A two-man delegation from the European Union today, July 28, 2015 held a meeting with authorities of the National Elections Commission (NEC) to discuss pending electoral processes in the country.

The European Union Desk Officer of Sierra Leone and Liberia, Dr. Ferdinand Kopp and the organization’s Head of Cooperation, Manuel Iglesias, met with the Chairman and Executive Director of NEC, Cllr. Jerome G. Korkoya and Lamin Lighe at the headquarters of the Commission in Monrovia.

During the meeting, NEC Chairman Jerome Korkoya, said the commission desires to build the capacity of elections magistrates as well as its legal and hearing offices to enable them speedily and efficiently hear complaints arising from electoral processes.

He said such capacity building would include the provision of more training to magistrates as well as increasing the panel of hearing officers of the Commission from one to at least five lawyers that would be permanently employed by the Commission to hear elections complaints.
The EU delegation reaffirmed the Union’s commitment to providing support to electoral activities in Liberia and noted that the project document for such support would be approved within the soonest time possible.

Other issues discussed during the meeting were the pending national referendum for amending the 1986 constitution as well as municipal and chieftaincy elections in the country.