

# *Council of Europe contribution for the 48<sup>th</sup> UPR session (Jan- Feb 2025) regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina*

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## Prevention of torture (CPT)

Report on the ad hoc visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina carried out by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) from 17 September to 27 September 2021.

*CPT Report*



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*Government response*



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*Publication news flash : [Council of Europe anti-torture Committee \(CPT\) publishes report on its 2021 ad hoc visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina - CPT \(coe.int\)](#)*

Announcement of a periodic visit carried out by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) in 2024

*Publication news flash : [The Council of Europe anti-torture Committee announces periodic visits to eight countries in 2024 - CPT \(coe.int\)](#)*

## Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

On 8 February 2024, Commissioner Dunja Mijatović published a [letter](#) addressed to the Chairwoman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to the Prime Minister of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the Prime Minister of Republika Srpska, on dealing with past serious human rights violations. Similar letters were also sent to the Prime Ministers of other Council of Europe member states in the region of the former Yugoslavia, following the publication of the Commissioner's Issue Paper '[Dealing with the Past for a Better Future: Achieving justice, peace and social cohesion in the region of the former Yugoslavia](#)'. The Commissioner's letter recommended specific steps to be taken to deal with the violent past in Bosnia and Herzegovina and move more resolutely toward social cohesion, justice and reconciliation.



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for a Better Future.pdf

On 21 September 2023, the Commissioner published a [letter](#) addressed to the President of the National Assembly of Republika Srpska, raising concerns about the Draft Law on Special Registry and Transparency of the Work of Non-Profit Organisations in Republika Srpska.



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On 6 July 2023, the Commissioner published a [letter](#) addressed to the Mayor of Prijedor and to the President and Vice-President of the City Assembly of Prijedor, urging the city authorities to engage in discussions with the parents of the killed children of Prijedor and activists with a view to implementing their initiative and building a memorial in the city centre to honour 102 children - victims of war crimes committed in Prijedor between 1992 and 1995.



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On 11 December 2019, the Commissioner published a [letter](#) of 7 December 2020 addressed to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the Minister for Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, urging the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to tackle structural shortcomings in the treatment of migrants and asylum seekers.



**CommHR\_Mr Zoran  
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On 29 November 2019, the Commissioner published a [letter](#) addressed to the Chairman of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in which she stressed the need to use resources to provide families of children with disabilities with the necessary services and support to ensure that they can be brought up in a family setting, rather than to renovate or extend existing institutions.



**CommHR\_Mr Mirsad  
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## ***Fight against racism and intolerance (ECRI)***

*Conclusions on Bosnia and Herzegovina (adopted on 10 December 2019 / published on 19 March 2020)*



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ECRI sixth-cycle report on Bosnia and Herzegovina is meant to be published by the end of June 2024.

## ***Protection of minorities***

### ***Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities***

The Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention adopted the Fifth Opinion on Bosnia and Herzegovina on 8 February 2024. The Opinion will be published by the end of June 2024.

## *European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages*

The Committee of Experts adopted its third evaluation report on Bosnia and Herzegovina on 17 March 2022.



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The Committee of Ministers adopted [Recommendation CM/RecChL\(2022\)4](#) on the application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 5 October 2022 at the 1445<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.



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## *Action against trafficking in human beings (GRETA)*

*GRETA evaluation report (3<sup>rd</sup> evaluation round)*



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[Press release](#)

## *Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (GREVIO)*

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the Istanbul Convention 07 November 2013. The [GREVIO baseline evaluation report](#) and the [Committee of the Parties Recommendations](#) in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina were published, respectively, on 8 November 2022 and on 12 December 2022. The state party is expected to report back on progress achieved in the implementation of the Committee of the Parties Recommendations by 4 December 2025. The first thematic evaluation round procedure centered on the theme “Building trust by delivering support, protection and justice” will be initiated in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina in September 2024 by sending the relevant [Questionnaire](#) to the state party.



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## *Protection of children against sexual abuse (Lanzarote Convention)*

*Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the Lanzarote Convention on 14 November 2012, and it entered into force in its respect on 1 March 2013.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> thematic monitoring round: Protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)**

The second monitoring round was carried out between October 2017 and March 2022 and was dedicated to “Protecting children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse facilitated by information and communication technologies (ICTs)”, with a focus on “Addressing the challenges raised by child self-generated sexual images and/or videos”. It led to the adoption of an [implementation report](#) on 10 March 2022. The information submitted by **Bosnia and Herzegovina** in the context of the 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring round is available [here](#).



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The recommendations requiring **Bosnia and Herzegovina**<sup>1</sup> to take steps to implement the Lanzarote Convention effectively in the context of this monitoring round are as follows:



**Lanzarote Committee**

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## ***Fight against corruption (GRECO)***

Bosnia and Herzegovina was evaluated in 2022 under the Fifth Evaluation Round on “Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies”. The corresponding [5th Round Evaluation Report](#) was adopted by GRECO Plenary and made public in 2023. Information from the authorities is due by 30 June 2024.



**GRECO\_5th**  
**evaluation round\_BiH.**

Concerning the Fourth Evaluation Round on “Prevention of corruption in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors” the [4th Round Second Interim Compliance Report](#) was published in 2023 and additional information from the authorities was due by 30 March 2024.



**GRECO\_4th**  
**evaluation round\_BiH.**

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<sup>1</sup> A compliance procedure to assess the follow-up given by **Bosnia and Herzegovina** to these recommendations will be launched in October 2024.

## Execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights



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## Social and Economic Rights (ECSR)



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## Venice Commission

CDL-AD(2024)002

Opinion on certain questions relating to the functioning of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina



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CDL-AD(2023)016

Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the OSCE/ODIHR on the draft law of Republika Srpska on the Special Registry and Publicity of the Work of Non-Profit Organizations



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CDL-AD(2023)003

Opinion on the draft law on Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina



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CDL-AD(2023)002

Amicus curiae Brief on the question of the appellate review in the Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina



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[CDL-AD\(2021\)024](#)

Opinion on the draft Law on preventing of conflict of interests



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[CDL-AD\(2021\)015](#)

Opinion on the draft Law on amendments to the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council



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[CDL-AD\(2019\)026](#)

Joint Opinion on the legal framework of peaceful assembly in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in its two entities and in Brcko District



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