INCORPORATION OF SDG FRAMEWORK OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOINA, INTO DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND INSTITUTIONAL WORK PLANS IN ALIGMENT WITH BUDGETS AT ALL GOVERNMENT LEVELS

SDG Council BiH

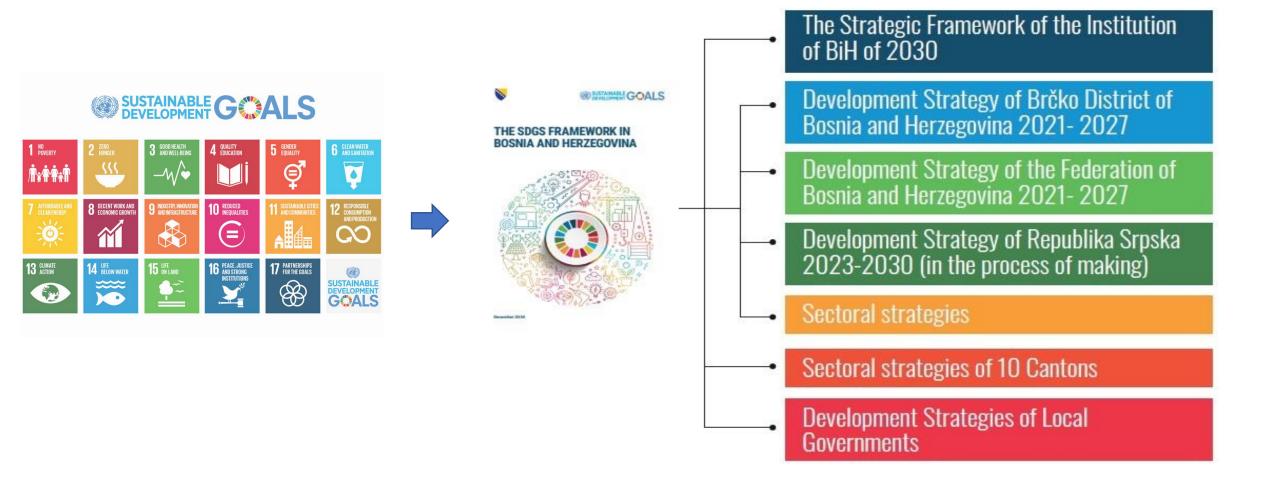**,,22nd ESDN Workshop 2024**

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The Framework for the implementation of the SDG in BiH

- A key document that guides the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in BiH.

- Developed in the period 2019-2020 with the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders, including institutions at all levels of government, the private sector, and civil society organizations.

- The Framework for the implementation of the SDG in BiH has been accepted by the Government of the Brčko District of BiH, the governments of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) and Republika Srpska (RS), as well as the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (December 2020 - April 2021)

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT

Efficient, open, inclusive and accountable public sector
- Accountable citizen and business centered governance.
- Depolitization and professionalization of public companies
- Efficient public finance management
- Functional policy making and development management system
- Digital transformation of the public sector

Rule of law, security and fundamental rights
- Efficient judiciary
- Human rights protection
- Workers' rights protection, regulated labour and workers' rights during disasters
- Efficient anti-corruption measures
- Measures against various forms of crime and terrorism

Resilience to disasters
- Protection and uninterrupted functioning of key infrastructure
- Uninterrupted delivery of services and public goods
- Sustainable recovery from COVID-19 (build back better)
- Enhancing public procurement system and more efficient regulation
- Resilient and inclusive public healthcare infrastructure and institutions
- Social protection for all
- Enhanced crisis communication

Human capital for the future →

SMART GROWTH

Enabling environment for entrepreneurship and innovations
- Increase of investment in infrastructure of research, development and innovation in public and private sector
- Mobilizing the potential of diaspora
- Ease of doing business and support to fast-growing companies
- Strengthening the role of cities and regions as drivers of development
- Digitalization of economy
- Creating and participating in value chains

Increase of investment in infrastructure
- Infrastructure for technology transfer and development
- Ensuring equal access to modern transport infrastructure
- Increase of investment in physical infrastructure
- Development of public digital infrastructure

Enhancing access to and quality of education
- Curricular reform on all levels of education
- Capacity development of teachers, modernization of school and teaching methods
- Digital skills development
- Universal and quality pre-school education
- Strategic investment into research and development in educational institutions
- Efficient life-long learning system

Green growth and clean energy
- Decrease of energy poverty
- Development of green skills and jobs
- Decentralization of electro-energy system
- Decarbonisation of energy sector

Smart management of natural resources
- Demining of mines areas
- Disaster risk management
- Protection and revival of natural capital
- Development of circular economy
- Strengthening and monitoring of eco system control
- Sustainable tourism

SOCIETY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Enhancing social protection policies
- Better and targeted allocation of public funds for social protection
- Enhancing infrastructure and competencies of service providers via introduction of new service delivery models
- Enhancing the system of education and monitoring of vulnerable families and families at risk

Activation and employment with focus on the most vulnerable
- Increase in activity rate and participation of vulnerable categories in the labor market
- Increase in employability of the unemployed through social entrepreneurship

Efficient health care for all
- Enhancing access to and quality of healthcare
- Reform of healthcare financing system
- Preventive healthcare measures
- Strategic approach to maintaining existing and developing human resources in the area of health

Improving inclusiveness of education
- Equal access to education
- Establishing a system of early detection and intervention for children at risk and children with developmental difficulties
- Increase in coverage of children by pre-school education (age 3 - 6)
- Decrease of early leaving of school
- Decrease in the number of individuals without knowledge and skills and their integration in the labour market

Financial inclusion
- Enhancing availability of financial services for the most vulnerable population
- Better accessibility to micro-credits with favourable interest rates

← No one is left behind

Implementation pathways of SDGs in BiH

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

THE SDGS FRAMEWORK IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- The Strategic Framework of the Institution of BiH of 2030
- Development Strategy of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021- 2027
- Development Strategy of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021- 2027
- Development Strategy of Republika Srpska 2023-2030 (in the process of making)
- Sectoral strategies
- Sectoral strategies of 10 Cantons
- Development Strategies of Local Governments

Implementation of SDG Framework in BiH

Through Systems for Strategic planning and Development Management at all government levels in BiH

Strategic documents on all government levels in BiH

Institutional three-years & annual work plans

MTBF and Budget

Partnerships & SDG financing modalities

Monitoring and reporting

Institutions on all government levels

BiH SDG Council – purpose & functions

Management, monitoring, reporting, and coordination of processes related to the progress in the implementation of the SDG Framework in BiH;

- ✓ Monitoring the implementation of the Framework by incorporating its elements into the strategic and implementation documents at each level of government in BiH;
- ✓ Coordination, monitoring, and reporting (including the preparation of the next VNR for 2023 and 2030);
- ✓ Advocating for strengthening existing and establishing innovative financial mechanisms and/or instruments for the more effective implementation of the Framework;
- ✓ Initiating the development and preparation of analyses and research in collaboration with relevant statistical, scientific research, and other institutions for the purpose of monitoring the SDGs implementation;
- ✓ Participation in the development, monitoring, and implementation of international documents in the field of sustainable development;
- ✓ Providing support for the involvement of socio-economic partners, such as civil society organizations, private sector, local governments, the academic community, as well as parliaments, in the process of implementing and monitoring the Framework;
- ✓ Promoting and raising public awareness about the importance of achieving the SDGs

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 2023

SDG Financing Framework

LESSONS LEARNED

- The development of the DFA/Road Map and the SDG financing framework required strong involvement of government leadership representatives – frequently a challenge.

- Innovative SDG financial instruments are novelty for BiH. This required applying the learning by doing approach, which often slow down the work but was key for ensuring critical level of understanding of the WG for further dialogue/work.

    o The SDG FF implementation in regard to recommended set of policies and financial instruments for SDG acceleration will require further targeted capacity building across the governments in BiH

- The recommended SDG FF solutions (for the SDG financial instruments) had to be elaborated at the technical concepts level (as for the real-life programming are necessary technical studies and government decision)

    o It will be necessary to provide targeted technical assistance (including capacity building) for participatory development of the feasibility studies for the selected first wave of SDG financial instruments

    o It will be necessary to support governments in building (technical / financial) partnerships with relevant DFI/IFs and donors that can contribute to SDG Financing Framework implementation.

WAY FORWARD

- SDG Financing Framework

  - In the process of adoption
  - Adoption to be followed by wide promotion, including an SDG financing conference
  - Technical assistance for SDG financing instruments (feasibility studies)

- Optimization and strategic re-channeling of public funds towards the SDGs in selected areas
  - Continuous work with line ministries on optimization and strategic re-channeling of public funds towards the SDGs in selected areas (ECD, health, labour...).
  - Practical advocacy for specific SDG business case - investment vs. cost (e.g. Early childhood development – UNDP/UNICEF).

Voluntary National Reviews

- Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted and presented two VNR's

- 1st VNR was presented at the High Level Political Forum in 2019

- 2nd VNR was presented at the High Level Political Forum in 2023

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Localization

- Encourage local communities to participate more actively and robustly in achieving the Agenda 2030.

- More than 40 cities and municipalities included so far - process is continuing.

- Challenge: inability of local authorities and businesses to recognize the real benefits of transforming towards sustainable management of their communities and business operations.

Engagement of the private sector

- Launched in 2019 as an annual award promoting private sector companies (creating decent jobs and piloting the decarbonization process) based on Swedish and Czech experiences.
- Increased interest from the private sector and a continuous increase in the number of applicants (109 businesses applied in 2021,160 in 2022 and 180 applications in 2023).
- Introduced annual award for local self-governments.