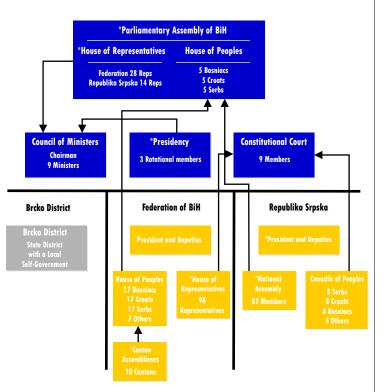
# Political system of Bosnia and Herzegovina Scheme







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### The Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Annex 4 of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which entered into force on 14th December 1995, creates two entities within the Bosnia and Herzegovina State:

- Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (covering 51% of total land mass) and
- Republika Srpska (covering 49% of total land mass). In addition, self-governing Brcko District was established on 5th March 1999, based on the Final Award of Arbitral Tribunal for the Brcko Area, as a condominium of two BiH entities, under the direct sovereignty of the State of BiH.

The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is further administratively decentralized into ten cantons and local self-governments, while the administrative division of Republika Srpska includes only local self-governments.



## Bosnia and Herzegovina Key Facts Land area: 51.209 km2 Population: 3.8 (estimation) Capital: Sarajevo (cc. 500.000) Time zone: Central European Time Climate: Continental-Mountain and Mediterranean Useful contacts: Presidency of BiH http://www.predsjednistvobih.ba Parliamentary Assembly of BiH http://www.parlament.ba Council of Ministers of BiH http://www.vijeceministara.gov.ba Government of the FBiH http://www.fbihvlada.gov.ba Government of the RS www.vladars.net Government of the Brcko District http://www.bdcentral.net

#### Political system of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a parliamentary democracy and it has a bicameral parliament comprising of the House of Representatives and the House of Peoples, two-thirds of the members of which are elected from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and one third from the Republika Srpska. Bosnia and Herzegovina has a rotating, collective, three-member presidency. The Council of Ministers comprises of nine ministers and a chairperson (Prime Minister), all elected for a four-year term. The entities have also their own governments, and cantons within the Federation have powerful local governments too.

## **Constitutional Competences**

The State level institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina are responsible for general policy and legal frame oriented to support foreign policy, foreign trade, custom policy, defence, monetary policy, but all governmental functions and powers concretely related to investments in agriculture, energy, tourism, natural resources, industry etc. are under the competence of the entities respectively cantons in Federation BiH