

LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



- Total area 51,129 km²
- Federation of B&H and Republic of Srpska,
 - District Brčko,
 - Cantons,
 - regions and municipalities

Water sector is according to the Constitution of B&H in competency of two Entities what means that Entities regulates issues of water management with their regulations and standards.

B&H legislation on water management FINISHED through the EU CARDS project “Institutional Strengthening of Water Sector in B&H” in March 2006

- ❑ Two Entity Water Laws harmonized and based on integral water management principles
- ❑ Water Law of FB&H (Official Gazette of Federation of B&H No.70 from 20th of November 2006) –started with implementation in 2008
- ❑ Water Law of Republic of Srpska (Official Gazette of RS No. 50 from 11th of May 2006)- started with implementation in 2006

□ The principles of EU water legislation are integrated in new Water Laws – the basic territory unit for water management is river basin district and public participation process included

□ Integral water management- water use, water protection, flood protection and regulation of watercourses and other waters

□ 4 River Basin District Agencies on territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina are established in order to implement tasks of integral water management which are defined by these laws

□ For Sava River Basin District and for Adriatic Sea River Basin District

□ In each Entity there is one Ministry in charge for water:

in Federation of B&H it is Ministry for Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry

in Republic of Srpska it is Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

in Federation of B&H in each of 10 Cantons there is one Ministry in charge for water

On State level there is Law on Ministries and other administrative bodies of B&H («Official Gazette of B&H», No. 5/03)

➤ **Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of B&H**

➤ **Environment Protection, Development and Use of Natural Resources**

➤ Policy defining

➤ Basic principles

➤ Coordinating of activities

➤ Harmonizing the plans of the Entity bodies and institutions on international plan

□4 River Basin District Agencies on territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina – in charge for management and monitoring of all water resources; preparation of strategy and plans

□Federal Meteorological Institute and Republic Hydro Meteorological Institute

□monitoring and evaluation of quantity and quality of groundwater and surface water characteristics

□Establishment and maintenance of main meteorological, hydrological and biometeorological network

❑ **Water Coordinating Board**

- ❑ International contracts in the field of water management;
- ❑ International water ways;
- ❑ International Water Management Structures;
- ❑ Cooperation with Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro in the field of waters;
- ❑ Harmonization and Monitoring of Laboratories for Water Quality Monitoring and for watercourses categorization;
- ❑ Collection and exchange of data (interentity and international)
- ❑ etc.

INSPECTION

- Supervision of the provisions of the Water Law in RS:
 - Republic Water Management Inspectors and
 - Municipality, i.e. City Water Management inspectors
- Tasks of Water Management Inspection in FB&H is done by:
 - Federal and
 - Cantonal Water Management Inspectors each in its competency
- Departments of Government of Brčko District has its own inspections in this field