

Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova



Establishment and operation of polling stations abroad

A brief history of the importance of organizing voting abroad

**JUL
2009**

The issue of voting abroad gained momentum in the electoral campaign for the parliamentary elections of April 5, 2009 and the anticipated ones of July 29, 2009.

**JUN
2010**

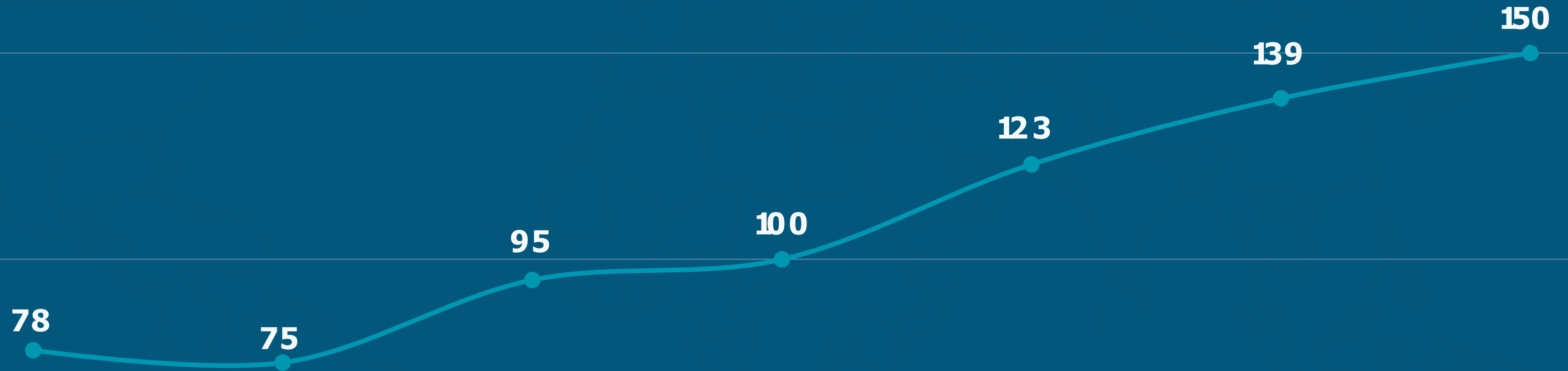
On June 18, 2010, the Electoral Code introduced regulations regarding the establishment and operation of polling stations abroad.

**SEP
2010**

For the first time in the Republic of Moldova, polling stations were organized outside the borders of the country, during the republican constitutional referendum of September 5, 2010.



The number of polling stations organized/set up abroad (in period 2010 - 2021)



2010 (RRC)

2010 (AP)

2014 (AP)

2016 (APr)

2019 (AP)

2020 (APr)

2021 (AP)

Establishment of polling stations abroad

The Central Electoral Commission, at least 35 days before the polling day, can organize:

one or more polling stations in addition to the diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Moldova

with the consent of the competent authorities of the host countries, one or more polling stations for localities where at least 500 citizens of the Republic of Moldova with the right to vote are temporarily located or domiciled



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The basic grounds for setting up polling stations abroad

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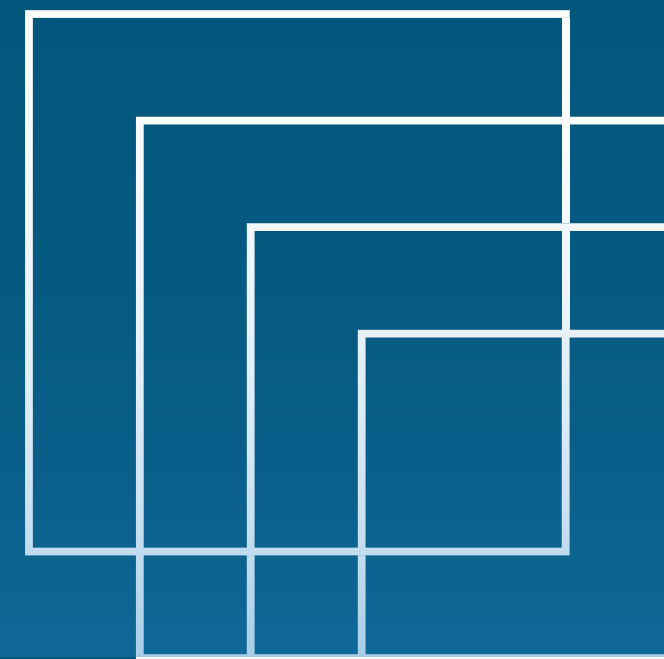
The dynamics of voter participation at polling stations abroad in the last 3 polls held.

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Data of prior registration of Moldovan citizens abroad.

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The information presented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration regarding the number and location of citizens of the Republic of Moldova abroad, as well as other relevant data regarding the opening of polling stations abroad.



Dynamics of voting participation in polling stations abroad (in period 2010 - 2021)



Prior registration of citizens abroad

1. Pre-registration is a procedure through which citizens of the Republic of Moldova with the right to vote declare the locality in which they will exercise their right to vote.

2. The purposes of pre-registration are:

- establishing the estimated number of voters who will vote abroad;
- determining the estimated number of ballots that will be distributed to polling stations.

3. Pre-registration is done through: CEC's official web page -

www.alegator.md; by submitting a written request.

4. Advance registration is not mandatory.

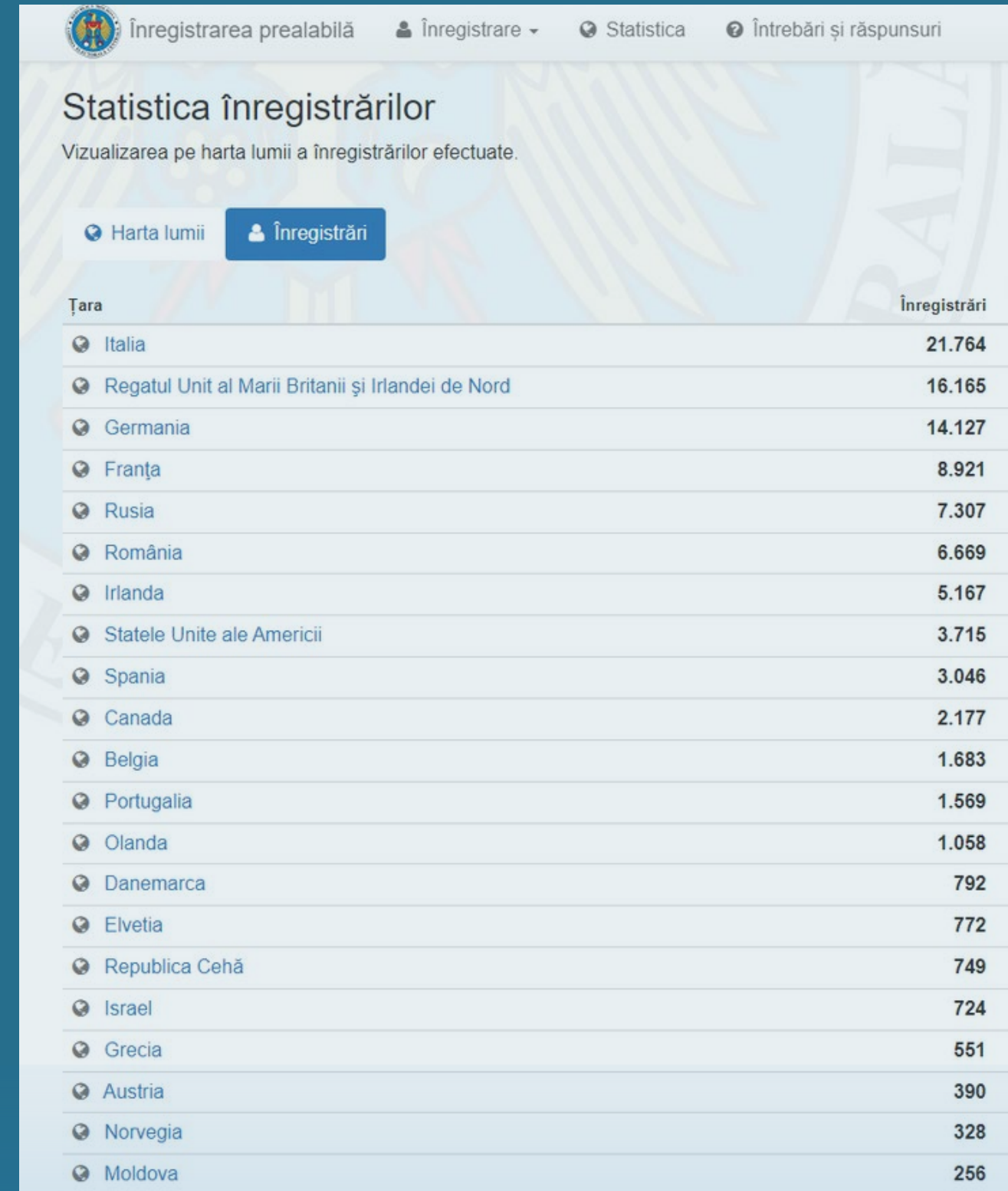


Prior registration of citizens abroad

5. Voters can pre-register throughout the year, except for the last 45 days before polling day.

6. The voter has the right, no later than 25 days before the election day, to cancel the pre-registration carried out previously.

7. The voter will be informed by e-mail about the opening of polling stations.



The screenshot shows the 'Statistica înregistrărilor' (Registration Statistics) page on the Romanian pre-registration portal. The page includes a navigation bar with 'Înregistrarea prealabilă', 'Înregistrare', 'Statistica', and 'Întrebări și răspunsuri'. Below the navigation bar, there is a title 'Statistica înregistrărilor' and a subtitle 'Vizualizarea pe harta lumii a înregistrărilor efectuate.' Two buttons, 'Harta lumii' and 'Înregistrări', are visible. The main content is a table with two columns: 'Țara' (Country) and 'Înregistrări' (Registrations). The table lists 20 countries with their respective registration counts.

Țara	Înregistrări
Italia	21.764
Regatul Unit al Marii Britanii și Irlandei de Nord	16.165
Germania	14.127
Franța	8.921
Rusia	7.307
România	6.669
Irlanda	5.167
Statele Unite ale Americii	3.715
Spania	3.046
Canada	2.177
Belgia	1.683
Portugalia	1.569
Olanda	1.058
Danemarca	792
Elvetia	772
Republica Cehă	749
Israel	724
Grecia	551
Austria	390
Norvegia	328
Moldova	256

Cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, in the process of setting up polling stations abroad, provides the Central Electoral Commission with data on:

- the number and place of residence of citizens of the Republic of Moldova abroad;
- the agreement of the competent authorities of the host for the organization and conduct of elections/referendums in the respective territory;
- the possibility of ensuring the voting process from a technical and logistical point of view.



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Cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration performs the following duties:

- negotiates with the authorities of the host countries, the possibilities of setting up polling stations on the territory of the respective states;
- ensure polling stations with staff and identify spaces for the respective stations;
- coordinates the process of transporting and sending ballot papers and other electoral materials to polling stations abroad.

The poster features the Moldovan coat of arms on the left and the Central Electoral Commission logo on the right. The main heading is '#MAEIEXPLICĂ' in blue and red. Below it is the Union Jack flag. The text reads: 'REGATUL UNIT AL MARIII BRITANII ȘI IRLANDEI DE NORD', 'Glasgow', 'Adresa: Renfield Centre 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JP', and 'Secția de votare nr. 1/399'. A QR code is located on the right side. Below the address, there are icons for a person wearing a face mask, a crossed-out handshake, a person icon, a person icon next to a hand sanitizer bottle, and a ballot box with a pen. The text states: 'Pentru a vota în străinătate, aveți nevoie de următoarele acte: Pașaportul cetățeanului Republicii Moldova, inclusiv cu termenul de valabilitate expirat, Buletinul de identitate (valabil) cu fișa de însoțire, Livretul de marinar'. At the bottom, it says 'ALEGERI 2020' and provides contact information: 'Informați-vă din surse oficiale: www.voteaza.md', 'facebook @MFA.GOV.MD', and 'twitter @MOLDOVAMFA'.

Voting of Moldovan voters abroad

Voters from the Republic of Moldova can vote based on the following documents:

the identity card of the citizen of the Republic of Moldova

the provisional identity card with indication of the citizenship of the Republic of Moldova

the passport of the citizen of the Republic of Moldova, including one with an expired validity period

Information about the exercise of the right to vote, as well as about the date, time and place of the elections, is provided to the voters by:

Central Electoral Commission

diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Moldova

Recruitment of electoral officials for polling stations abroad

The electoral offices of the voting stations abroad are made up of an odd number of members, of at least 5 and at most 15 people, they are proposed by the subjects with this right, as follows

1. - 2 members are nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration;
2. - one member is proposed by each political party represented in the Parliament;
3. - If needed, the necessary number of members of the electoral office can be completed by the Central Electoral Commission from among the persons included in the Register of electoral officials.



Register of electoral officials – database at national level of electoral officials, in which the personal data of electoral officials as well as their experience in elections are indicated.

Training of electoral officials in polling stations abroad

✓ As a member of the electoral office, only people who have attended training courses at the Center for Continuous Training in the Electoral Field and hold valid qualification certificates can be appointed.

✓ The Center for Continuous Training in the Electoral Field is a public institution founded by the Central Electoral Commission that carries out training, education, research and information activities in the electoral field.

✓ The Center for Continuous Training in the Electoral Field ensures the training of the electoral officials appointed as members in the electoral offices of the polling stations for elections and referendums.

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