

# NEWSLETTER

## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

# 30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary of Dayton Peace Agreement

#### Minister Elmedin Konaković at NATO Parliamentary Assembly Session and Forum dedicated to 30th Anniversary of Dayton Peace Agreement

At the Forum, Minister Konaković participated in the panel discussion entitled "Dayton 30 years later: Today's challenges for the further path to the EU and transatlantic integration". In his remarks, he expressed his honour at being in Dayton and extended his gratitude to the organizers for commemorating this important anniversary for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The moderator was the former US Ambassador to NATO and US Senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison. The panellists, apart from Minister Konaković, were the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Gordan Grlić Radman, the High Representative in BiH, Hans Christian Schmidt and the former US Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Peter Galbraith.



Panelists: Dayton 30 years later

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Minister Konaković at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

#### Minister Konaković addressed the NATO Parliamentary Assembly at the Spring Session in Dayton

In his address, after the opening ceremony and the panel session "Then and Now: Re-examination of the Balkan situation in the post-Dayton world", the Minister highlighted the importance of marking a significant milestone - 30 years since the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement. This agreement ended the bloodshed that claimed thousands of lives and displaced millions of people. He noted that the peace may not be perfect but it is still vital and was enabled by tireless efforts and leadership of American diplomacy.

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#### Minister Konaković met with the delegation of the US Congress led by Congressman Michael Turner

The delegation also included Congressmen Linda Sanchez, Brett Guthrie, and Joe Wilson. Minister Konaković emphasized that the strong support of the USA for the accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkan countries into the European Union is a guarantee of peace and security in the region.

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Minister Konaković with the delegation of the US Congress led by Congressman Michael Turner

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Minister Konaković with Karen Pierce

## Minister Elmedin Konaković met with the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the UK for the Western Balkans Karen Pierce

Minister Konaković expressed his gratitude to the United Kingdom for its support to Bosnia and Herzegovina during this challenging and crucial moment for our country. He also sincerely thanked Special Envoy Pierce for her strong and continuous support to Bosnia and Herzegovina, emphasizing her constructive role in the recent debate on Bosnia and Herzegovina in the UN Security Council.

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## Meeting with Special Envoy of France for the Western Balkans René Troccaz

Minister Konaković highlighted that Bosnia and Herzegovina is committed to encouraging and maintaining a constructive political dialogue with France. He pointed out that our country appreciates the continued attention of France to the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and its commitment to unity, territorial integrity and sovereignty in the spirit of the Dayton Peace Agreement. Special Envoy Troccaz underlined France's firm commitment to independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as security and stability in the Western Balkans. He expressed his full support for the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its European and Euro-Atlantic integration.



René Troccaz and Elmedin Konaković

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Meeting in Dayton, Ohio

## Minister Konaković met with the Director for the Adriatic region and the Western Balkans in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Italy Thomas Botzios

Minister Konaković emphasized that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains fully committed to the path of European integration and added that the continuous support and assistance of our partners from the EU, especially Italy, will be of vital

importance in the coming period. He expressed his gratitude for the close and constructive political dialogue we share with our friendly partner country, as well as for the valuable support through the "Friends of the Western Balkans" group initiative.

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## Minister Elmedin Konaković met in Dayton with Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of North Macedonia Timcho Mucunski

Ministers Konaković and Mucunski assessed bilateral relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of North Macedonia as very good and friendly, with no open issues. Minister Konaković highlighted that Bosnia and Herzegovina is interested in further cooperation and improving relations with North Macedonia in the economy, culture, education, connecting cities and regions, as well as joint action on the international scene. Concerning regional relations, the Minister said that regional cooperation, as the foundation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's foreign policy, is a vital and irreplaceable factor on our country's path towards the EU.



Ministers Elmedin Konaković and Timcho Mucunski

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**Minister Konaković with the UK Secretary Lammy**

## Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland David Lammy

Minister Konaković expressed Bosnia and Herzegovina's sincere appreciation for the timely visit of State Secretary Lammy at a particularly crucial and challenging moment for Bosnia and Herzegovina. He emphasised the significance of United Kingdom's unwavering commitment to

the stability and security of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He conveyed sincere gratitude to the United Kingdom for its proactive engagement and its strong and consistent support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its aspirations for European and Euro-Atlantic integration. Minister also expressed confidence that the UK will continue to support the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in implementing reforms, strengthening the rule of law and protecting democratic values.

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**Minister Konaković at the Council of Europe in Luxembourg**

## The 134th Ministerial Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Luxembourg

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Elmedin Konaković, participated in the 134th Ministerial Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, held on 13-14 May 2025 in Luxembourg. In his address, he emphasized the importance of the Council of Europe in promoting democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, condemned the Russian aggression against Ukraine, and highlighted the importance of reforms and BiH's European integration. He particularly stressed the role of the European Court of Human Rights and the need to

implement its judgments. On the margins of the session, he held a series of bilateral meetings, including with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Irish Minister, thanking Ireland for its decision to open its Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He informed his interlocutors about the political situation and threats to the constitutional order of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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## Minister Elmedin Konaković met with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Alain Berset

Minister Konaković emphasized that Bosnia and Herzegovina's membership in the Council of Europe significantly strengthens the country's international reputation, supports democratic development, protects human rights, and strengthens the rule of law. He added that such active engagement brings us closer to European standards and values, which are key to our path towards EU membership. He reiterated that BiH remains fully committed to the mission of the Council of Europe and our common European values.

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**Minister Konaković with Secretary General Berset**



**Minister Konaković  
with President Rousopoulos**

## Minister Elmedin Konaković met with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Theodoros Rousopoulos

Minister Konaković pointed out that Bosnia and Herzegovina attaches special importance to cooperation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which serves as a key forum for political dialogue and promoting democratic values throughout the continent. He reiterated that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains committed to reforms and European integration,

which includes strengthening the integrity of the electoral process. He also referred to the significance of PACE's work in human rights, the fight against hate speech, and the protection of minority rights. He assessed that these topics are key to building an inclusive society and are aligned with our domestic reform goals.

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## Minister Elmedin Konaković met with Irish State Minister Thomas Byrne

Minister Konaković highlighted that Bosnia and Herzegovina highly appreciates and warmly welcomes the decision of the Government of Ireland to establish its Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He noted that this step will further strengthen bilateral relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ireland. Minister Byrne affirmed that Ireland remains committed to supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's integration process and the implementation of reforms.

He reiterated Ireland's determination to support the European Union's further expansion to the countries of the Western Balkans, emphasizing that Ireland stands ready to share its knowledge and experience to support Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path to the EU.



**Minister Konaković and  
State Minister Thomas Byrne**

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**Ministers at the 2025 Warsaw informal meeting  
of EU Foreign Ministers**

## Informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers (Gymnich) and Foreign Ministers of EU candidate and potential candidate countries

The meeting in Warsaw, organized by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Radoslaw Sikorski, and the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas, covered current challenges in European foreign and security policy in the context of new geopolitical circumstances.

Minister Konaković emphasised that the international community is increasingly facing new and unprecedented challenges, including hybrid threats, cyber-attacks, misinformation and the manipulation of political processes. These complex threats - often involving state and non-state actors - seek to destabilize countries from within, undermine trust, sow confusion and ultimately weaken the very foundations of democracy and security.

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## Minister of European and Foreign Affairs of Albania Igli Hasani paid an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Following the productive meeting of the delegations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Minister Konakovic and Minister Hasani held a press conference. Minister Konakovic underlined that the political relations between two countries are very good while noting that there remains room to further strenghten the

economic cooperation particularly in the area of infrastructure and connectivity. He expressed his satisfaction with opening of the Embassy of Albania in Sarajevo, marking a significant step forward in bilateral engagement. Minister Hasani affirmed that the relations between Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina are based on mutual friendship and respect, as well as shared vision in the European Union.

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Press conference during the official visit

## Meeting with the Secretary General of the Central European Initiative Franco Dal Mas

Minister Konakovic and Secretary General Dal Mas held a constructive discussion on the current political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, emphasizing the importance of strengthening the role of CEI in fostering regional cooperation. They also addressed the advancement of the European integration process and the challenges posed by ongoing geostrategic developments. Minister Konaković reaffirmed Bosnia and Herzegovina's commitment to regional initiatives and underlined that accession to the European Union remains Bosnia and Herzegovina's highest foreign policy priority.

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Minister Konaković with the Scretary General Dal Mas



Minister Konaković met with the Special Envoy for the Western Balkans of the Republic of Slovenia Anžej Frangeš

## Minister Konaković met with the Special Envoy for the Western Balkans of the Republic of Slovenia Anžej Frangeš

Minister Konaković informed Special Envoy Frangeš about the complex political and social dynamics currently affecting Bosnia and Herzegovina, which have significantly impacted the pace of reforms essential for further progress on the path towards the EU. Minister Konaković emphasized the importance of continuing the integration process of Bosnia and Herzegovina, stressing the urgent need for political stability, accelerated reform efforts, and more active engagement of the European Union in overcoming challenges that continue to slow down the integration process.

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## Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Elmedin Konaković visits the United Arab Emirates

During a visit to the United Arab Emirates, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Elmedin Konaković, engaged in a series of high-level meetings aimed at strengthening bilateral relations, enhancing regional cooperation, and addressing global security challenges. As part of his visit, Minister Konaković participated in a major international tourism fair of strategic importance to

Bosnia and Herzegovina, highlighting the country's growing potential in the tourism sector and promoting opportunities for investment and collaboration.

Minister Konaković held a bilateral meeting with the UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The two officials discussed the overall state of relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Arab Emirates, which they assessed as positive and stable. They emphasized the need to further deepen economic cooperation, particularly in the areas of trade, tourism, and foreign direct investment.

Minister Konaković presented recent developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina's political landscape, with a particular focus on the country's European integration process and initiatives aimed at fostering regional stability. He also encouraged Emirati investors to explore opportunities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, underscoring the significance of the UAE's participation in the upcoming Sarajevo Business Forum as a platform for concrete project engagement.



**Minister Konaković with H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan**



**Interpol President Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi and Minister Elmedin Konaković**

In Abu Dhabi, Minister Konaković also met with the President of Interpol, Major General Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi. The meeting took place against the backdrop of complex regional and global security dynamics.

Minister Konaković provided a detailed overview of the current security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, stressing the importance of proactive, coordinated international responses to evolving threats.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening multilateral cooperation among law enforcement and security agencies as a fundamental pillar in the fight against all forms of international crime. Minister Konaković emphasized the dedication of Bosnia and Herzegovina's institutions to constructive engagement within global security frameworks.

This visit reaffirmed the mutual interest of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Arab Emirates in further developing diplomatic, economic, and security ties, while also contributing to broader efforts in regional cooperation and international stability.

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## MOSTAR 2025: Dialogue for the Future – Cultural Heritage as a pillar of regional diplomacy

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina hosted the international conference “MOSTAR 2025: Dialogue for the Future” in Mostar, marking the 20th anniversary of the Old Bridge’s inclusion on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The conference opened with addresses by high-ranking officials, including Denis Bećirović, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (via video message), Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Magdalena Landry, Director of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, and Ingrid Macdonald, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Their remarks emphasized the importance of preserving cultural identity while building bridges across nations and generations.



**Diplomatic panel in Mostar**



**Signing of 2025 Mostarska Joint Statement**



**Fireside talk “Bridging Cultures – Youth at the Heart of Regional Cooperation”**

The central segment of the conference was the diplomatic panel “Shared Heritage as a Tool of Diplomacy”, moderated by Amer Kapetanović, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council. Panelists included Elmedin Konaković, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Gordan Grlić Radman, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia; Mehmet Kemal Bozay, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye; Zoran Dimitrovski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia; and Periša Kastratović, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro. The discussion focused on the role of cultural heritage in promoting mutual understanding and advancing diplomatic relations in Southeast Europe.

At the conclusion of the panel, the ministers and high representatives adopted and signed the Mostarska 2025 Joint Statement, reaffirming their shared commitment to protecting and promoting cultural heritage as a common good and a foundation for sustainable development, reconciliation, and the European future of the region.

The Conference placed a strong emphasis on the voice and engagement of young people. In partnership with the Regional Cooperation Council and its Western Balkans Youth Lab, a dynamic fireside talk titled “Bridging Cultures – Youth at the Heart of Regional Cooperation” brought together young leaders, diplomats, and EU representatives to explore how youth can actively contribute to intercultural dialogue, regional integration, and heritage protection in the Western Balkans and beyond.



## 14<sup>th</sup> Sarajevo Business Forum 2025: Advancing regional growth and economic diplomacy

On May 21st, Sarajevo hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF), a premier international business event that gathered over 500 leaders and experts from the region and around the world. This year's edition focused on infrastructure investment, regional economic cooperation, tourism development, and digital transformation. The Forum featured dynamic panel discussions, presentations, and networking opportunities, creating a platform for meaningful dialogue among stakeholders from various sectors.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Elmedin Konaković delivered the keynote address and officially opened the event alongside BBI Bank, the Forum's organizer. Emphasizing Sarajevo as a place "where sincere dialogue becomes partnership and friendship," Konaković highlighted the need for active economic diplomacy, increased foreign investment, and the promotion of Bosnia and Herzegovina's international profile.



**Minister Konaković Keynote speech at the 14<sup>th</sup> SBF**



**The Role of Government Policies in Promoting Business Growth was discussed at SBF**

Minister Konaković also participated in the Forum's first panel, "The Role of Government Policies in Promoting Business Growth," which explored how strategic governance can stimulate investment, support local exporters, and drive the country's progress toward sustainable development and EU accession. The panel brought together high-level representatives, including Igli Hasani, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania; Besar Durmishi, Minister of Economy and Labour of the Republic of North Macedonia; Mahmut Gürcan, Deputy Minister of Trade of the

Republic of Türkiye; and Umut Ergezer, Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council. The discussion was skillfully moderated by Edin Hadžihafizbegović, adding valuable context and engagement.



## INVESTMENT PROJECTS and business opportunities in BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

### New brochure released: Investment projects & business opportunities in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, through its Department for Economic Diplomacy, proudly presents the brochure "Investment Projects and Business Opportunities" - prepared in cooperation with public and private sector partners across the country. This publication highlights a wide range of investment initiatives and business opportunities proposed by government institutions and private companies.

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## High-Level meeting between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia held on the sidelines of the Sarajevo Business Forum

On the sidelines of the 14th Sarajevo Business Forum, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Elmedin Konaković, met with Abdulaziz Alsakran, Deputy Governor for International Relations and Trade at the Saudi Authority for Foreign Trade. Mr. Alsakran led the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's delegation on behalf of H.E. Dr. Majid Al-Qassabi, Minister of Commerce of Saudi Arabia.



**Minister Konaković with the delegation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**



**High-level meeting on the sidelines of the 14th Sarajevo Business Forum 2025**

The meeting focused on deepening bilateral economic cooperation, with an emphasis on expanding trade, attracting investments, and fostering collaboration in key strategic sectors. Particular attention was given to the halal industry, tourism, energy, and digital innovation, where both countries see considerable potential for growth and partnership. This high-level exchange reaffirmed the strong and friendly relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and underscored a shared commitment to building a prosperous future through enhanced economic ties.



**Bosnia and Herzegovina - Saudi Arabia Business Round Table**

## Strengthening economic ties between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Over 90 companies from Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in the Bosnia and Herzegovina – Saudi Arabia Business Round Table held in Sarajevo, organized by the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Council of Saudi Chambers. The event facilitated B2B meetings with representatives of 25 Saudi companies and institutions.

Key speakers included Ahmet Egrić, President of the Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH; Dino Selimović, Economic Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of BiH; and Abdulaziz Alsakran, Deputy Governor for International Relations at the Saudi General Authority for Foreign Trade.

The forum highlighted strong bilateral relations and growing trade exchange. Participants emphasized investment potential in key sectors such as wood processing, agriculture, energy, metal, IT, and tourism.

The event also featured presentations on halal industry development and digital cooperation, underlining mutual interest in expanding economic collaboration.



**B2B meetings with representatives of 25 Saudi companies and institutions**





## Minister Konaković addressed the 10<sup>th</sup> OSCE Conference on Media in South East Europe

Minister Konaković extended special thanks to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Jan Braathu, for his action plan on monitoring, assessing, and providing early warnings regarding threats to media freedom in the OSCE region. He praised the ambition to continue strengthening human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, and emphasized the importance of journalist safety and media freedom. The Minister reaffirmed his belief in democratic values, the protection of fundamental freedoms, and the independence of the media as a central goal for Bosnia and Herzegovina.



10<sup>th</sup> OSCE Conference on Media in South East Europe

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Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dilberović with the OSCE Representative for Freedom of the Media Jan Braathu

## Acting Secretary Edin Dilberović met with the OSCE Representative for Freedom of the Media Jan Braathu

During the meeting, the parties discussed key issues including the importance of media freedom, the protection of human rights, the promotion of democratic values, and the strengthening of the rule of law. They underscored the essential role of ensuring that citizens are well-informed, and highlighted the importance of safeguarding the safety of journalists. Secretary Dilberović emphasized the significance of aligning relevant legislation pertaining to information, freedom of expression, human rights and media freedom at the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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## Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Josip Brkić at the ministerial meeting of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and the Adriatic-Ionian Region

Deputy Minister Brkić emphasized that, one year after the last ministerial meeting in Šibenik, the world has become even more complex and unpredictable, marked by ongoing armed conflicts, economic uncertainty and the increasingly severe consequences of climate change.

Deputy Minister commended the presidency of EUSAIR for its strong support for EU enlargement to the Western Balkans, which is the main priority of Bosnia and Herzegovina's foreign policy.

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Deputy Minister Brkić at the ministerial meeting



**8<sup>th</sup> political consultation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the People's Republic of China**

## The 8<sup>th</sup> political consultation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the People's Republic of China

The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, MSc. Josip Brkić, led the delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the 8<sup>th</sup> Political Consultations with the delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, led by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of

the People's Republic of China Ms. Hua Chunying, held in Ningbo on 21 May 2025. During the productive discussions, both sides reaffirmed their mutual commitment to strengthening bilateral relations, particularly significant as this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Both parties agreed that enhancing economic cooperation should be a key focus, with an emphasis on creating new opportunities for business communities from Bosnia and Herzegovina. A priority remains increasing exports to the Chinese market and addressing the trade imbalance through existing cooperation mechanisms.

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## Conference marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the People's Republic of China

The event brought together high-ranking representatives of the legislative and executive authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, officials from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, as well as members of the business and academic communities of both countries, alongside representatives of international and non-governmental organizations.

Through three dedicated panels, the Conference highlighted the steady and comprehensive development of political, economic, and people-to-people ties between the two friendly countries. Participants emphasized that bilateral cooperation continues to deepen across all areas, grounded in mutual respect, trust, and shared interests. Representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Acting Secretary Mr. Edin Dilberović addressed the audience, underscoring the strength of the long-standing friendship and the dynamic cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the People's Republic of China, which continues to grow in all areas of mutual interest.



**Acting Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Edin Dilberović addressed the audience**



**Deputy Minister Brkić at the CEEC Expo & China CEEC Cooperation Forum in Ningbo**

## Deputy Minister MSc. Josip Brkić participated in CEEC Expo & China CEEC Cooperation Forum in Ningbo

This important international event, under the slogan "New visions for the future", brought together representatives of the People's Republic of China and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe with the aim of strengthening trade, investment and cultural ties.

China - CEEC Expo, the only Chinese exhibition at the national level dedicated to the CEEC region, represents a key platform for economic cooperation, connecting business communities and researching investment opportunities.

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## Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, MSc. Josip Brkić held a meeting with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Dušan Kozarev

The working meeting focused on the issues outlined in Annex B, within the succession process of the property of the former Yugoslavia. Participants underscored the importance of completing the division of property among the successor countries in a timely manner. Both sides also expressed their commitment to further advance and strengthen cooperation between the two countries.



**Deputy Minister Brkić meeting with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia**

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**Bilateral consultations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro**

## Bilateral consultations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Deputy Minister Brkić led the delegation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the bilateral consultations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro led by State Secretary Periša Kastratović.

Both sides reaffirmed very good and friendly nature of bilateral relations, underscoring the importance of sustained political engagement and continuous dialogue aimed at further strengthening cooperation across various sectors.

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## Delegation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs at EU Visa Code Workshop in Brussels

A delegation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs led by Assistant Minister for International Legal and Consular Affairs, Frano Planinić paid an official visit to Brussels together with representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Border Police and Service for Foreigner's Affairs. The visit took place from 19 to 21 May and was a part of the Visa Capacity Building Project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, within the Partnership Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina institutions and The Swedish

Migration Agency. Members of Bosnia and Herzegovina's delegation participated in the workshop „EU Visa Code“, which provided a valuable platform for exchanging experiences with experts from Sweden and Poland in the field of visa issuance with the aim of strengthening the technical and operational capacities of relevant institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the integration of the EU Visa Code with legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



**Assistant Minister for International Legal and Consular Affairs, Frano Planinić at the Workshop**

## First Steering Committee Meeting of the Cyber Diplomacy Network in Western Balkan

This event marked the start of intensified regional efforts in cyber diplomacy within the Partnership for Strengthening Cybersecurity, funded by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The initiative continues the efforts of the Berlin Process, focusing on addressing cross-border challenges through a cooperative regional approach.



**First Steering Committee Meeting**

The meeting established an informal working structure for the Network, defined roles and methods of collaboration, and selected regional activities for 2025 and beyond. The Steering Committee consisted of two representatives from each of the six Western Balkan countries. Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina were Emina Merdan, Head of the Department for the European Union and Valentina Marinčić, Head of the Department for Neighboring Countries, who also serve as Focal points for the Network.

## A representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference of European National International Humanitarian Law Committees

2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference of European National International Humanitarian Law Committees organized jointly by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Polish Red Cross took place in

Warsaw. The meeting was attended by over 110 from 33 states as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Polish Red Cross. Delegates include representatives of the ministries of foreign affairs, national defense, justice, national committees of the Red Cross and diplomatic missions. The two-day Conference was divided into 5 thematic blocks covering the most important and current challenges in the field of international humanitarian law (IHL). The in-depth discussions, also held within dedicated working groups, concerned, among others: the follow-up to the 34<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent; the operationalizing key IHL obligations and the role of National IHL Committees; the International Humanitarian Fact Finding Commission; humanitarian exemptions in sanction regimes; protection of the medical mission and of the Red Cross / Red Crescent emblem; the Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to International Humanitarian Law. Ms. Lejla Hadžić, Head of the Department for International Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, participated in a comprehensive exchange of practices and discussions during the Conference, noting the significance of the issues addressed and the value of the dialogue in fostering better coordination, cooperation and mutual understanding.



**Lejla Hadžić, Head of the Department for International Legal Affairs at the Regional Conference**

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of National Focal Points for the EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence was held in Brussels from May 13–15, 2025, bringing together representatives from 63 countries. Bosnia and Herzegovina was represented by the deputy national contact point, who actively engaged in discussions and expressed gratitude to

## 10<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of National Focal Points for the EU Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence

the EU for supporting joint training initiatives with Montenegro's justice authorities. The meeting focused on enhancing cooperation against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats through improved interinstitutional coordination, the exchange of national strategies, and the signing of a Regional Action Plan with Middle Eastern countries. Sessions covered a range of topics including capacity-building, protection of critical infrastructure, and the integration of AI and space technologies in risk mitigation. A historical overview marked 15 years of the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence, while a "World Café" session explored future collaborations with academia, the private sector, and local communities.



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## Acting Assistant Minister Hodžić Meets with U.S. Congressional staffers participating in the Atlantic Council's Balkans Forward Fellowship

Acting Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Aida Hodžić, met with a visiting delegation of U.S. Congressional staffers in Sarajevo. The delegation, composed of nine staff members from both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, visited Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the Atlantic Council's Balkans Forward Congressional Fellowship program.



**Acting Assistant Minister Hodžić with U.S. Congressional Staffers**

During the meeting, Acting Assistant Minister Hodžić provided an overview of the key challenges currently facing Bosnia and Herzegovina and outlined the priorities and ongoing activities of the Ministry's Division for Multilateral Affairs. The discussion also included an open exchange on topics of mutual interest, with a particular focus on the country's Euro-Atlantic integration path. Acting Assistant Minister Hodžić addressed questions from the delegation related to Bosnia and Herzegovina's progress and perspectives on EU membership and NATO cooperation.



**Discussion with the delegation from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna**

## Visit of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

A delegation of students and young diplomats from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of their study trip through the Western Balkans. The group was welcomed by Aida Hodžić, Acting Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, who shared insights from her diplomatic service. The discussion focused on the

topic: "30 Years Since the Dayton Peace Agreement and Current Political Challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina." The discussion was moderated by Enna Zone Đonlić, on behalf of the Young Diplomats Club, and provided an open platform for meaningful dialogue and exchange on Bosnia and Herzegovina's diplomatic trajectory, peacebuilding legacy, and ongoing reform efforts.

## Young Diplomats from France and Bosnia and Herzegovina Forge Connections for Future Cooperation

Young diplomats from the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs met with their counterparts from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the MFA premises in Sarajevo. The meeting served as a platform for dialogue and mutual understanding, aimed at exploring each country's diplomatic structures and practices. This exchange was part of a broader visit by the French delegation to the Western Balkans, focused on strengthening ties with EU candidate countries. Discussions highlighted both shared challenges and differing approaches in diplomatic postings and institutional functioning. Participants emphasized the importance of such initiatives in building lasting professional networks. The event fostered a spirit of cooperation and opened avenues for future collaboration. It was a valuable step toward deeper integration and understanding within the European diplomatic framework.



**Young diplomats from the France visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

## Presentation of Copies of Credentials by Newly Appointed Ambassadors to Bosnia and Herzegovina

In the month of May 2025, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina continued its diplomatic engagements through a series of protocol meetings with newly appointed ambassadors. Mr. Mirsad Bešić, Head of the Department for Diplomatic Protocol, received copies of letters of credence from distinguished diplomatic representatives, marking the formal commencement of their missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



**H.E. Salah A. Albannai, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait**

These official presentations reaffirm Bosnia and Herzegovina's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing international cooperation with its global partners.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its readiness to support the diplomatic missions of the newly appointed ambassadors and to work jointly on advancing mutual interests and dialogue.



**H.E. Emin Akseki, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye**

On 5 May 2025, Mr. Bešić received H.E. Mr. Emin Akseki, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye. The following day, on 6 May 2025, he welcomed H.E. Mr. Salah A. Albannai, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait.

On 16 May 2025, H.E. Mr. Phrommes Bhaholpolbhayahasena, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to Bosnia and Herzegovina with residence in Budapest, also presented copies of his credentials.



**H.E. Phrommes Bhaholpolbhayahasena, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand**

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## First ever forensic training - Bosnia and Herzegovina develops national forensic skills

From April 14 to May 15, 2025, Bosnia and Herzegovina conducted its first-ever national forensic training focused on CBRN crime scene processing, held at the entity level in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Having been inspired by EU CBRN CoE Initiative project P-57/58, and coordinated by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Federal Police Directorate.

The program, titled "Forensic Processing of a Crime Scene in a Specific CBRN Environment – CBRN Crime Scene 2025," included a final demonstration of acquired skills on May 16. Two CBRN forensic trainers from Project P-57, together with five CSI colleagues from the Federal Police Directorate, trained 15 officers from key police units including forensics, special forces, and operational criminal technique. To ensure sustainability, a backup team will also be trained by the end of 2025. All 17 participants received certificates from the Federal Minister of Interior and the Director of the Police Academy, marking a significant step in developing national capacity to respond to CBRN incidents and contributing to future EU CBRN projects and judicial processes.



**Chemical agents' check**



**Ambassador Halilović**

presented his credentials to Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah. Ambassador Slavko Matanović presented his credentials to the newly elected President of Lebanon, Joseph Aoun.

## Bosnia and Herzegovina Ambassadors Present Letters of Credence in Qatar, Brunei, Algeria, and Lebanon

In recent weeks, Bosnia and Herzegovina has reaffirmed its commitment to expanding international cooperation through the formal accreditation of four ambassadors. In Qatar, Ambassador Ahmet Halilović submitted his credentials to H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani. Ambassador Edin Jahić was accredited as the non-resident ambassador to Brunei, where he



**Ambassador Jahić**

Ambassador Bojana Kondić Panić was accredited in Algeria, presenting her credentials to President Abdelmadjid Tebboune.

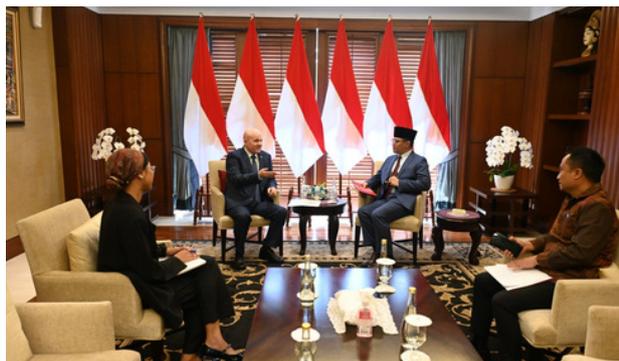
Diplomacy remains the cornerstone of Bosnia and Herzegovina's international engagement, serving as a vital instrument for promoting national interests, peaceful cooperation, and advancing the country's integration into global political, economic, and cultural frameworks.



**Ambassador Matanović**



**Ambassador Kondić Panić**



**Ambassador Limo at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia**

## Ambassador Limo met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

It was a courtesy visit, mainly the current political situation in BiH and bilateral relations were discussed. The Ambassador introduced the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the "Mother of Srebrenica" project. They also discussed the possible visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the holding of bilateral political consultations between the two MFAs, the improvement of parliamentary cooperation and as well as the improvement of economic relations between the two countries.

## Ambassador Čohodarević meets Chief Whip in the Senate of IR Pakistan

Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Emin Čohodarević, met with Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chief Whip in the Senate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue. During the discussion, Senator Madviwalla and Ambassador Čohodarević exchanged views on strengthening bilateral cooperation in key sectors. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to deepening collaboration to foster mutual development.



**Ambassador Čohodarević meets Senator Mandviwalla**



**Exhibition "Persistence of Search"**

## Ambassador Bencun attended the commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp

Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Republic of Austria, Siniša Bencun, attended the commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. In addition to the Ambassador, the delegation consisted of military attachés of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brigadier Herman Jerman, and several cadets of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, who are studying in Austria.

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## Ambassador Mlinarević's "Her Story" exhibition was inaugurated in the city of Český Krumlov

The highly anticipated "Her Story" exhibition was inaugurated in the picturesque city of Český Krumlov. This impactful exhibition was co-authored by Ambassador Martina Mlinarević of Bosnia and Herzegovina and US Ambassador Bijan Sabet. "Her Story" aims to celebrate and highlight the narratives of women ambassadors based in Prague, emphasizing their journeys, achievements, and the vital roles they play in diplomacy and global leadership. The exhibition features a rich array of personal stories, photographs, and interactive displays that showcase the strength and resilience.



"Her Story" exhibition inaugurated in the city of Český Krumlov



Book promotion in Denmark

## The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Kingdom of Denmark organized a book promotion of Narcisa Vučina, renowned Bosnian and Danish author entitled "The Button and the Book"

Published by the American publishing house Spuyten Duyvil in New York, the novel is a powerful and poetic exploration of love, survival, and the intergenerational impact of war and exile. Inspired by true events, it traces the journey of a woman navigating trauma under two dictatorships, personal loss, and spiritual transformation. Ambassador Kundurović Miljak expressed her

support for the author, emphasizing the importance of nurturing cultural identity and dialogue among citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina living abroad. Following the presentation, the author held a book signing and engaged with guests during a cocktail reception. The Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Copenhagen remains committed to supporting initiatives that celebrate Bosnian-Herzegovinian culture, language, and creative expression, while strengthening ties within diaspora in Denmark.

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## Bosnia and Herzegovina remembers Foreign Minister Irfan Ljubijankić and delegation on 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their passing

A solemn ceremony was held in Kremen near Slunj to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic death of the state delegation of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Foreign Minister Dr. Irfan Ljubijankić. The Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Republic of Croatia, Elma Kovačević-Bajtal, attended the commemoration and paid tribute to Dr. Ljubijankić and the members of the delegation who lost their lives in 1995. In her address, Ambassador Kovačević-Bajtal emphasized that Dr. Ljubijankić died on a mission of peace, striving to open the doors of the world to a war-torn Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Ambassador Kovačević-Bajtal





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### Hutovo blato Nature park

"Hutovo blato" as an exceptional habitat for numerous plant and animal species has been mentioned since ancient times. After World War II, "Hutovo blato" was protected exclusively as an elite hunting ground. The history of "Hutovo blato" as a protected part of nature begins on June 3, 1954, when the "Hutovo blato" ornithological reserve of 6,144 ha was established.

As part of the ornithological reserve, in 1959, a strict bird reserve, Škrka (350 ha), was separated, closed to fishing, hunting and other economically profitable activities. Due to its international significance, "Hutovo blato" was included in the "List of Wetlands of International Importance" in 1971, and in 1980 it was included in the "International Project for the Protection of Mediterranean Wetlands".

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### Sarajevo Film Festival 15-22 August 2025

Towards the end of the four-year siege of Sarajevo, in 1995, Obala Art Centar initiated the Sarajevo Film Festival (SFF) with the aim of helping to reconstruct civil society and retain the cosmopolitan spirit of the city. Three decades later, SFF is the leading film festival in the region, recognized by both film professionals and the wider audience. The Sarajevo Film Festival is an international film festival with a special focus on the region of South-East Europe, shining an international spotlight on films, talent and future projects from the region.

High quality programming, a strong industry segment, an educational and networking platform for young filmmakers and thus generated presence of the international film industry, film authors and media representatives alongside a paying audience of over 100,000, confirm its status as the leading film festival in the region, recognized by both professionals and the wider audiences.

Feel the creative energy of the Sarajevo Film Festival and share our passion for films in the remarkable atmosphere of the city of Sarajevo.

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