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Open Source Observatory Policy Factsheet

Bosnia and Herzegovina

1 General Information

Digitalisation and open source developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina are driven by the country's EU accession candidacy. Currently, no single government entity is solely responsible for digital affairs and open source. Responsibility is divided between policymakers, each focusing on a different aspect of digitalisation, which may hinder policy development. Similarly, there are no active civil society organisations addressing open source and digital issues. Open source mentions in the legal framework have decreased in recent years, but the emphasis on open data and the continued commitment to interoperability, transparency, and efficiency remain consistent with open source principles.

2 Actors

POLICY MAKERS

The Public Administration Reform Coordination Office is responsible for administrative reform to improve public administration structures in line with European practices, including digital and open data initiatives.

The Council of Ministers is the main body responsible for executive decisions, including e-governance. Its Advisory Council for Open Government Partnership Initiative develops and monitors measures to promote open government.

STRATEGIC PLAYERS

Zašto Ne is an association that promotes openness and transparency within the public sector. It manages several related projects.

3 Policy and Legal Framework

ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2027

The Action Plan aims to improve transparency and digital transformation. It includes developing an open data ecosystem, improving budget and digital transparency, and modernising public administration.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACTION PLAN (2021)

The reforms aim to make the public sector more efficient, accountable, and transparent. Key objectives include interoperability, participation, efficiency, and an inclusive approach to development management and decision-making.

INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK (2018)

The Framework's goal is to ensure the compatibility of information systems and processes, and the provision of integrated, user-oriented services within public institutions. It supports open source and open standards, and existing goals of administrative reform to make administration more transparent and open.

4 Open Source Software Initiatives

GEOSPATIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND VALUATION ENHANCEMENT

The Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real Property Affairs launched a project to improve land administration data and promote digitisation, harmonisation and standardisation of land records for better services. Component A supports better use of free and open source spatial data tools.

JAVNA RASPRAVA

Javna Rasprava is an adaptation of Parlameter, an open source tool developed in Slovenia that monitors national assemblies and municipal councils by analysing votes and meeting transcripts. Zašto Ne adapted the platform to track the decision-making in the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.