



# Bologna Follow-up Group Meeting “Bologna Beyond 2010”

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# Administrative and Educational System in B&H

- Bosnia and Herzegovina comprises two entities (the Republika Srpska and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina) and one District (Brčko);
- The Federation of B&H consists of 10 cantons;
- Responsible educational authorities:
  - state level: The Ministry of Civil Affairs of B&H (educational policy co-ordination and international co-operation),
  - entity level: The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republika Srpska (full responsibility) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Science FB&H (co-ordination of cantons),
  - cantonal level (only within the Federation): cantonal Ministries of Education (full responsibility).

# Higher Education Reform in B&H

- B&H joined the Bologna process in 2003;
- The Framework Law on Higher Education in B&H adopted by the B&H Parliament in August 2007;
- 7 key Strategies and Guidelines to implement the Bologna Process adopted by the B&H Council of Ministers in December 2007:
  - Framework of HE Qualifications in B&H,
  - Implementing the Framework of HE Qualifications in B&H,
  - Standards and Guidelines for QA in HE in B&H,
  - Recommendations for Implementing QA in HE in B&H,
  - National Action Plan for Recognition of Qualifications in B&H,
  - Diploma Supplement Model for B&H,
  - Users` Manual DS Model for B&H.

# Higher Education Reform in B&H (2)

- Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance;
- Centre for Information and Recognition of Documents in Higher Education.

# Other Legislative Reforms in the Field of Education

- Framework Law on Primary and Secondary Education in B&H adopted in July 2003;
- Framework Law on Preschool Education in B&H adopted in October 2007;
- Law on the Agency for Preschool, Primary and Secondary Education adopted in October 2007;
- Framework Law on Vocational Education and Training in B&H pending adoption.

# Further Achievements

- Conference of Ministers of Education in B&H established in March 2008,
- Strategic guidelines for educational development in B&H with the 2008 – 2015 implementation plan adopted in June 2008,
- Coordination model for the BiH education sector adopted in June 2008.

# General Aims in B&H Higher Education

- Implementation of the Framework Law on Higher Education;
- Developing a study on the reasons for discontinuing studies and the low graduation rate;
- Master's and Doctoral degree study established in line with the Bologna Process;
- Institutional Network for Research and Development established in all higher education institutions;
- Functional integration of universities implemented;
- External evaluation of the quality of higher education programs and institutions effected;
- The Lisbon Recognition Convention fully implemented.

# Bologna Beyond 2010

- The Bologna Process was a catalyst of reforms of national higher education systems;
- New European vision in response to new challenges:
  - globalisation,
  - diversity of systems and institutions,
  - demographic structure of European society,
  - relevance of knowledge and skills gained,
  - employability,
  - adequate financing,
  - ...
- Partnership among all stakeholders.



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