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Congolese electoral observers during the 2011 presidential and legislative elections, 28 November 2011. © G. Musumeci

Elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: European Union support for a credible democratic process

When: 2 June 2016, 10.00 – 13.00

Where: European Parliament, Brussels, Room Jan 4Q2

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is due to hold presidential and legislative elections in November 2016. Yet in a volatile pre-electoral period, political and security tensions are on the rise. Worrying attempts to undermine political transition, shrinking democratic space and a dramatic increase in human rights violations pose an acute threat to a credible and peaceful transfer of power in Congo's young democracy.

This conference, hosted by **MEP Maria Arena (S&D) and Mariya Gabriel (EPP)** brings together institutional, academic and civil society actors to discuss the role and responsibility of the EU to support a credible democratic process in the DRC. This event will also launch a **joint EurAc-OSEPI advocacy document, which, based on extensive field work and research in both Brussels and the DRC, analyses political, technical and security challenges ahead of the anticipated elections, and highlights options for EU action.**

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Further details will follow shortly. At this stage we invite you to save the date in your calendar and register for the event by filling in the form available [here](#). French-English translation will be provided.
