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Pursuant to the conclusion rendered at the 56<sup>th</sup> session, dated 22 August 2024, the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina approved this handbook for use by the accredited observers and election administration at the 2024 Local Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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#### Introduction

The electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina has consistently attracted attention from both local and international observers, who assess the process after each election. Building public trust in the legality of election procedures and the accuracy of the results—ensuring that mandates are properly assigned to authorities—reinforces the integrity of the electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Chapter 17 of the BiH Election Law, along with related secondary legislation, permits election observers from political subjects (such as political parties, coalitions, independent candidates, and lists of independent candidates), as well as citizen associations and international observers, to participate in the electoral process with defined responsibilities.

By actively participating in the electoral process, observers offer impartial evaluations and assessments of progress toward meeting international standards for free, fair, and democratic elections.

Given the complexities of Bosnia and Herzegovina's election system—such as the dual systems for electing authorities, the appointment and recruitment of polling station committee members, various types of polling stations, and the high number of political subjects competing for legislative, representative, and executive positions—the BiH Central Election Commission has developed the Handbook for Election Observers – 2024 Local Elections.

The Handbook aims to familiarize election observers from political subjects, citizen associations, and the international community with the accreditation process, which is essential for gaining access to monitor the operations of the election management bodies, polling stations, and other relevant locations of election activities. Additionally, the Handbook provides key information about the 2024 Local Elections, including necessary documents and instructions for observers, as well as details on accessing information and election results.

Therefore, thorough preparation and education are crucial for performing the duties of an election observer since an unbiased and accurate assessment of the elections requires a solid understanding of the electoral process in the host country.

Dr. Irena Hadžiabdić, President

Sarajevo, May 2024

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#### SIGNIFICANCE OF ELECTION OBSERVATION

In all modern democratic societies, including those that are less developed, elections represent the promotion and protection of fundamental human rights, which encompass civil and political rights. Therefore, election observation contributes to the improvement, transparency, and credibility of the entire electoral process, as well as the protection of these rights.

This process also involves respecting freedom of speech and the media, adherence to legal provisions, the right of citizens to assemble and form political parties, and ensuring equal rights for all citizens without discrimination.

Democratically conducted elections form the foundation of a democratic society and allow citizens to freely choose their representatives, observe the electoral process, and actively participate in shaping the future of their society.

## PART I.

**INFORMATION ABOUT 2024 LOCAL ELECTIONS** 

#### 1.1 Legal framework

Legal framework for conduct of elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina is laid down by the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, nos. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 04/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/05, 24/06, 32/07, 33/0, 37/08, 32/10, 18/13, 7/14, 31/16, 41/20, 38/22, 51/22, 67/22 and 24/24).

#### 1.2 Announcement and conduct of the 2024 Local Elections

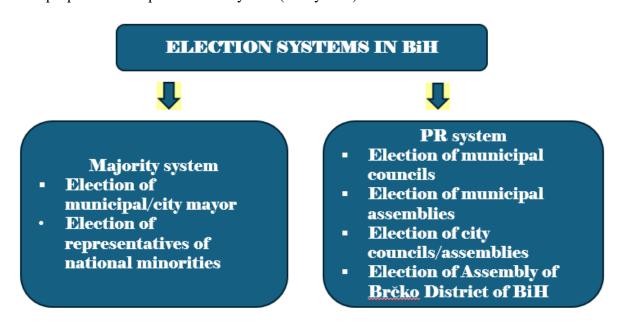
In line with the Decision of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina dated 8 May 2024, the 2024 Local Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be held on Sunday, 6 October 2024 and were announced for:

	58 Municipal Councils in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
	53 Municipal Assemblies in the Republika Srpska,
	111 municipal mayors in Bosnia and Herzegovina,
	21 City Councils in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
	10 City Assemblies in the Republika Srpska,
	31 city mayors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and
П	Assembly of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

#### 1.3 Election system in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Two election systems are used in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- majority system (system of simple majority), and
- proportionate representation system (PR system).



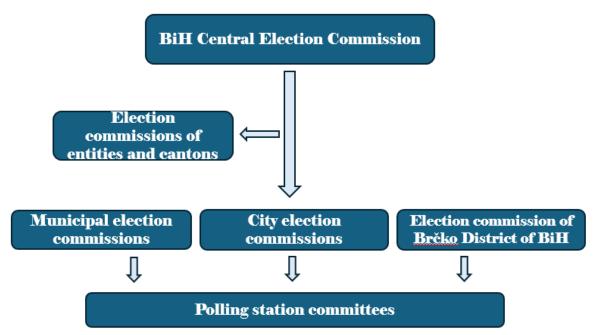
Schematic diagram 1. Overview of election system in Bosnia and Herzegovina

To participate in the distribution of mandates, political subjects must secure more than 3% of the total number of valid votes in the constituency in which they are running for a specific public office (electoral threshold).

#### 1.4 Election administration

Election management bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina are election commissions and polling station committees, namely:

- Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- municipal and city election commissions and Election Commission of Brčko District of BiH (143 election commissions of basic constituency in Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- polling station committees
- other election commissions



Schematic diagram 2. Overview of election administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Central Election Commission of BiH is an independent body which derives its authority from and reports directly to the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH. Among other things, Central Election Commission coordinates, oversees and regulates the activities of all election commissions and polling station committees in line with the Election Law of BiH, and implements other activities set out in article 2.9 of the Election Law of BiH. It is comprised of seven members: two Croats, two Bosniaks, two Serbs and one representative of Others.

Municipal/city election commission is comprised of three, five or seven members. The number of members for every election commission is determined by the BiH Central Election Commission,

based on the number of voters registered in the in the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register and the size of the municipality.

#### 1.5 Registration of voters in the Central Voters' Register

To be registered in the Central Voters' Register, namely to be able to exercise the right to vote, a person must meet all of the following requirements:



Schematic diagram 3. Registration requirements

The voters are categorized as follows:

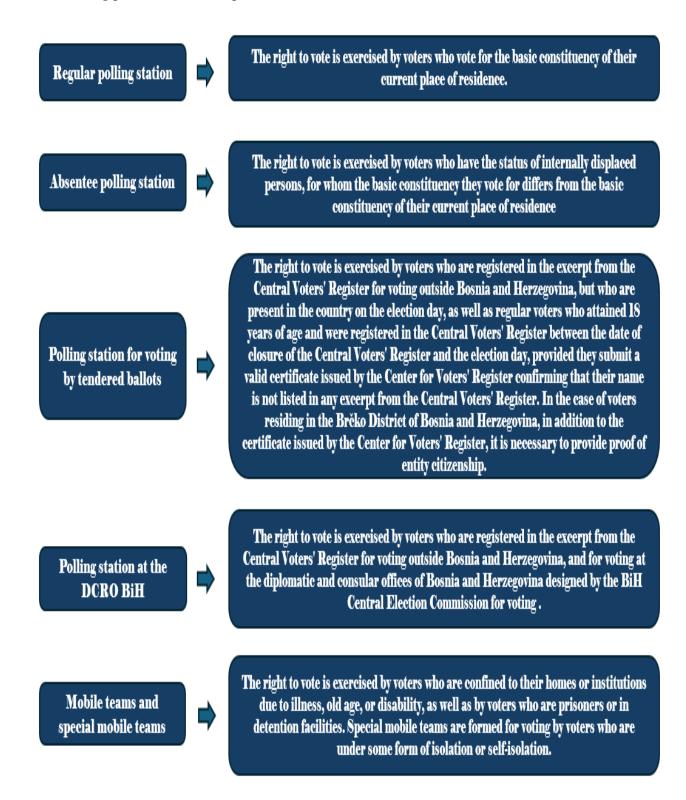
- regular voters vote at regular polling stations, unless they are bedridden or in institutions—in which case they have the right to vote via a mobile team.,
- *voters voting in absentia* voters who have displaced person status, whose basic constituency for which they vote differs from the basic constituency of current permanent/temporary residence, where they vote at absentee polling stations,
- *voters voting in person* voters who have displaced person status and have registered to vote in person in the municipality of permanent residence from 1991, as well as the BiH citizens who have refugee status, if not registered to vote outside BiH,
- *voters outside BiH* refugees and persons temporarily residing outside BiH, who vote either by mail or at polling stations at the diplomatic and consular offices of BiH after they submit the application and are registered.

The total number of voters on the day elections were announced and the Central Voters' Register was concluded (7 May 2024 at midnight) was 3.406.088.

#### 1.6 Polling stations

The voting procedure is conducted at polling stations determined by the city or municipal election commission no later than 65 days before the Election Day. Polling stations at diplomatic and consular offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina are determined by the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina no later than 50 days before the Election Day, provided that organizational and technical conditions are met. Consideration must be given to the accessibility and functionality of polling stations for voters with disabilities.

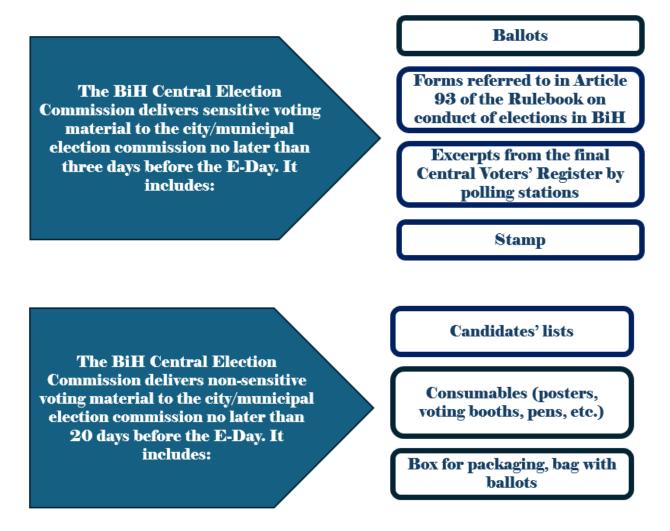
Individual polling stations may be equipped with video surveillance in such a way that the secrecy of the voting process is not compromised.



Schematic diagram 4. Types of polling stations

#### 1.7 Voting material

Voting material is material used at the polling station and is categories as sensitive and non-sensitive material.



Schematic diagram 5. Types of voting material

The city/municipal election commission delivers the voting materials to the polling station committee no later than 12 hours before the opening of the polling stations, while the relevant election technologies are delivered no later than 48 hours before the opening of the aforementioned polling stations. The polling station committee checks whether the voting materials are complete and in proper condition and signs the receipt in the Poll Book.

The chairperson and members of the polling station committee are responsible for the security of the voting materials at the polling station from the moment of receipt of the materials until the completion of all their duties after the closing of the polling station, including the conclusion of the counting process and the delivery of the voting materials.

# PART II.

## **OBSERVERS**

#### 2.1 Political subjects

Political subjects that can participate in the elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina are:

- *political parties* (To participate in elections, a political party must be registered with the competent authority in accordance with the law, and must provide proof of this registration along with the required documentation when applying for certification),
- *independent candidates* (submit an application for certification with the name, last name, and personal details of the independent candidate, along with the required documentation),
- *coalitions* (Two or more certified political parties that wish to form a coalition submit an application for certification under a single coalition name, along with the required documentation), and
- *lists of independent candidates* (Two or more certified independent candidates may join together and submit a single list of independent candidates for certification, along with the required documentation).

#### 2.2 Political subjects certified for the 2024 Local Elections

The BiH Central Election Commission has certified a total of 301 political subjects for the 2024 Local Elections, including: 114 political parties, 76 independent candidates, 43 independent candidates representing national minorities, 59 coalitions, and 9 lists of independent candidates.

#### 2.3 Procedure for Accrediting Observers

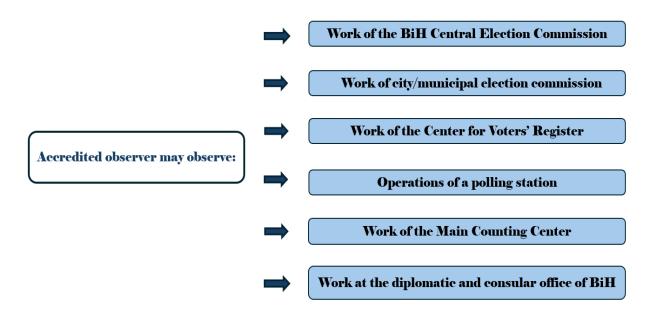
The term observer denotes a representative of a political subject, representative of an association and an international observer accredited by the BiH Central Election Commission in line with the Instruction on conditions and procedures for accrediting election observers in BiH.



Schematic diagram 6. Who can file an application for observer accreditation?

#### 2.4 Accreditation, rights and duties of election observers

Representatives of political subjects (political parties, coalitions, lists of independent candidates, and independent candidates) and non-governmental organizations, as well as international observers (hereinafter: election observers), may monitor all electoral activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, provided they are accredited in accordance with the BiH Election Law.



Shema 7. Electoral activities that election observers may observe

When submitting their application for accreditation political subjects, organizations, and international observers must specify which activities they wish to observe.

The BiH Central Election Commission accredits election observers for observing the work of the BiH Central Election Commission, the Main Counting Center, and polling stations at diplomatic and consular offices of BiH.

Election commissions of basic constituency accredit observers from political subjects to observe the work of the election commission, the Center for Voters' Register, polling stations, and other relevant locations within their jurisdiction.

Election observers may observe the work of a mobile team. Election commissions prepare a work plan of the mobile team that contains its composition, working schedule and the route.

Election commissions must allow accredited observers to observe the work of the mobile team on the ground. If necessary, election commissions prepare and update the mobile team's working schedule, and inform accredited observers accordingly.

#### The following persons are ineligible to be observers:

- person who is a candidate at the forthcoming elections;
- person whose candidacy at the forthcoming elections was rejected or their name was subsequently removed from the list of candidates;
- person to whom the BiH Central Election Commission has imposed a sanction of illegibility to work at a polling station committee, Centre for Voters' Register or at an election commission,
- person who was proposed by a political subject that is not certified to participate at the elections;
- person who is member of a polling station committee; and
- person who holds a mandate in the executive or legislative government in the constituency at the level for which they are standing for the elections.

#### 2.5 Refusal or Rejection of an Accreditation Application

The BiH Central Election Commission and the election commission of the basic constituency will, by decision, refuse or reject an accreditation application or the accreditation of observers in the following cases:

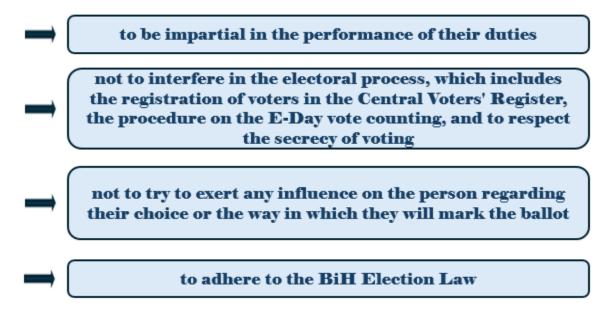
- if the certification of the political subject was annulled,
- if it was not submitted within the deadlines established by the BiH Central Election Commission,
- if incomplete documentation was submitted,
- if the request was not submitted by an authorized person, and
- if a certain person has already been proposed, i.e. if they were already accredited by another political subject or association.

An observer whose accreditation application was rejected by the competent election commission may submit a complaint to the BiH Central Election Commission within three days from the day of receipt of the decision, which must resolve the complaint no later than seven days from the day of receipt.

A political subject and an association have the right to file an appeal to the Appellate Division of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina through the BiH Central Election Commission within two days of the receipt of the decision.

#### 2.6 Rules of conduct for observers

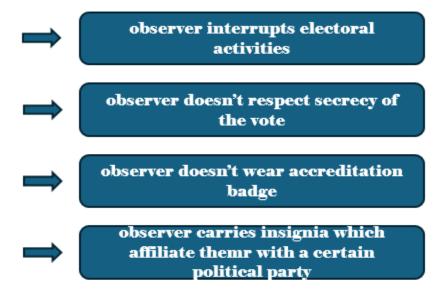
An accredited observer signs the Rules of Conduct and a statement on respecting secrecy of the vote and is obliged to adhere to the following rules of conduct:



Shema 8. Rules of conduct

#### 2.7 Revoking the observer's status

The election management body will revoke the status of an accredited observer and remove them from the place of observation if:



Schematic diagram 9. Reasons for revoking observer's status

#### 2.8 Design of the election observers' accreditation badge

The accreditation badge is rectangular in shape. It is white for political subjects, grey for associations, and light pink for international observers. The badge includes the BiH Central Election Commission's logo, the election logo, the observer's details, and the signature of the authorized person who issued the accreditation badge.

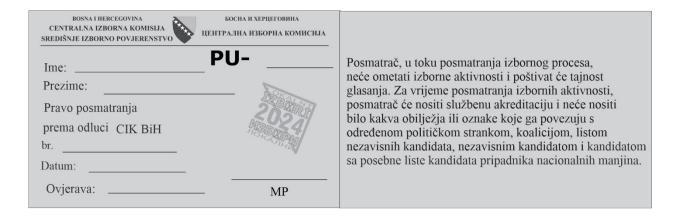
The BiH Central Election Commission determines the design of the accreditation badge and provides it to the election commissions. The election commissions are responsible for issuing and distributing badges to all accredited observers representing political subjects and associations within their respective basic constituency.

Accredited observers must collect their badges from the BiH Central Election Commission no later than until the Election Day. The BiH Central Election Commission is responsible for designing and distributing the official accreditation badges to the accredited election observers.

#### Design of accreditation badge for observers of political subjects

BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA CENTRALNA IZBORNA KOMISIJA SREDIŠNJE IZBORNO POVJERENSTVO  ЦЕНТРАЛНА ИЗБОРНА КОМИСИЈА	
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#### Design of accreditation badge for observers of citizens' associations



#### Design of accreditation badge for international observers

#### 2.9 Observers of political subjects

The representatives of certified political subjects submit the application for accreditation of the observers to observe work of the BiH Central Election Commission, work of the Main Counting Centre and polling station in the diplomatic and consular offices of BiH to the BiH Central Election Commission.

The application for accreditation must be signed by the person, who is listed as person authorized for representation and whose signature is deposited with the BiH Central Election Commission.

If the application for accreditation is submitted to the election commission of the basic constituency, the application must be signed by the person designated as the authorized representative in the political subject's certification application, and whose signature is deposited with the BiH Central Election Commission or the election commission.

Representatives of certified political subjects can only submit application for accreditation of observers in the basic constituencies for which they are running for elections. This includes observing the work of the election commission, the Center for Voters' Register, polling stations, and other designated locations.

The right to accreditation for observing electoral activities is granted to political subjects that are listed on the list of political subjects established by the BiH Central Election Commission according to the procedure applied for proposing members of the polling station committees.

The deadline for submitting applications for accreditation of political subjects' observers for the 2024 Local Elections is from 8 May 2024 to 21 September 2024.

Along with the application for accreditation, political subjects submit a completed list of proposed observers, which contains:

- name and surname,
- number of valid ID card,
- personal identification number of the observers,
- manually completed form of rules of conduct; and
- the statement on respecting secrecy of the vote for each proposed observer

Political subjects can only propose as observers persons who are of legal age and who are citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The number of observers that political subjects can accredit is unlimited, but a political subject can only have one observer at the same time at one polling station.

Political subjects can observe operations of the absentee polling stations, and are obliged to request information on the locations of these polling stations from the BiH Central Election Commission. Political subjects will contact the election commission of the basic constituency where the absentee polling station is located in order to accredit their observers.

#### 2.10 Observers of the associations

Representatives of the association submit to the BiH Central Election Commission of Bosnia applications for accreditation of observers to observe all electoral activities. The deadline for submitting applications for accreditation of associations' observers is from 8 May 2024 to 21 September 2024.

An association cannot be accredited if it was founded or sponsored by a political subject or is involved in any activities on behalf of certified political subjects. The representative of the association signs the statement (which is part of the application form) that the association was not founded or sponsored by a political subject, in accordance with Article 17.4 paragraph (1) point 1) of the BiH Election Law.

The application for accreditation submitted by an association must include:

- election activities association wants to observe,
- contact data (address, phone number, fax number and e-mail),
- constituencies in which the association wants to observe electoral activities,
- number of observers and
- the reasons for which they want to observe the electoral process.

and has to be accompanied by:

- a list of the names of the proposed observers, which contains the first and last name,
   the number of a valid ID card and the personal identification number of the observer
- certificate of registration of the association in the register of associations with the competent authority, which cannot be older than 60 days
- a form of rules of conduct and a statement on respecting secrecy of the vote.

The association submits a separate application for each basic constituency in which it wishes to observe electoral activities.

The list of accredited observers of associations accredited by the BiH Central Election Commission is submitted to all election commissions in which the associations are accredited. Election commissions deliver a list of accredited observers to all relevant polling stations in the basic constituency covered by the application.

#### 2.11 International observers

Representatives of international observers submit an application for observation of election activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina from 8 May 2024 to 29 September 2024, or exceptionally by the day of elections.

The BiH Central Election Commission accredits and issues accreditation to representatives of international observers for the observation of any electoral activity.

International observers can have an unlimited number of accredited observers. The number of observers that international observers can have at the same time at one place of electoral activity is not limited, but it must not affect the regularity of the electoral process.

The international observer has the right to be accompanied by an interpreter at every location of electoral activity.

An application for accreditation of international observers must include:

- election activities they want to observe
- contact information
- a statement that the international organization does not carry out any activity on behalf of the political subject.

accompanied by the following documents:

- a list of the names of the proposed observers, which contains the first and last name, the name of the country that issued the passport and the passport number
- a document signed by an authorized person in which they state the reasons for which they are interested in observing the electoral process in BiH
- a form of rules of conduct and a statement on respecting secrecy of the vote.

#### 2.12 Submitting the application for accreditation electronically (e-Izbori)

The application for accreditation of election observers can also be submitted electronically. Political subjects, associations and international organizations can access the observer accreditation application by registering on the e-Izbori portal (<a href="https://eizbori.izbori.ba">https://eizbori.izbori.ba</a>).

#### 2.13 Observers at diplomatic and consular offices of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Representatives of political subjects and associations submit an application for accreditation of observers to observe elections at a polling station designated for voting by citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the diplomatic and consular offices to the Central Election Commission of BiH, directly or through the diplomatic and consular offices of BiH. Applications for the accreditation of observers in diplomatic and consular offices of BiH must be submitted in the period between 8 May 2024 and 29 September 2024.

Accredited observers receive accreditation badge at the Central Election Commission of BiH or at the diplomatic and consular offices of BiH designated for voting.

The application for accreditation contains:

- Electoral activities to be observed,
- Contact details, and
- Name of the diplomatic and consular offices of BiH

accompanied by the following documents:

- list with names of proposed observers containing name and last name, number of valid ID card, name of the country that issued passport, passport number and national personal identification number
- Rules of Conduct and the statement on respecting secrecy of the vote.

The BiH Central Election Commission and the election commissions of the basic constituencies keep the original copy of the Rules of Conduct form and the statement on respecting secrecy of the vote.

The observer is obliged to carry accreditation badge during the observation of electoral activities.

PART III.

**ELECTION OBSERVATION** 

#### Observing the operations of the polling station and Main Counting Center

#### 3.1 Preparation and opening of a polling station

Since the polling station committee (PSC) carries out preparations for the opening of the polling station in the period from 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. that is the time when the election observers should arrive to the polling station they wish to observe.

In order to facilitate the process of observing the operations of the polling station, the election observer should have the following items prepared:

- Accreditation badge
  ID card or any other valid ID document
  Manual for election observers
  A pen
  Food and drink (no alcohol).

#### 3.2 Access to a polling station

After arriving at the polling station the observer is obligated to show personal identification document to the president of the polling station committee.

The president of the PSC or an authorized person of the election management body will check the identification document with the observer's photo, as to verify that the name on the identification document matches the name on the accreditation badge.

The president of the PSC or an authorized person will write down the name of the observer, the name of the entity that issued the accreditation badge and the number of the latter in the Poll Book (ZARBO), i.e. in the other records kept at the headquarters of the election management body, recording the time when the observer arrived and the time when the observer left the premises, in order to limit the number of observers of the same political subject or an association to one observer present at the same time at one polling station, i.e. at the seat of the election management body.

Observation of the vote counting at the Counting Center will be organized in such a way that all accredited subjects may have one observer present at all times at each table where counting takes place, as well as for observing all other electoral activities in the Counting Center.

Observers of a political subject at the Main Counting Center have the right to simultaneously observe all activities taking place in the Main Counting Center. One observer may observe one activity at a time, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure and organization of activities and determination of the vote results at the Main Counting Center for the 2024 Local Elections.

The President of the Polling Station Committee (PSC) or an authorized person shall retain the observer's identification document until the observer departs from the polling station (or the seat of the Election Management Body (EMB)). Upon leaving the location of electoral activities, the observer is required to inform the President of the PSC or the authorized person. The identification document will then be returned to the observer.

- It is recommended to be at the polling station on the E-day in the period between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. if you are observing work of the PSC.
- Wear the accreditation badge in a visible place.
- Do not wear insignia that identifies you with a particular political subject.

All members of the PSC must arrive at the polling station at least one hour before the opening of the polling station and must be present throughout the entire voting and counting process.

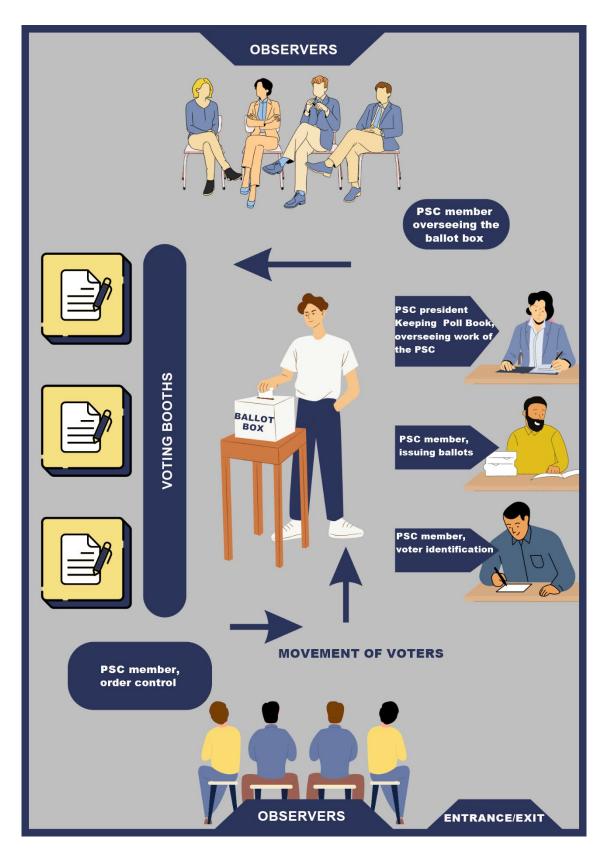
Before opening of the polling station, the PSC designates the place for each voting booth in such a way that the opening of the voting booth faces the members of the PSC and the observers, and is far enough away from the members of the PSC, observers or the voter who is being identified so as not to violate the secrecy of the vote.

At the polling stations that are not accessible to voters with disability and to voters who come to the polling station, but due to physical obstacles and space not adapted to voter's disability, cannot enter the voting area, the PSC will designate a special place and place a voting booth in front of the polling station for this category of voters.

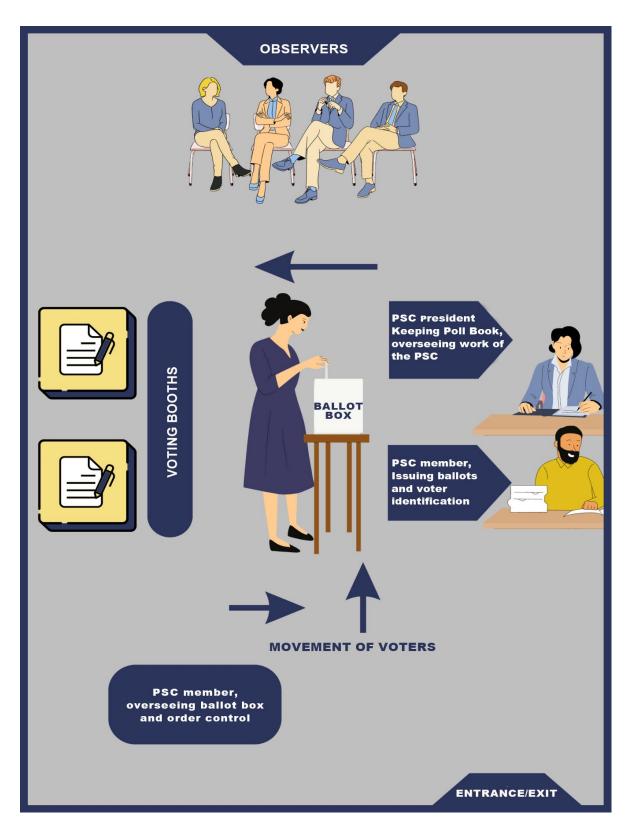
#### 3.3 Opening of a polling station

The polling station opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m. If, for justified reasons, the polling station was not opened on time or there was an interruption of operations, and the delay or interruption lasted up to three hours, voting at that polling station can be extended for the length of time that the delay or interruption of operations lasted, which will be decided by the president of the PSC.





Schematic overview of the polling station layout (Polling station committee with five members) — Example



Schematic overview of the polling station layout (Polling station committee with three members) — Example

During opening of the polling station, the observer should pay attention to whether the PSC has performed the following activities:

- has the president determined whether the ballots are in their original packaging before counting the ballots;
- has the president manually counted the received ballots for each electoral race and entered the total number of received ballots in the tally sheet;
- has the president showed an empty ballot box, thereafter sealing it off with a plastic seal:
- has the president entered the serial number of the ballot box seal in the tally sheet;
- has the president placed the sealed ballot box in a place where everyone present can see;
- has the president visibly displayed list of PSC's members with political subjects who nominated them.

If any of the abovementioned activities was not carried out or was carried out incorrectly, it is suggested that the observers enter any objections in the Poll Book (Form Z6) or to submit the objection in writing, signed.

#### 3.4 Voting procedure

Voter identification

After entering the polling station, the voters go with their valid identification document to the member of the PSC in charge of identification, as to determine identity of the voters.

A member of the polling station committee verifies the identity of the voter based on a valid personal identification document and electronic voter identification, which involves the use of relevant biometric data transmitted securely via electronic data transfer between the polling station committees, the IDDEEA, and the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, while considering the Law on the Protection of Personal Data.

The identity of an individual who, due to disability or any other justified reason specified by a regulation, cannot be verified through electronic voter identification, shall be established solely based on a valid personal identification document.

- ID card
- passport
- driver's license

#### 3.4.1 Signing the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register

After verification of the identity, the voter signs the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register for a given polling station. The signature has to be identical to the signature in the personal documents.

The member of the PSC in charge of voter identification and/or issuing of ballots has the duty and responsibility to warn each voter that the signature on the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register must match the signature on the identification document that is presented to the PSC member for the identification purposes..

Furthermore, the observer must be granted the right to effectively carry out their observation duties, which includes access to all election activities—such as reviewing all relevant documents and attending public meetings of election commissions, access to all centers for voters' register, polling stations, counting centers, and other relevant locations as determined by the BiH Central Election Commission.

If, during their observation, the observer identifies any irregularities related to the process they are monitoring, they may request an explanation from the authorized person. If the explanation provided is unsatisfactory, the observer may enter an objection into the Poll Book.

It is forbidden to read the names and surnames of voters aloud.

It is suggested to an observer, who notices that the aforementioned prohibition has not been observed, to enter an objection into the Poll Book, preferably noting the number of cases in which these process rules were violated, or to submit a signed objection in writing.

#### 3.4.2 Issuing of the ballots

Once the voter is identified and signs the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register, the PSC member responsible for issuing ballots places an impression of the polling station's stamp on the front page of each ballot, under the "Voting Instructions" text in the lower left corner. The PSC member then signs next to the stamp impression and hands the ballots to the voter, directing them to an unoccupied voting booth to mark their ballots.

#### The ballot contains:

- Date of the election,
- Name of the body for which the election is held,
- Names of political parties, coalitions, lists of independent candidates, and names of independent candidates with the designation "independent candidate" in the order

determined by the lottery conducted to establish their order on the ballot paper, as well as the names of all candidates on the lists,

- Instructions on how to fill out the ballot paper, and
- Instructions for voters on using election technologies that affect the voting process.

and the voter can choose just one of the following options:

- Independent candidate,
- Political party, coalition, or list of independent candidates,
- The option to mark 1 or up to 3 candidates on a single list from the candidate list of a party, coalition, or list of independent candidates chosen by the voter.

If a voter marks more than 3 candidates on a single list, that list is considered to have received a valid vote for the purpose of seat distribution. However, the preferential votes on the list are deemed invalid and will not be counted in the candidate tallying process.

A ballot paper is considered invalid if it does not contain the stamp impression or if it is not signed by a member of the polling station committee.

#### 3.4.3 Secrecy of the vote

Only one person may be in the voting booth at a time, meaning that marking of the ballot is secret and voting is personal, except for voters who are blind, illiterate or disabled.

The president and members of the PSC are obliged to ensure the secrecy of the vote and prevent a person from voting instead of another person under his/her name or from voting again.

So-called family voting is forbidden. In the case of the latter, it is suggested that the observer enters an objection thereon in the Poll Book, preferably providing the number of recorded cases of family voting, or to submit the objection in writing, signed.

#### 3.4.4 Assistance of another person

To introduce a system for controlling assistance from another person, the BiH Central Election Commission has established requirements for proving the need for assistance from another person, as well as the design and content of the PDL form.

Upon the request of a voter who is blind, illiterate, or a person with disability, the president of the polling station committee approves the procedure whereby a third person, chosen by the voter who is unable to vote independently, assists that voter in signing the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register and in voting.

Article 19 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections stipulates that the PDL form must include a Declaration stating that the person assisting the voter may assist only one voter on Election Day.

If the polling station is equipped with election technologies that allow a person with a disability to vote independently, assistance from a third person will be excluded to protect the secrecy of the vote.

#### 3.5 Closing of the polling station

During the closing of the polling station, the observer should pay attention to the following activities of the PSC:

- Whether voters who were in line to vote at the time of the polling station closing were allowed to vote;
- Whether the president of the PSC recorded the presence of accredited observers as required during the closing of the polling station;
- Whether the president of the PSC, after closing the polling station, recorded all data in the tally sheet using only a red ballpoint pen



#### 3.6 Counting procedure at the polling station

After the polling station is closed, the observer should pay attention to the following activities of the polling station committee:

- Whether the number of unused ballot papers was determined and placed in a translucent protective bag;
- > Whether the number of voters who voted at that polling station was determined by manually counting the signatures on the excerpt from the Central Voters' Register, and whether this information was recorded in the tally sheet;
- ➤ Whether a large workspace was prepared for counting the ballots from the ballot box;
- ➤ Whether the contents of the ballot box were completely emptied onto the workspace and whether it was shown that the ballot box was empty;
- **▶** Whether the ballots were sorted by levels;
- ➤ Whether each ballot paper being counted is shown to the observers;
- ➤ Whether the ballots with levels that are not being counted were placed in a bag and kept on the workspace;
- ➤ Whether the ballots are counted in teams of two (double counting) in bundles of 25, and whether the number of votes received by political subjects is accurately determined:
- ➤ Whether all blue ballpoint pens used for voting have been removed.

# Procedure for determining the number of votes received by candidates, applicable only to open lists

Votes received individually by candidates for electoral levels where an open list system is used are counted after the results by political subjects have been determined. Observers should pay attention to the following:

- Whether the counting is conducted in teams of 4 members, with one team member reading, another team member checking the reading, and two members recording data in the auxiliary form for votes per candidate;
- Whether the polling station committee sorted the ballots by political subjects;
- Whether the polling station committee categorized the ballots for each political subject into three subgroups:
- ✓ Ballots on which voters only marked political subject

- ✓ Ballots on which the voters marked up to three candidates of a political subject
- ✓ Ballots on which the voters marked 4 or more candidates of a political subject
- Whether the polling station committee counts only the ballots on which voters have marked up to 3 candidates;
- Whether the president of the polling station committee, after completing the counting cycle, recorded the counting results exclusively in red ink in the forms;
- Whether the polling station committee, after completing the counting cycle, packaged the materials according to the packaging scheme into bags and sealed them, and recorded the counting results in the forms;
- Whether the forms (yellow copy) with the counting results were displayed at the polling station.

During the count of ballots, the red ballpoint pen can only be used by the team members who record data in the auxiliary form and the president for recording data in the forms. Each polling station has forms to be used by election observers to copy the results from the yellow copies.

#### 3.7 Observers' objections

When observing the electoral process, the observer should be aware of the atmosphere outside and inside the polling station. If any problems or a violation of the election procedure are observed, the observer is to approach the president of the PSC. The manner in which the observer is to approach the president of the PSC must be such that it cannot be interpreted as giving instructions, orders or as interference with the electoral process.

Every observer should distinguish minor errors in the application of rules and regulations from those breaches that can grossly violate the electoral procedure and affect the election results. If the president of the PSC does not eliminate the observed shortcoming or violations of the electoral procedure, the observers enter their observations into the Poll Book, Reporting form and sign it.

The Poll Book is made so that each page has its own carbon copy, on which the data entered on that page are copied.

The observer has the right to request from the city/municipal election commission a copy/transcript of the Poll Book from the polling station whose work was observed. Copy of the Poll Book will be provided to an accredited observer in a convenient way, which includes taking a picture using a mobile device.

The observer should immediately notify the city/municipal election commission in the following situations:

• if he/she or other observers are not allowed to enter the polling station or are removed from the polling station;

- if chaos is created at the polling station;
- if it is impossible to enter objections into the Poll Book (ZARBO).

#### 3.8 Requests for recount

After the BiH Central Election Commission determines and publishes the election results, an accredited observer may request that the BiH Central Election Commission re-counts the ballots at the polling station where the observer was present. An accredited observer may request the BiH Central Election Commission to re-count absentee ballots, out-of-country ballots or tendered ballots.

The BiH Central Election Commission may consider a request for a recount of ballots submitted by an accredited observer, if the following conditions are met:

- that the request was submitted in writing and signed by an accredited observer;
- that the observer has entered an objection into ZARBO at the polling station indicating that the polling station committee has not operated in line with the Election Law;
- that the request accurately states the facts that justify a recount, including the specific provisions of the Election Law that were not adhered to or were violated
- that the request states the approximate number of ballots believed to be incorrect;
- that the request explains how this violation of the law would affect the election results;
- that the request was submitted to the BiH Central Election Commission within 72 hours from the date when the BiH Central Election Commission announced the determined election results.

The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina orders a recount if it is determined that the number of ballots exceeds the number of voters who voted at the polling station by more than 2%

# PART IV.

# **ANNEXES**

#### 4.1 Ballot samples

LOKALNI IZBORI 06.10.2024. GRAD / OPĆINA **ЛОКАЛНИ ИЗБОРИ 06.10.2024.** ГРАД / ОПШТИНА PROČITAJTE NAPUTAK/UPUTSTVO NA PREDNJOJ STRANICI! ПРОЧИТАЈТЕ УПУТСТВО НА ПРЕДЊОЈ СТРАНИ! ПАРТИЈА БОРДО 10 KANDIDAT J 8 KANDIDAT H 9 [ 11 KANDIDAT K KANDIDAT I 1 КАНДИДАТ А 10 KANDIDAT J КАНДИДАТ Б 2 KANDIDAT PLAVI -11 KANDIDAT K КАНДИДАТ Ц 3 NEZAVISNI KANDIDAT 12 KANDIDAT M 4 КАНДИДАТ Д 5 КАНДИДАТ Е STRANKA ŽUTA STRANKA CRVENA 6 КАНДИДАТ Ф КАНДИДАТ Г 1 KANDIDAT A KANDIDAT A 8 КАНДИДАТ X 2 X KANDIDAT B 2 KANDIDAT B 9 КАНДИДАТ И з 💢 KANDIDAT C 3 KANDIDAT C 10 КАНДИДАТ Ј KANDIDAT D 4 4 KANDIDAT D 5 11 🗌 КАНДИДАТ К KANDIDAT E 5 🔲 KANDIDAT E 12 6 🗙 КАНДИДАТ М 6 KANDIDAT F KANDIDAT F 13 КАНДИДАТ Н 7 🗙 KANDIDAT G 14 КАНДИДАТ О STRANKA SMEĐA 8 KANDIDAT H KANDIDAT I KANDIDAT A STRANKA ZELENA KANDIDAT J 2 KANDIDAT B KANDIDAT K 1 KANDIDAT A 3 KANDIDAT C 2 KANDIDAT B 4 KANDIDAT D STRANKA NARANDŽASTA 3 KANDIDAT C 5 KANDIDAT E 1 KANDIDAT A 4 KANDIDAT D KANDIDAT F 2[ KANDIDAT B KANDIDAT E KANDIDAT G 3 KANDIDAT C 6 KANDIDAT F KANDIDAT H 4 KANDIDAT D 7 9 KANDIDAT G KANDIDAT I 5 KANDIDAT E 8 KANDIDAT H 10 KANDIDAT J 6 KANDIDAT F 9 11 KANDIDAT I KANDIDAT K 7 KANDIDAT G 10 KANDIDAT 3 12 KANDIDAT M 8 13 KANDIDAT H 11 KANDIDAT K KANDIDAT N 12 KANDIDAT M KANDIDAT I 14 KANDIDAT O 13 KANDIDAT N ПАРТИЈА РОЗА KANDIDAT O STRANKA SIVA 1 KANDIDAT A 2 1 KANDIDAT A KANDIDAT B ПАРТИЈА ЉУБИЧАСТА 2 3 KANDIDAT C KANDIDAT B 3 1 КАНДИДАТ А KANDIDAT C 4 KANDIDAT D 4 KANDIDAT D 5[ KANDIDAT E 5 KANDIDAT E 6 KANDIDAT F KOALICIJA CRNA 7 KANDIDAT G 1 KANDIDAT A 8 KANDIDAT H STRANKA BIJELA 9 KANDIDAT B KANDIDAT I 3 KANDIDAT C 10 KANDIDAT A KANDIDAT J 4 KANDIDAT D 11 2 KANDIDAT B KANDIDAT K 5 KANDIDAT E 12 3 KANDIDAT C KANDIDAT M KANDIDAT F KANDIDAT N 4 KANDIDAT D KANDIDAT G 5 KANDIDAT E KANDIDAT O 8 KANDIDAT H KANDIDAT F KRAJ LISTE. 9 KANDIDAT I KANDIDAT G КРАЈ ЛИСТЕ.

Valid ballot for a political subject

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Valid ballot for a political subject, while votes for the candidates are considered invalid

# 4.2 Forms

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# 4.3 Application for accreditation

## APPLICATION FORM TO OBSERVE ELECTIONS

General information		
Name (Political subject/Citizens' association/International organization)		
Type of organization:	1) Political subject	
(Check appropriate box)	2) Citizens' association	
	3) International organization	
Contact address		
Phone/fax number including area/country code		
E-mail		

Information on activities to be obs	erved	
Organization is applying to observe:	A)	Work of the BiH Central Election Commission
(Check appropriate box next to the	B)	Work of the election commission
activity you intend to observe)	C)	Work of the Center for Voters' Register
	D)	Polling station committee
	E)	Work of the Main Counting Center
	F)	Work in the diplomatic and consular representation offices

With their signature, the authorized representative of the organization confirms that both the organization and the accredited observer will comply with the provisions of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the regulations established by the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Date	Signature of organization's authorized representative

## INFORMATION ON NOMINATED OBSERVERS

Information on organization and o	observation site
Name	
(Political subject/Citizens'	
association/International organization)	
Activity to be observed (provide name	
and place: BiH CEC, city/municipal	
election commission –	
Municipality/City, MCC, PS –	
Municipality/City, DCRO BiH – city)	

Person	al information o	of observers			
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Date	Signature of organization's authorized
	representative

# RULES OF CONDUCT AND STATEMENT ON RESPECTING SECRECY OF THE VOTE

of accredited observer to observe the work of the BiH Central Election Commission, election commission, center for voters' register, polling station, Main Counting Center, polling stations at the DCRO BiH and other election sites

Information on organization and observer				
associatio	Name (Political subject/Citizens' association/International organization)			
First a	and last name of observer			
	RULES OF	CONDUCT		
I,	<del>.</del>	, being an accredited observer do hereby declare that:		
<b>A</b> )	I shall maintain strict impartiality in the	conduct of my duties;		
<b>B</b> )	B) I shall not interfere with the electoral process, which includes registration of voters into the Central Voters' Register, polling day procedures or the vote count and I shall respect the secrecy of the vote;			
C)	I shall not attempt to exert any influence options or the manner in which he or she	e over a person regarding his or her choice of voting e will mark the ballot.		
D)	I shall abide by the provisions of the Ele	ction Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina.		
An observer may submit substantiated objections in writing regarding the work of the competent election management bodies established by the BiH Election Law. These objections shall be annexed to the minutes of the election management body's proceedings, upon which a political subject may file a complaint with the competent authority.				
	Date Observer's signature			

# 4.4 Contacts of municipal/city election commissions

Code	Name of election commission	Address	Phone
001	VELIKA KLADUŠA	Hamdije Pozderca br. 3 77230 Velika Kladuša	037/770-030
002	CAZIN	Trg prvog predsjednika Predsjedništva RBiH Alije Izetbegovića br. 14 77220 Cazin	037/515-368
003	вінас́	Bosanska br.4 77101 Bihać	037/229-624
004	BOSANSKA KRUPA	Trg Avde Ćuka bb 77240 Bosanska Krupa	037/961-478
005	BUŽIM	505. Viteške BBR br. 26 77245 Bužim	037/419-516
006	KRUPA NA UNI	Dr. Milana Jelića br. 3 79227 Donji Dubovik	052/750-001
007	NOVI GRAD	Petra Kočića br. 2 Novi Grad 79220	052/751-095 052/753-505
008	KOZARSKA DUBICA	Svetosavska br. 5 79240 Kozarska Dubica	052/416-014
009	PRIJEDOR	Trg oslobođenja br. 1 79102 Prijedor	052/213-897
010	GRADIŠKA	Vidovdanska 1A 78400 Gradiška	051/810-300
011	LAKTAŠI	Karađorđeva br. 56 78250 Laktaši	051/334-225
012	SRBAC	Trg srpskih boraca br. 1 78420 Srbac	<b>051/740-777</b> (lokal 105)
013	PRNJAVOR	Karađorđeva br. 2 78430 Prnjavor	051/640-550
014	DERVENTA	Trg oslobođenja br. 3 74400 Derventa	053/315-112

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016	BROD	Svetog Save br. 17 74450 Brod	053/610-169 053/612-015
017	ODŽAK	Trg br. 1 76290 Odžak	031/761-018 031/762- 363 031/761-693
018	VUKOSAVLJE	Musa Ćazim Ćatić br. 163 74470 Vukosavlje	053/707-704 053/707-702
020	DOMALJEVAC - ŠAMAC	Posavskih branitelja 148 76233 Domaljevac	031/716-609
021	ŠAMAC	Kralja Aleksandra I Karađorđevića br. 4 76230 Šamac	054/490-458
022	ORAŠJE	Treća ulica br. 45 76270 Orašje	031/714-578
023	DONJI ŽABAR	Donji Žabar 76273 Donji Žabar	054/875-100
024	MODRIČA	Vidovdanska br. 1 74480 Modriča	053/810-785
025	GRADAČAC	Husein kapetan Gradaščević bb 76250 Gradačac	035/369-759
026	PELAGIĆEVO	Trg poginulih boraca otadžbinskog rata bb 76256 Pelagićevo	054/810-088
029	BIJELJINA	Trg Kralja Petra I Karađorđevića br. 1 76300 Bijeljina	055/233-122 055/211-930
030	BOSANSKI PETROVAC	Bosanska br. 110 77250 Bosanski Petrovac	037/883-583 037/883-570
031	PETROVAC	Centar br. 12 79290 Drinić	050/465-004
032	SANSKI MOST	Banjalučka br. 3 79260 Sanski Most	037/681-724

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033	OŠTRA LUKA	Oštra Luka br. 55 79263 Oštra Luka	052/337-800
034	BANJA LUKA	Trg srpskih vladara br. 1 78000 Banja Luka	051/244-585
035	ČELINAC	Prvog krajiškog proleterskog bataljona br. 50 78240 Čelinac	051/553-033
036	DOBOJ-ISTOK	Općina Doboj Istok 74207 Klokotnica	035/720-776
037	DOBOJ-JUG	Trg 21. mart br.1 Matuzići 74203 Doboj Jug	032/691-245
038	ровој	Hilandarska br. 1 74000 Doboj	053/227-560
039	TEŠANJ	Trg Alije Izetbegovića br. 1 74260 Tešanj	<b>032/650-022</b> (lokal 148)
040	STANARI	Stanari bb 74208 Stanari	053/201-815
042	MAGLAJ	Viteška br. 4 74250 Maglaj	032/465-839
044	GRAČANICA	Mula Mustafe Bašeskije br. 1 75320 Gračanica	035/707-022
045	PETROVO	Ozrenskih odreda br. 25 74317 Petrovo	053/262-290
047	LUKAVAC	Trg slobode br. 1 75300 Lukavac	035/553-253
049	SREBRENIK	Teritorijalne odbrane 92, bb 75350 Srebrenik	035/951-202
050	TUZLA	ZAVNOBIH br. 11 75000 Tuzla	035/307-486
052	ČELIĆ	Alije Izetbegovića br. 60-2 75246 Čelić	035/668-685

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054	LOPARE	Cara Dušana br. 143 75240 Lopare	055/650-193
055	TEOČAK	Centar bb 75414 Teočak	035/756-073
056	UGLJEVIK	Trg Draže Mihajlovića bb 763330 Ugljevik	055/773-744
057	DRVAR	Titova br. 1 80260 Drvar	034/820-024
058	ISTOČNI DRVAR	Potoci 17 79291 Istočni Drvar	050/465-703
059	KLJUČ	Branilaca bb 79280 Ključ	037/316-343
061	RIBNIK	Rade Jovanića bb 79288 Ribnik	050/431-022
064	MRKONJIĆ-GRAD	Trg Kralja Petra I Karađorđevića 70260 Mrkonjić-Grad	050/220-924
065	JAJCE	Nikole Šopa bb 70101 Jajce	030/658-011
066	JEZERO	21. novembra bb 70206 Jezero	050/291-001
067	DOBRETIĆI	Dobretići bb 77210 Dobretići	030/641/202
o68	KNEŽEVO	Gavrila Principa bb 78230 Kneževo	051/591-181
070	KOTOR-VAROŠ	Cara Dušana bb 78220 Kotor-Varoš	051/785-077
074	TESLIĆ	Karađorđeva 18 74270 Teslić	053/433-680
075	ŽEPČE	Zagrebačka bb 72230 Žepče	032/888-248

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077	ZAVIDOVIĆI	Mehmed Paše Sokolovića 66 72220 Zavidovići	032/878-314
078	BANOVIĆI	Alije Dostovića br. 1 75290 Banovići	035/743-444
079	ŽIVINICE	Alije Izetbegovića br. 28 75270 Živinice	035/773-777
080	KALESIJA	Patriotske lige br. 15 75260 Kalesija	035/367-710
081	OSMACI	Osmaci br. 111 75406 Osmaci	056/337-314 056/337-603
082	SAPNA	206. Viteške brigade bb 75411 Sapna	035/599-538
083	ZVORNIK	Svetog Save 124 75400 Zvornik	056/232-266
084	BOSANSKO GRAHOVO	Vojislava Ivetića br. 2 80270 Bosansko Grahovo	034/206-195 034/206-144
085	GLAMOČ	Nikole Bojinovića bb 80230 Glamoč	034/206-158
088	ŠIPOVO	Trg Patrijarha Srpskog Pavla br. 1 70270 Šipovo	050/360-132
089	DONJI VAKUF	14. septembra br. 22 70220 Donji Vakuf	030/509-603
091	TRAVNIK	Mehmed Paše Kukavice bb 7270 Travnik	030/511-626
093	ZENICA	Trg BiH br. 6 72000 Zenica	032/447 758
094	KAKANJ	Alije Izetbegovića br. S2 72240 Kakanj	032/553-900

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095	VAREŠ	Zvijezda br. 34 71330 Vareš	032/848-105 032/848-109
096	olovo	Branilaca grada bb 71340 Olovo	032/829-540
098	KLADANJ	Kladanjske brigade br. 2 75280 Kladanj	035/628-478
101	ŠEKOVIĆI	Josipa Kovačevića bb 75450 Šekovići	056/653-691
103	VLASENICA	9. Januara br. 14 75440 Vlasenica	056/490-074
104	BRATUNAC	Svetog Save br. 260 75420 Bratunac	056/410-176
105	SREBRENICA	Srebreničkog odreda bb 75430 Srebrenica	065/366-901 065/803-455 065/812-911
106	LIVNO	Trg branitelja Livna br. 1 80101 Livno	034/206-138 034/206-139 034/206-181
107	KUPRES (FBiH)	Vukovarska br. 2 80320 Kupres FBiH	063/370-480
108	KUPRES (RS)	Novo Selo bb 70270 Kupres	050/490-600
109	BUGOJNO	307. Motorizovane brigade bb (Building of Bugojno municipality) 70230 Bugojno	030/257-771
110	GORNJI VAKUF - USKOPLJE	Vrbaska bb 70240 Gornji Vakuf - Uskoplje	030/494-091
111	NOVI TRAVNIK	Kralja Tvrtka bb 72290 Novi Travnik	030/795-600
112	VITEZ	Stjepana Radića br. 1 72250 Vitez	030/718-209

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113	BUSOVAČA	16 kolovoz/avgust bb 72260 Busovača	030/732-184
114	FOJNICA	Bosanska bb 71270 Fojnica	030/547-703 030/547-748
115	KISELJAK	Bana Josipa Jelačića br. 41 71250 Kiseljak	030/871-616
116	VISOKO	Alije Izetbegovića br. 12/A 71300 Visoko	032/732-581 032/732-500 061 416 652
117	BREZA	Bogumilska br. l 71370 Breza	032/786-029
118	ILIJAŠ	126. Ilijaške brigade br. 6 71380 Ilijaš	033/403-568
121	SOKOLAC	Glasinačka br. 13 71350 Sokolac	057/448-712
123	HAN-PIJESAK	Aleksandra Karađorđevića br. 3 71360 Han Pijesak	057/557-012
124	TOMISLAVGRAD	Mijata Tomića bb 80240 Tomislavgrad	034/356 401
125	PROZOR-RAMA	Kralja Tomislava bb 88440 Prozor Rama	036/771-858
126	JABLANICA	Pere Bilića br. 25 88420 Jablanica	036/752-717
127	KONJIC	Trg državnosti Alije Izetbegovića do br.1 88400 Konjic	036/731-498
129	KREŠEVO	Fra Grge Martića br. 49 71260 Kreševo	030/806-148 030/806-602
130	HADŽIĆI	Hadželi br. 114 71240 Hadžići	033/475-907 033/475-944

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131	ILIDŽA	Butmirska cesta br. 12 71210 Ilidža	033/763-465
132	ISTOČNA ILIDŽA	Vojvode Radomira Putnika br. 2 71213 Istočna Ilidža	057/316-364
133	NOVI GRAD SARAJEVO	Bulevar Meše Selimovića br. 97 71160 Sarajevo	033/291-284
135	VOGOŠĆA	Jošanička br. 80 71320 Vogošća	033/586-403
136	CENTAR SARAJEVO	Mis Irbina br. 1 71 000 Sarajevo	033/562-460
137	STARI GRAD SARAJEVO	Zelenih beretki br. 4 71140 Sarajevo	033/282-391
138	ISTOČNI STARI GRAD SARAJEVO	Hreša bb 71144 Istočni Stari Grad Sarajevo	057/265-114
139	NOVO SARAJEVO	Zmaja od Bosne br. 55 71120 Sarajevo	033/492-238
140	ISTOČNO NOVO SARAJEVO	Stefana Nemanje br. 2 71123 Istočno Novo Sarajevo	057/343-494 057/340-836
141	TRNOVO (FBiH)	Trnovo bb 71223 Delijaš	033/586-712
142	TRNOVO	Trnovskog bataljona br. 86 71220 Trnovo	057/610-237 057/610-442
143	PALE (FBIH)	Himze Sablje br. 33 73290 Prača	038/799-030
144	PALE	Romanijska br.15 71420 Pale	057/200-740
146	ROGATICA	Srpske sloge br. 81 73220 Rogatica	058/415-406 058/415-106
147	VIŠEGRAD	Andrićgrad bb 73240 Višegrad	058/232-462

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148	POSUŠJE	Fra Grge Martića br. 30 8240 Posušje	039/685-701
149	GRUDE	Republike Hrvatske br. 15B 88340 Grude	039/663-018
150	ŠIROKI BRIJEG	Fra Didaka Buntića br. 11 88220 Široki Brijeg	039/706-370
158	ISTOČNI MOSTAR	Istočni Mostar Zijemlje bb 88280 Nevesinje	059/602-224
161	NEVESINJE	Cara Dušana br. 44 88280 Nevesinje	059/602-796
163	KALINOVIK	Karađorđeva br. 19 71230 Kalinovik	057/623-131
164	GACKO	Nemanjina br. 5 89240 Gacko	059/472-426
165	FOČA (FBIH)	Omladinska bb 73250 Ustikolina	038/519-400
166	FOČA	Kralja Petra I 73301 Foča	058/211-409
167	GORAŽDE	Maršala Tita br.2 73000 Goražde	038/227-637
168	NOVO GORAŽDE	Božidara Goraždanina br. 64 73110 Novo Goražde	058/430-095
169	ČAJNIČE	Kralja Petra I Oslobodioca bb 73280 Čajniče	058/315-875
170	RUDO	Đenerala Dragoljuba Draže Mihajlovića br. 41 73260 Rudo	058/711-178 058- 711-164
171	LJUBUŠKI	Trg dr. Franje Tuđmana 1 88320 Ljubuški	039/835-532

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172	ČITLUK	Trg žrtava Domovinskog rata br. 1 88260 Čitluk	036/640-545
173	ČAPLJINA	Trg Kralja Tomislava bb 88300 Čapljina	036/805-052
174	NEUM	Kralja Tomislava br. 1 88390 Neum	036/880-214
176	STOLAC	Kralja Tomislava 88360 Stolac	036/819-042
177	BERKOVIĆI	Viduša br. 1 (Zgrada SO) 88363 Berkovići	059 860 099
179	LJUBINJE	Svetosavska br. 2 88380 Ljubinje	059/630-290 065/ 032-028
180	BILEĆA	Kralja Aleksandra br. 28 89230 Bileća	059/371-589
181	RAVNO	Trg Ruđera Boškovića bb 88370 Ravno	036/891-471
182	TREBINJE	Vuka Karadžića br. b-2 89101 Trebinje	059/260-441
183	USORA	Općina Usora 74230 Usora	032/893-479
184	KOSTAJNICA	Svetosavka br. 11 79224 Kostajnica	052/663-113 052/663-139
185	MILIĆI	Jovana Dučića br. 2 75446 Milići	056/745-231
199	GRAD MOSTAR	Stjepana Radića 76 e 88000 Mostar	036/325-112
200	BRČKO DISTRIKT BIH	Dr. Abdulaha Bukvice br. 1 76120 Brčko	049/218-177

#### 4.5 Code of conduct for international observers

International election observation is widely accepted around the world. It is conducted by intergovernmental and international nongovernmental organizations and associations in order to provide an impartial and accurate assessment of the nature of election processes for the benefit of the population of the country where the election is held and for the benefit of the international community. Much therefore depends on ensuring the integrity of international election observation, and all who are part of this international election observation mission, including long-term and short-term observers, members of assessment delegations, specialized observation teams and leaders of the mission, must subscribe to and follow the Code of Conduct.

Respect Sovereignty and International Human Rights — Elections are an expression of sovereignty, which belongs to the people of a country, the free expression of whose will provides the basis for the authority and legitimacy of government. The rights of citizens to vote and to be elected at periodic, genuine democratic elections are internationally recognized human rights, and they require the exercise of a number of fundamental rights and freedoms. Election observers must respect the sovereignty of the host country, as well as the human rights and fundamental freedoms of its people.

Respect the Laws of the Country and the Authority of Electoral Bodies – Observers must respect the laws of the host country and the authority of the bodies charged with administering the electoral process. Observers must follow any lawful instruction from the country's governmental, security and electoral authorities. Observers also must maintain a respectful attitude toward electoral officials and other national authorities. Observers must note if laws, regulations or the actions of state and/or electoral officials unduly burden or obstruct the exercise of election-related rights guaranteed by law, constitution or applicable international instruments.

Respect the Integrity of the International Election Observation Mission — Observers must respect and protect the integrity of the international election observation mission. This includes following this Code of Conduct, any written instructions (such as a terms of reference, directives and guidelines) and any verbal instructions from the observation mission's leadership. Observers must: attend all of the observation mission's required briefings, trainings and debriefings; become familiar with the election law, regulations and other relevant laws as directed by the observation mission; and carefully adhere to the methodologies employed by the observation mission. Observers also must report to the leadership of the observation mission any conflicts of interest they may have and any improper behavior they see conducted by other observers that are part of the mission.

Maintain Strict Political Impartiality at All Times — Observers must maintain strict political impartiality at all times, including leisure time in the host country. They must not express or exhibit any bias or preference in relation to national authorities, political parties, candidates, referenda issues or in relation to any contentious issues in the election process. Observers also must not conduct any activity that could be reasonably perceived as favoring or providing partisan gain for any political competitor in the host country, such as wearing or displaying any partisan symbols, colors, banners or accepting anything of value from political competitors.

**Do Not Obstruct Election Processes** — Observers must not obstruct any element of the election process, including pre-election processes, voting, counting and tabulation of results and processes transpiring after Election Day. Observers may bring irregularities, fraud or significant problems to the attention of election officials on the spot, unless this is prohibited by law, and must do so in a non-obstructive manner. Observers may ask questions of election officials, political party representatives and other observers inside polling stations and may answer questions about their own activities, as long as observers do not obstruct the election process. In answering questions observers should not seek to direct the election process. Observers may ask and answer questions of voters but may not ask them to tell for whom or what party or referendum position they voted.

**Provide Appropriate Identification** — Observers must display identification provided by the election observation mission, as well as identification required by national authorities, and must present it to electoral officials and other interested national authorities when requested.

Maintain Accuracy of Observations and Professionalism in Drawing Conclusions — Observers must ensure that all of their observations are accurate. Observations must be comprehensive, noting positive as well as negative factors, distinguishing between significant and insignificant factors and identifying patterns that could have an important impact on the integrity of the election process. Observers' judgments must be based on the highest standards for accuracy of information and impartiality of analysis, distinguishing subjective factors from objective evidence. Observers must base all conclusions on factual and verifiable evidence and not draw conclusions prematurely. Observers also must keep a well-documented record of where they observed, the observations made and other relevant information as required by the election observation mission and must turn in such documentation to the mission.

Refrain from Making Comments to the Public or the Media before the Mission Speaks – Observers must refrain from making any personal comments about their observations or conclusions to the news media or members of the public before the election observation mission makes a statement, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the observation mission's leadership. Observers may explain the nature of the observation mission, its activities and other matters deemed appropriate by the observation mission and should refer the media or other interested persons to those individuals designated by the observation mission.

**Cooperate with Other Election Observers** — Observers must be aware of other election observation missions, both international and domestic, and cooperate with them as instructed by the leadership of the election observation mission.

**Maintain Proper Personal Behavior** — Observers must maintain proper personal behavior and respect others, including exhibiting sensitivity for host-country cultures and customs, exercise sound judgment in personal interactions and observe the highest level of professional conduct at all times, including leisure time.

**Violations of This Code of Conduct** – In a case of concern about the violation of this Code of Conduct, the election observation mission shall conduct an inquiry into the matter. If a serious violation is found to have occurred, the observer concerned may have their observer accreditation

withdrawn or be dismissed from the election observation mission. The authority for such determinations rests solely with the leadership of the election observation mission.

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