

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN SARAJEVO

2024 AT A GLANCE

The Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo continues to support Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure that all its people enjoy human rights, and that the principles of democracy and the rule of law apply in practice.

The Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2022-2025 is the main strategic document which guides the efforts of the Sarajevo Office team.



DOWNLOAD THE ACTION PLAN
FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
2022-2025

KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



33 STAFF MEMBERS

- 7 Core Staff
- 26 Project Staff



REGIONAL PROJECTS: 11

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 14

- 8 projects funded through voluntary contributions
- 6 actions as part of the EU/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility programme



ACTION PLAN BUDGET

21.85 million euros



IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

- Strengthening justice
- Fight against corruption
- Combating discrimination
- Freedom of expression
- Expertise co-ordination mechanism



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Court efficiency and quality enhanced

Using CEPEJ methods, strengthened communication strategies and regulatory monitoring, five courts in different parts of the country enhanced their effectiveness, as subsequently demonstrated by user satisfaction surveys.

Supported human rights of detainees and prison staff well-being

Human rights training expanded across detention settings, with support provided for the first time to domestic body to monitor and prevent ill-treatment. Prison staff trainers can now mentor colleagues on managing violent extremist prisoners, and officers enhanced their capacity to manage stress and protect their mental health. Initial steps toward introducing community sanctions as an alternative to custodial measures.



Strengthened responses to trafficking, digital and sexual violence, and money laundering

14 trainers are supporting government efforts to combat trafficking for labour exploitation. Over 200 officials and civil society members gained insights into means to counter digital and sexual violence. In parallel, government institutions and the private sector are better equipped to tackle money laundering.

Victims of violence better helped

Religious communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina engaged in dialogue to promote mutual understanding and prevent hate speech and hate crimes. Bosnia and Herzegovina's first shelter for LGBTI victims of domestic violence was established with the involvement of local NGOs.



Democratic culture in schools fostered

Over 730 teachers and 500 students acquired skills for constructive debate, critical thinking, and community engagement. The town of Kiseljak saw the opening of a school resource centre for advancing democratic culture and civic responsibility, the first of its kind in the country and wider region.

Freedom of expression, access to information, and journalist safety promoted

32 prosecutors and police officers can now serve as Points of Contact for journalist safety.



Advanced deliberative democracy

Banja Luka joined Mostar in establishing citizens' assemblies, positioning Bosnia and Herzegovina as a leader in deliberative democracy in Southeast Europe.

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