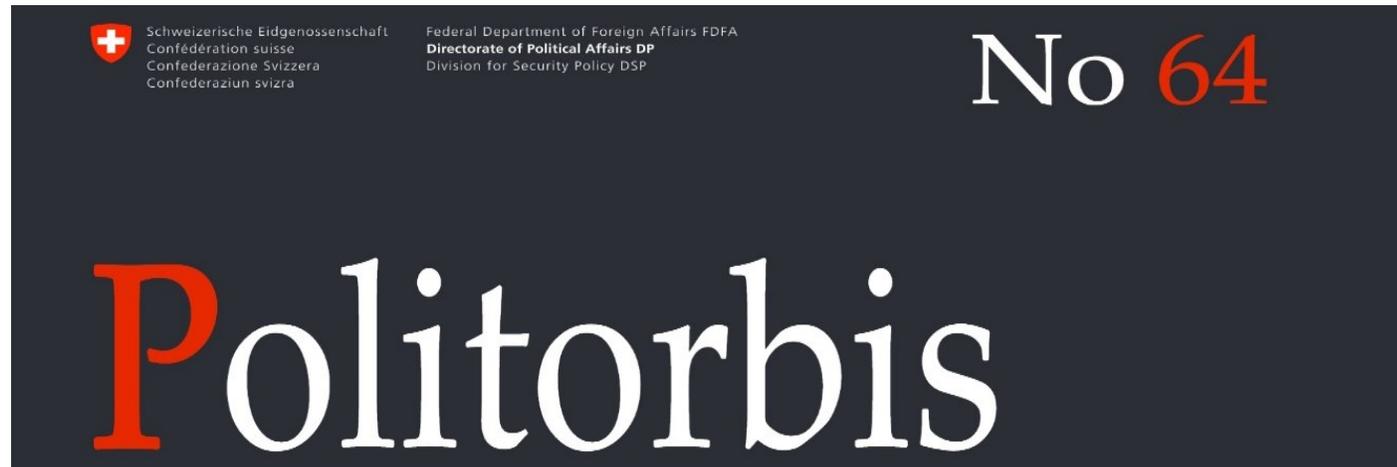
Objectives of the negotiation process:

- ❖ Contribute to strengthen the legitimacy of an election
- ❖ Prevent electoral violence
- ❖ Strengthen voters' trust and prevent boycott
- ❖ Strengthen the legal framework
- ❖ Stimulate a culture of dialogue



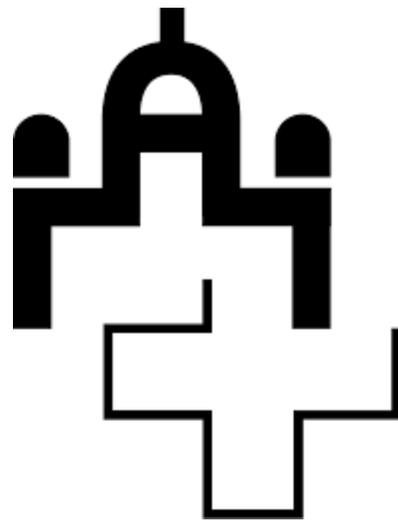
Debates on federalism

Support to debates on federalism in different contexts and in partnership with academic and intergovernmental institutions



Political and technical expertise into parliamentarian processes

In order to ensure follow up to its electoral support, SDC and HSD collaborate with the Parliamentary Services (ex: Macedonia, and Kosovo in 2017 and 2018).



Thank you for your attention!