

Pursuant to Article 17 of the Law on the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, 30/03, 42/03, 81/06, 76/07, 81/07, 94/07 and 24/08) in conjunction with Article 5 (5) of the Decision on the system of coordination in the process of European integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, 72/16), with the prior consent of the Collegium for European Integration of 14 March 2017, at the proposal of the Directorate for European Integration, at the 100<sup>th</sup> session held on 4 May 2017, the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted the following

**INSTRUCTION  
ON MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES IN THE SYSTEM OF COORDINATION IN  
THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN BOSNIA AND  
HERZEGOVINA**

**Article 1  
(Subject matter)**

The Instruction on ministerial conferences in the system of coordination in the process of European integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Instruction) lays down the structure of the ministerial conferences, their rights and obligations, and their mutual relations in accordance with the Decision on the system of coordination in the process of European integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, 72/16) (hereinafter: the Decision).

**Article 2  
(The Scope)**

- (1) The ministerial conferences shall contribute to overcoming any possible stalemates in meeting the commitments of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the European integration process, as well as the process of programming European Union assistance that could not be resolved by technical and operational bodies in the system of coordination. In order to fulfil obligations under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the ministerial conferences shall define joint guidelines and platforms for actions by operational and technical bodies in the system of coordination in individual sectors covered by the European Union accession process.
- (2) The mandate of ministerial conferences shall not interfere with the constitutional competencies of authorities at any level of decision-making.

**Article 3  
(Structure and composition of the ministerial conferences)**

- (1) The ministerial conference shall be established per individual sector-specific areas in line with the chapters of *acquis* and the constitutional competences of individual levels of government.
- (2) The ministerial conferences shall comprise relevant line ministers of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Entity governments, cantonal governments and representatives of the Government of the Brčko District of BiH, in the area for which the ministerial conference was formed.
- (3) The following ministerial conferences shall be established:

- a) Ministerial Conference on Economic and Financial Affairs,
- b) Ministerial Conference on Agriculture and Fisheries,
- c) Ministerial Conference on Judiciary and Fundamental Rights,
- d) Ministerial Conference on Internal Affairs,
- e) Ministerial Conference on Environment,
- f) Ministerial Conference on Labour and Social Policy,
- g) Ministerial Conference on Health and Consumer Protection,
- h) Ministerial Conference on Market, Trade, Competition, Industry and Customs,
- i) Ministerial Conference on Transport and Telecommunications,
- j) Ministerial Conference on Energy,
- k) Ministerial Conference on Education, Science, Youth, Culture and Sports and
- l) Ministerial Conference on Other Issues.

(4) Structure of the ministerial conferences referred to in paragraph (3) hereof shall be laid down in an Annex that makes an integral part of the Instruction.

#### **Article 4 (Rights and obligations)**

- (1) Members of the ministerial conferences shall argue and represent the position of their respective levels of government.
- (2) The ministerial conference shall address an issue within 10 days of the day of receipt of such a request.
- (3) If a ministerial conference is unable to take a position on a specific issue or fails to agree on their position within 10 days from the receipt of the request from technical and operational bodies, request for the position agreed shall be submitted to the Collegium for European Integration. The request shall include a background of the issue and propose possible modalities for its resolution as discussed at the meeting of the ministerial conference.

#### **Article 5 (Representation)**

In the event of being prevented, a member of the ministerial conference shall authorise a representative who shall, at full capacity, take part in the ministerial conference. The chair and deputy chair of the ministerial conference shall be notified of this situation in writing by a member of the ministerial conference no later than two (2) days prior to the meeting of the ministerial conference. An authorised representative of a member of the ministerial conference shall have no right to preside over the ministerial conference.

#### **Article 6 (Mutual relations of ministerial conferences)**

- (1) When a ministerial conference discusses an issue partially falling within the scope of another ministerial conference, it shall notify the other ministerial conference thereof and seek their position, opinion or proposal.
- (2) At the request referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, the ministerial conference shall respond within 10 days.

- (3) In case of any disagreements between ministerial conferences on an issue or if it is not clear which ministerial conference should consider the issue, the Secretariat of the ministerial conference shall submit the issue to the Collegium for European Integration for further action in accordance with the provisions of the Decision.
- (4) With the prior consent of the deputy chair, the chair of each ministerial conference may invite members of the other ministerial conference to attend a meeting for consultation, where the invited members shall have no right to vote.

**Article 7**  
**(Entry into force)**

The Instruction shall enter into force on the day of its adoption and shall be published in Official Gazette of BiH.

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4 May 2017  
Sarajevo

Chairperson  
of the Council of Ministers of BiH  
**Denis Zvizdić**

**ANNEX**

**MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES**  
**IN THE SYSTEM OF COORDINATION OF THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN**  
**INTEGRATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

	<b>Ministerial conference</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Negotiating chapters</b>
1.	Economic and financial affairs	Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH FBiH Ministry of Finance FBiH Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry RS Ministry of Finance RS Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation Ministry of Finance of Una-Sana Canton Ministry of Finance of Posavina Canton Ministry of Finance of Tuzla Canton Ministry of Finance of Zenica-Doboj Canton Ministry of Finance of Bosnian Podrinje Canton Ministry of Finance of Central Bosnia Canton	4. Free movement of capital 9. Financial services 16. Taxation 17. Economic and monetary policy 18. Statistics 22. Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments 32. Financial control

		Ministry of Finance of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Ministry of Finance of West Herzegovina Canton Ministry of Finance of Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Finance of Canton10 Finance Directorate of BDBiH	33. Financial and budgetary provisions
2.	Agriculture and fisheries	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry FBiH Ministry of Health RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management RS Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of Una-Sana Canton Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of Posavina Canton Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Tuzla Canton Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Zenica-Doboj Canton Ministry of Economy of Bosnian Podrinje Canton Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of Central Bosnia Canton Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Ministry of Economy of West Herzegovina Canton Ministry of Economy of Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of Canton 10 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of BDBiH	11. Agriculture and rural development 12. Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy 13. Fisheries
3.	Judiciary and fundamental rights	Ministry of Justice of BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH Ministry of Security of BiH FBiH Ministry of Justice FBiH Ministry of Internal Affairs RS Ministry of Justice RS Ministry of Internal Affairs Ministry of Justice and Administration of Una-Sana Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of Posavina Canton	23. Judiciary and fundamental rights

		Ministry of Justice and Administration of Tuzla Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of Zenica-Doboj Canton Ministry of Justice, Administration and Labour Relations of Bosnian Podrinje Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of Central Bosnia Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of West Herzegovina Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Justice and Administration of Canton 10 Judicial Commission of BDBiH	
4.	Internal affairs	Ministry of Security of BiH Ministry of Justice of BiH FBiH Ministry of Internal Affairs FBiH Ministry of Justice RS Ministry of Internal Affairs RS Ministry of Justice Ministry of internal affairs of Una-Sana Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Posavina Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Tuzla Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Zenica-Doboj Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Bosnian Podrinje Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Central Bosnia Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Ministry of internal affairs of West Herzegovina Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Sarajevo Canton Ministry of internal affairs of Canton 10 Police of BDBiH	24. Justice, freedom and security
5.	Environment	Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry	27. Environment, climate change

		<p>RS Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology RS Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation</p>	
		<p>Ministry of Construction, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Una-Sana Canton Ministry of Transport, Communications, Tourism and Environmental Protection of Posavina Canton Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Tuzla Canton Ministry of Spatial Planning, Transport and Communications and Environmental Protection of Zenica-Doboj Canton Ministry of Urban Planning, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Bosnian Podrinje Canton Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction, Environmental Protection, Return and Housing Affairs Of Central Bosnia Canton Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Environmental Protection of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection of West Herzegovina Canton Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection of Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Construction, Reconstruction, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Canton 10</p>	
		<p>Department of Physical Planning and Property Affairs of the BDBiH Government</p>	
6.	Employment and social policy	<p>Ministry of Civil Affairs Of BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH FBiH Ministry of Labour and Social Policy RS Ministry of Labour and War Veterans and Disabled People's Protection RS Ministry of Education and Culture Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Policy of Una-Sana Canton Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Policy of Posavina Canton Ministry of Labour, Social Policy and Return of Tuzla Canton Ministry of Labour, Social Policy and Refugees of Zenica-Doboj Canton</p>	<p>2. Freedom of movement for workers 19. Social policy and employment</p>

		<p>Ministry of Social Policy, Health, Displaced Persons and Refugees of Bosnian Podrinje Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health and Social Policy of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of West Herzegovina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of labour, Social Policy, Displaced Persons and Refugees of Sarajevo Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Labour, Health, Social Welfare and Refugees of Canton 10</p>	
		<p>Department of Health and Other Services of the BDBiH Government</p>	
7.	Consumer health and protection	<p>Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Health</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Trade</p> <p>RS Ministry of Health and Social Welfare</p> <p>RS Ministry of Trade and Tourism</p> <p>Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Policy of Una-Sana Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Policy of Posavina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health of Tuzla Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health of Zenica-Doboj Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Social Policy, Health, Displaced Persons and Refugees of Bosnian Podrinje Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health and Social Policy of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Welfare of West Herzegovina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Health of Sarajevo Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Labour, Health, Social Welfare and Refugees of Canton 10</p>	28. Consumer and health protection
		<p>Department of Health and Other Services of the BDBiH Government</p>	
8.	Market, trade, competition, industry and customs	<p>Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH</p> <p>Ministry of Justice of BiH</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Trade</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry</p>	<p>1. Free movement of goods</p> <p>3. Right of establishment</p>

		<p>FBiH Ministry of Justice          FBiH Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts</p>	<p>and freedom to provide services          5. Public procurement          6. Company law          7. Intellectual property law          8. Competition policy</p>
		<p>RS Ministry of Trade and Tourism          RS Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation          RS Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining          RS Ministry of Finance</p>	<p>20. Enterprise and industrial policy          29. Customs union          30. External relations</p>
		<p>Ministry of Economy of Una-Sana Canton          Ministry of Economy and Spatial Planning of Posavina Canton          Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Transport of Tuzla Canton          Ministry of Economy of Zenica-Doboj Canton          Ministry of Economy of Bosnian Podrinje Canton          Ministry of Economy of Central Bosnia Canton          Ministry of Economy of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton          Ministry of Economy of West Herzegovina Canton          Ministry of Economy of Sarajevo Canton          Ministry of Economy of Canton 10</p>	
		<p>Department of Economic Development, Sports and Culture of the BDBiH Government</p>	
9.	<p>Transport and telecommunications</p>	<p>Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH          FBiH Ministry of Transport and Communications          RS Ministry of Transport and Communications          RS Ministry of Science and Technology</p>	<p>10. Information society and media          14. Transport policy          21. Trans-European networks</p>
		<p>Ministry of Construction, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Una-Sana Canton          Ministry of Transport, Communications, Tourism and Environmental Protection of Posavina Canton          Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Transport of Tuzla Canton          Ministry of Spatial Planning, Transport and Communications and Environmental Protection of Zenica-Doboj Canton          Ministry of Urbanism, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Bosnian Podrinje Canton</p>	



		<p>Ministry of Spatial Planning, Reconstruction and Return of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Transport and Communications of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection of West Herzegovina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Transport of Sarajevo Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Construction, Reconstruction, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Canton 10</p>	
		<p>Department of Public Affairs of the BDBiH Government</p>	
10.	Energy	<p>Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry</p> <p>RS Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining</p> <p>RS Ministry of Spatial Planning, Construction and Ecology</p> <p>Ministry of Construction, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection of Una-Sana Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Spatial Planning of Posavina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of Tuzla Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Zenica-Doboj Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Bosnian Podrinje Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of West Herzegovina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Sarajevo Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Economy of Canton 10</p> <p>Department of Utilities of the BDBiH Government</p>	15. Energy
11.	Education, science, youth, culture and sports	<p>Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH</p> <p>Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Labour and Social Policy</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts</p> <p>RS Ministry of Education and Culture</p> <p>RS Ministry of Science and Technology</p> <p>RS Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports</p>	<p>25. Science and research</p> <p>26. Education and culture</p>

		<p>Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of Una-Sana Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Posavina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of Tuzla Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Zenica-Doboj Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Youth, Science, Culture and Sports of Bosnian Podrinje Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of West Herzegovina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Science, Education, Culture and Sports of Canton 10</p>	
		<p>Department of Education of the BDBiH Government</p>	
12.	Other issues	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH</p> <p>Ministry of Defence of BiH</p> <p>Ministry of Security of BiH</p> <hr/> <p>FBiH Ministry of Finance</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Justice</p> <p>FBiH Ministry of Internal Affairs</p> <hr/> <p>RS Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation</p> <p>RS Ministry of Internal Affairs</p> <p>RS Ministry of Justice</p> <hr/> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Una-Sana Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Posavina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tuzla Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Zenica-Doboj Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Bosnian Podrinje Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Central Bosnia Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of West Herzegovina Canton</p> <p>Ministry of Internal Affairs of Sarajevo Canton</p>	<p>31. Foreign, security and defence policy</p> <p>34. Institutions</p> <p>35. Other issues</p>

		Ministry of Internal Affairs of Canton 10	
		Police of BDBiH	