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Peace

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BACKGROUND

Join UNITAR and Scuola Sant'Anna for an open webinar as part of the [Master in Electoral Policy and Administration \(MEPA\)](#). In this session, we will explore how electoral practitioners and technical assistance providers can navigate complex donor-Electoral Management Body (EMB) relationships, manage competing

expectations, and safeguard institutional ownership, neutrality, and credibility.

📅 25 February 2026 at 11 a.m. CET

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EVENT OBJECTIVES

- How donor-EMB relationships shape electoral assistance programming
- Common sources of tension and misunderstanding
- Strategies to preserve EMB ownership and institutional credibility
- Practical tools for negotiation, communication, and diplomatic engagement
- Lessons from real-world electoral assistance case studies
- Entry routes, exit awards, and opportunities for the 2026 intake.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Whether you work in election administration, international cooperation, governance, or democracy support, or are preparing to enter the field.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This webinar does not include the award of certificates.