



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL ECONOMY GROUP

## Observation of the Referendum for the Constitutional Amendments in Egypt

From April 20 to April 22 2019 Egypt set a referendum for the constitutional amendments. Thanks to [EKO Organization](#), I had the opportunity to go to Cairo and participate in the referendum as an international observer, together with other international observers who were part of a *Delegation of legal representation before the National Elections Commission in accordance with Resolution No. 22 of 2019* that included 4 international and local Organizations from different areas of the world: [EKO](#) from Greece, [Gals Forum](#) from Uganda, Volunteers without Borders from Lebanon, and [Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights](#), the Egyptian coordinating Organization.



As international observers, we were assigned the role of observing, assessing and reporting possible violations happening during the voting process in the polling stations. Throughout the three voting days, we observed that the referendum process was in compliance with the international standards. There were some irregularities and violations observed in different polling stations, but none of them was too severe to appeal against the results of the referendum.

The task of observing allowed us to learn and acquire experience in the voting practices of a foreign country and in its degree of compliance with international standards for fair referenda, and it represented also a chance to observe other interesting aspects of the Egyptian society and culture that lied outside of the mere technical task for which we were called for. At the end of the referendum we were all granted a certificate of participation and attended a farewell event organised by the organisation [Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights](#).

