

Out-of-country postal voting (OCPV) in Poland

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Voters entitled to vote abroad:

- voters living permanently abroad
- voters residing temporarily abroad (tourism, business etc.)

Personal or postal voting

Voters have to apply for registration (or should have a special certificate of right to vote which entitles them to vote personally in any commission)

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Polling stations

- about 180 polling stations in about 90 countries (1-15 polling stations per country)
- total number of registered voters: about 500.000
- total number of votes: about 400.000
- highest number of voters registered in one country (GB, 11 polling stations): about 180.000

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Organization of voting

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Consuls
- Election commissions

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Voters' route to OCPV

- registration of voters by the consul (about 15 days before voting day) - applications for registration may be submitted personally, by post, by a dedicated Internet platform
- sending ballot papers to voters (about 6 days before voting day)
- sending postal votes to the consul (votes have to be delivered before the end of personal voting)
- transmission of postal votes to the polling station
- counting votes by the commission at the polling station

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There are no specific rules of election dispute resolution for the citizens voting abroad.
As all the voters they are entitled to initiate an election protest at the Highest Court; they are obliged to establish their representative in Poland.

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Can our rules be easily adopted by Ukraine?

Scaling factor is crucial

- Presidential elections
 - Number of polling stations in one country
- Parliamentary elections
 - Number of polling stations in one country
 - Constituencies

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