

2021 Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG) Center Conference

Resources- Session 6- COVID-Enabled Democratic Backsliding

IFES Resources:

[IFES COVID-19 Briefing Series: Safeguarding Health and Elections | IFES](#)

- Provides a framework for public officials such as EMBs and other stakeholders to think through public health considerations for different stages of the electoral process.
- Discusses the scope and nature of the public health challenge imposed specifically by COVID-19 during elections.
- Provides recommendations and strategies to mitigate public health risks during specific activities required to conduct a legitimate election.
- Identifies basic resources and supplies necessary to implement risk mitigation strategies.
- Outlines approaches to monitor and measure the quality of implementation of the proposed strategies.

[IFES COVID-19 Briefing Series: Legal Considerations When Delaying or Adapting Elections | IFES](#)

[IFES COVID-19 Briefing Series: Preserving Electoral Integrity During an Infodemic | IFES](#)

[IFES COVID-19 Briefing Series: Inclusion and Meaningful Political Participation | IFES](#)

[IFES COVID-19 Briefing Series: Preventing Government Corruption in Crises | IFES](#)

[IFES COVID-19 Briefing Series: Preserving Independent and Accountable Institutions | IFES](#)

USAID Resources:

- [COVID-19: DRG Issues and Potential Responses](#): This paper informs USAID strategies and programming from a DRG perspective. The paper outlines technical issues related to DRG and COVID-19 and details potential sector-specific and cross-sectoral USAID responses.
- [DRG and COVID-19 Trends Paper Series: Democratic Backsliding](#): This paper outlines key challenges and issues related to democratic backsliding during COVID-19, along with implications and recommendations for DRG programming.
- [Democratic Backsliding Amid COVID-19: Five Trends to Watch](#): This blog post summarizes the Democratic Backsliding Trends Paper and highlights measures to counter COVID-induced backsliding.

ECNL Resources:

- [COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker](#) launched by ECNL and ICNL that monitors government responses to the pandemic that affect civic freedoms and human rights, focusing on emergency laws. The tracker is developed with the generous research support from the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, Fionnuala D. Ní Aoláin.
- [CSO Meter](#) explores and summarizes the emergency measures taken by governments in the Eastern Partnership region, their impact on human rights and civic freedoms and how CSOs have responded. The CSO Meter will also host a guidance for monitoring emergency measures and their compliance with international standards.
- [Keep Civic Space Healthy: Saving Lives and Human Rights](#) (in 12 languages): Guidance developed by ECNL in collaboration with ICNL, on what states should consider when adopting emergency measures.
- [Civic space in the era of securitised COVID-19 responses](#): how states have introduced new security-related legislations or used existing measures to further restrict civic freedoms under the cover of fighting the pandemic.
- [COVID-19 and civic freedoms in Europe in 2020](#): Top trends we identified in Europe based on an analysis of the COVID-19 Civic Freedom Tracker data.
- [Rights card on public participation in decision making during COVID-19](#): Highlights of the key standards that safeguard the right to participation even in times of emergencies.