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INSTRUCTION
for the Implementation of Pilot Projects in the 2024 Local Elections using Election Technologies

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Pursuant to Article 2.9 paragraph (1) point 8. and in line with Article 20.16d of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07, 33/08, 37/08, 32/10, 18/13, 7/14, 31/16, 41/20, 38/22, 51/22, 67/22 and 24/24), the BiH Central Election Commission has, at its 20th session held on May 3, 2024, passed

INSTRUCTION

For the Implementation of Pilot Projects in the 2024 Local Elections using Election Technologies

Chapter I. – General provisions

Article 1

(Subject-matter)

The Instruction for the implementation of pilot projects in the 2024 Local Elections using election technologies (hereinafter: Instruction) defines the methods of preparation and implementation of pilot projects using election technologies in the election process, installation and preparation of equipment, implementation of election activities using technologies, record-keeping, participants' responsibilities, delivery and reception of equipment and other matters relevant for organization and implementation of pilot projects on Election day of the 2024 Local Elections.

Article 2

(Purpose of the projects)

The purpose of the pilot projects is to test election technologies and simulate their implementation at polling stations in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to determine the modalities of technological strengthening of electoral institutions and processes necessary in obtaining relevant indicators on the possibilities of application of election technologies in the election process.

Article 3

(Types of pilot projects)

On the day of the 2024 Local Elections, the BiH Central Election Commission shall implement the following pilot projects:

1. Pilot Project 1 - Voter authentication and transmission of results
2. Pilot Project 2 - Optical ballot scanners and automatic counting of ballots
3. Pilot Project 3 - Biometric identification and voter authentication
4. Pilot Project 4 - Video surveillance at polling stations– if the conditions for implementation are met.

Article 4

(Voter authentication and transmission of results)

(1) Voter authentication is a procedure for confirming the identity of a voter at a polling station, that takes place after the identity of the voter is established on the basis of a valid personal identification document referred to in Article 5.12 paragraph 4 of the BiH Election Law, and it

includes the procedure of comparison of biometric data of the voter's fingerprints with the records of the Agency for Identification Documents, Registers and Data Exchange.

(2) Transmission of results is a procedure of entering election results into the Integrated Election Information System via an online application and it is carried out after the manual ballot counting at polling stations.

(3) Polling stations, at which the pilot project of voter authentication and transmission of results shall be implemented, shall be determined by a special decision of the BiH Central Election Commission in compliance with the technical conditions of polling stations.

Article 5

(Optical ballot scanners and automatic counting of ballots)

(1) Optical ballot scanners are special electronic devices that recognize optical sign recognition technology with the appropriate software installed created for election purposes, and with integrated components for scanning the paper ballot, counting the votes, adding up the results and printing, and for the purpose of conducting voting at the polling stations and delivering the election results.

(2) Polling stations, at which the pilot project of optical ballot scanners and automatic counting of ballots shall be implemented, shall be determined by a special decision of the BiH Central Election Commission in compliance with the technical conditions of polling stations.

Article 6

(Biometric identification of voters)

(1) Biometric identification and authentication is the process of verifying voter's identity at the polling station, which shall be carried out after the voter's identification at the polling station using a personal document as specified in Article 5.12 paragraph (4) of the BiH Election Law. This involves comparing the biometric fingerprint data of the voter using an identification device that integrates biometric data or checks it in real-time against records from the Agency for Identification Documents, Registers, and Data Exchange.

(2) Polling stations where the pilot project of optical scanners and automatic counting of election results shall be determined by a special decision of the BiH Central Election Commission in compliance with the technical conditions of the polling station.

Article 7

(Video surveillance at polling stations)

(1) Video surveillance is a system of security cameras that monitors activities at polling stations and/or rooms designated for counting of ballots which has the possibility of local video storage without compromising the secrecy of the voting.

(2) The pilot project of video surveillance shall be implemented, if the technical conditions are met, at polling stations and/or rooms designated for counting of ballots which shall be determined by a special decision of the BiH Central Election Commission after the consultation with the election commissions of basic constituencies (hereinafter: election commission).

Chapter II. - Voter authentication and transmission of results from polling stations

Article 8

(Equipment)

For the purposes of implementing the pilot project of voter authentication and transmission of results at polling stations, portable computers, fingerprint scanners, barcode scanners and mobile internet packages with USB modems shall be used.

Article 9
(Delivery of equipment)

- (1) The BiH Central Election Commission, in coordination with election commissions and on the basis of a Delivery schedule, shall deliver the technical equipment referred to in Article 8 of this Instruction, on which a special record shall be kept.
- (2) According to the schedule referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, the equipment shall be delivered no later than 12 hours before the polling stations open.

Article 10
(Operator)

- (1) The Operator is a person appointed by the BiH Central Election Commission in charge of installation, checking, working on equipment, solving technical problems, uninstallation and preparing equipment for return.
- (2) The Operator shall install the technical equipment necessary for the implementation of the pilot project in coordination with the election commissions at the polling station immediately after receiving the equipment from the polling station committee, check the functionality of the delivered equipment, and report about it to the election commission.
- (3) The procedure for installing and checking the equipment shall be regulated by a special instruction of the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 11
(Equipment checks)

- (1) The Operator referred to in Article 10 of this Instruction shall be at the polling station at least 1 hour before the polling station opens and check again all the functionalities of the equipment, about which they shall report to the election commission through the president of the polling station committee.
- (2) The president of the polling station committee shall provide access to the Operator along with persons referred to in Article 16 paragraph (1) of the Rulebook on the conduct of elections.
- (3) In case of problems with the operation and functioning of the equipment, the Operator shall proceed in accordance with the instruction referred to in Article 10 paragraph (3) of this Instruction.
- (4) In case of technical problems with the equipment, the decision to continue election activities at the polling station shall be made by the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 12
(Identification and authentication procedure)

- (1) When entering the polling station for identification and voting, each voter must present one of the valid personal documents, in accordance with Article 5.12 of the BiH Election Law, for identification purposes. Once the voter's identity is confirmed, the member of the polling station committee responsible for identification shall find the voter's name and surname in the Central Voters Register extract. The voter then shall sign their name in the extract from the Central Voters Register exactly as it is on their identification document. The member of the polling station committee shall have the obligation and responsibility to inform each voter that their signature in the Central Voters Register extract must match the signature on the identification document presented.
- (2) If the voter does not sign exactly as on the identification document, the member of the polling station committee shall inform the voter that they need to sign exactly as on the identification document. If the voter refuses to do so, the president of the polling station committee will note the voter's name, the serial number of the voter in the Central Voters

Register extract, and the fact that the voter refused to sign identically as on the personal document in the Z5 section of the Polling Book.

(3) After voter identification, and if the identification was carried out using an ID card or A driver's license, the Operator shall, using a barcode scanner, upload the barcode from the personal document. After the application loads the voter's personal data, which will be visible on the screen, the operator shall instruct the voter to place the appropriate fingerprint on the fingerprint reader, which shall compare, via the application and the mathematical model of the fingerprint, the fingerprint with the database of the Agency for Identification Documents, Registers and Data Exchange.

(4) After authentication and identification, the voter shall be referred to further voting procedure prescribed in Article 18 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(5) In case of failed authentication, a new identification process shall be carried out using the personal document by the president of the polling station committee responsible for identification. A special record shall be kept containing the voter's name, the time of voting, and the fact that authentication failed. After repeated identification, the voter shall be directed to continue with the voting process as prescribed by Article 18 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(6) If the identification of the voter is carried out by means of a passport, instead of the procedure of scanning the barcode from the document, the Operator shall enter the personal identification number of the citizen in the application, after which the procedure prescribed in Articles (3), (4) and (5) of this Instruction shall be carried out.

(7) In the event of an attempt to vote on behalf of another person, the voting shall be suspended, and the police shall be called. The president of the polling station committee shall record this instance in the polling book, noting the data from the identification document used for the attempted voting and the details of the person who attempted to vote, if available. The president of the polling station committee shall immediately inform the election commission about such cases.

Article 13

(Assistance of another person)

(1) Upon request of voters who are blind, illiterate or incapacitated, the president of the polling station committee shall approve the procedure wherein another person, selected by the voter concerned, may assist the voter.

(2) The voting of the person referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Article 19 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(3) For persons for whom authentication is not possible, procedure prescribed in Article 12 paragraph (5) of this Instruction shall apply.

Article 14

(Report)

A special report shall be kept on the entire voter authentication process, containing the time of opening and closing of the polling station, total turnout at the polling station, statistics on the gender and age of voters, the number of successful authentications, the number of failed authentications, information on attempts to vote on behalf of another person, any problems with the operation of the application, any problems with the Internet connection and other observations by the Operator and the president of the polling station.

Article 15

(Access to the Integrated Election Information System)

(1) For the purposes of transmission of results from the polling station, each polling station shall be given access to the Integrated Election Information System.

- (2) The Operator or the member of the polling station committee shall enter the following information via the appropriate application:
- a) Opening of polling station and any additional comments,
 - b) Turnout at 11:00,
 - c) Turnout at 15:00,
 - d) Turnout at 19:00,
 - e) Closing of polling station.
- (3) After the closure of the polling station, the procedures for counting ballots are carried out as prescribed by Articles 25 – 30 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.
- (4) The entry of election results shall be conducted immediately after the completion of counting a certain level of results and entering the results in Form ZR.
- (5) Modalities of access, authorization, and assignment of user's rights and control of election results shall be regulated by a special act of the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 16 (Uninstallation of equipment)

- (1) The Operator referred to in Article 9 of this Instruction shall uninstall and properly pack the technical equipment after the completion of work of the polling station committee.
- (2) The president of the polling station committee shall deliver the equipment referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, together with sensitive polling material, from the polling station to the election commission, where the equipment shall be stored until it is returned to the BiH Central Election Commission.

Chapter III. – Optical ballot scanners and automatic counting of ballots

Article 17 (Equipment)

- (1) Optical scanners using optical character recognition technology shall be used for the implementation of the pilot project. This technology has integrated components for scanning paper ballots, counting the votes, summing the results and printing.
- (2) Alongside scanners referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article a special ballot box adapted to the technical requirements of the scanners, with the possibility of being sealed, shall also be used.
- (3) For the purposes of the implementation of the pilot project of using optical scanners and automatic counting of ballots, a public procedure shall be carried out to select the best bidder for the procurement of optical scanners with direct transmission of the results.
- (4) The procedure referred to in paragraph (1) shall be carried out by a donor as referred to in Article 8 of the Decision on the scope of application of pilot projects of the BiH Central Election Commission for the 2024 Local Elections No. 05-1-02-2-419-1/24 from April 3, 2024.

Article 18 (Delivery of equipment)

- (1) The BiH Central Election Commission, in coordination with election commissions and on the basis of a Delivery schedule, shall deliver the technical equipment referred to in Article 8 of this Instruction, on which a special record shall be kept.
- (2) According to the schedule referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the equipment shall be delivered no later than 12 hours before the polling stations open.

Article 19

(Operator)

- (1) The Operator is a person appointed by the BiH Central Election Commission in charge of installation, checking, working on equipment, solving technical problems, uninstallation and preparing equipment for return.
- (2) The Operator shall install the technical equipment necessary for the implementation of the pilot project in coordination with the election commissions at the polling station immediately after receiving the equipment from the polling station committee, check the functionality of the delivered equipment, and report about it to the election commission.
- (3) The procedure for installing and checking the equipment shall be regulated by a special instruction of the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 20

(Equipment checks)

- (1) The Operator referred to in Article 18 of this Instruction shall be at the polling station at least 1 hour before the polling station opens and check again all the functionalities of the equipment, about which they shall report to the election commission through the president of the polling station committee.
- (2) The president of the polling station committee shall provide access to the Operator along with persons referred to in Article 19 paragraph (1) of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.
- (3) The president of the polling station committee shall check the ballot box and display to all present that the ballot box is empty. After that, the optical scanner shall be placed on the ballot box and properly sealed.
- (4) Before opening the polling station, the Operator shall print an initial report from the scanner, which shall show that the initial state on the scanner is "0". This report shall be signed by the president and all members of the polling station committee and it shall be attached with the polling book form.
- (5) In case of problems with the operation and functioning of the equipment, the Operator shall proceed in accordance with the instruction referred to in Article 19 paragraph (3) of this Instruction.
- (6) In case of technical problems with the equipment, the decision to continue election activities at the polling station shall be made by the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 21

(Identification, issuance of ballots and voting)

- (1) When entering the polling station for identification and voting, each voter must present one of the valid personal documents, in accordance with Article 5.12 of the BiH Election Law, for identification purposes. Once the voter's identity is confirmed, the member of the polling station committee responsible for identification shall find the voter's name and surname in the Central Voters Register extract. The voter then shall sign their name in the extract from the Central Voters Register exactly as it is on their identification document. The member of the polling station committee shall have the obligation and responsibility to inform each voter that their signature in the Central Voters Register extract must match the signature on the identification document presented.
- (2) If the voter does not sign exactly as on the identification document, the member of the polling station committee shall inform the voter that they need to sign exactly as on the identification document. If the voter refuses to do so, the president of the polling station committee will note the voter's name, the serial number of the voter in the Central Voters Register extract, and the fact that the voter refused to sign identically as on the personal document in the Z5 section of the Polling Book.
- (3) When a voter is identified and signs the extract from the Central Voters Register, the member of the polling station committee responsible for issuing ballots shall issue a ballot. If

the technology permits, the member of the polling station committee shall stamp each ballot on the front page, below the text "Voting Instructions," in the lower-left corner with the polling station's stamp, sign next to the stamp, explain to the voter how to properly complete the ballots, and remind them to read the voting instructions on the back of each ballot. The member of the polling station committee shall then issue the ballots and immediately direct the voter to one of the available voting booths to complete the ballots. Only one person, except for the voter referred to in Article 19 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections, shall be allowed in the voting booth at a time.

(4) Filling out the ballot at the polling station is secret, and voting is personal. The president and members of the polling station committee shall be responsible for ensuring the secrecy of voting and preventing anyone from voting on behalf of another person or from voting again.

(5) After completing the ballots, the voter shall place the ballot into a special folder that ensures the secrecy of voting, and then, using the folder, insert each ballot one by one into the optical scanner.

(6) After the voter inserts the ballot into the optical scanner, the scanner's display will provide information on whether the ballot is "valid" or "invalid." The voter shall then choose whether to continue or end the voting process. If the voter confirms continuing, the ballot will enter the ballot box through the optical scanner. If the voter chooses to end the process, they have the right to request a new ballot from the polling board.

(7) In cases where a new ballot is issued, the polling station committee shall keep a special record.

(8) The member of the polling station committee responsible for monitoring the ballot box shall ensure that all ballots are inserted into the optical scanner.

(9) If the voter does not insert all the ballots issued to them at the polling station, the member of the polling station committee responsible for monitoring the ballot box shall warn the voter that they are required to do so. If the voter does not comply with this warning, the president of the polling station committee shall record this in the polling book, noting the details from the voter's identification document.

(10) In the event that the voter attempts to insert a ballot into the ballot box that differs in color or in any other way from the original ballots issued at the polling station, the member of the polling station committee responsible for monitoring the ballot box shall notify the president of the polling station committee. The president shall then suspend the voting process and, with police intervention, retrieve the ballot from the voter. The president shall record this case in the Polling book, noting the details from the voter's identification document. The president shall immediately inform the election commission about such cases.

Article 22

(Assistance of another person)

(1) Upon request of voters who are blind, illiterate or incapacitated, the president of the polling station committee shall approve the procedure wherein another person, selected by the voter concerned, may assist the voter.

(2) The voting of the person referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

Article 23

(Closing of the polling stations)

(1) After the polling station is closed, the Operator prints the final report with the total turnout for the polling station and the election results.

(2) One copy of the Report referred to in paragraph (1) shall be signed by the president and all members of the polling station commission and attached to the polling book form; the second copy of the Report shall be published in a prominent place in front of the polling station.

(3) The preliminary results are transmitted electronically to the BiH Central Election Commission.

(4) The method of transmission of election results shall be regulated by a special act of the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 24
(Manual ballot counting)

(1) After the automatic counting of the ballots, the polling station committee shall proceed with the manual counting of the ballots. The ballots are counted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(2) The results determined by manual counting are submitted to the election commission via ZR forms, which shall compare the results of the automatic and manual counts.

(3) The procedure for the final determination of results and the procedures for cases of discrepancies between automatic and manual counting shall be regulated by a special act of the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 25
(Ballots)

(1) For the purposes of implementing the pilot project, a special type of ballots shall be used.

(2) The design, form, and content of the ballots shall be regulated by a special act of the BiH Central Election Commission in coordination with the donor and the equipment provider.

(3) The BiH Central Election Commission shall use the exact same content for ballots at all polling stations in the basic constituency, including those using optical scanners as well as those where voting shall be conducted without the use of scanners.

Article 26
(Report)

A special report shall be kept on the entire process of using optical ballot scanners by the Operator, containing the time of opening and closing of the polling station, total turnout at the polling station, time needed to use the device, any possible problems with the operation of optical scanners, any possible problems with the Internet connection during the transmission of results, and other observations by the Operator and the president of the polling station committee.

Article 27
(Uninstallation of equipment)

(1) The Operator referred to in Article 18 of this Instruction shall uninstall and properly pack the technical equipment after the completion of work of the polling station committee.

(2) The president of the polling station committee shall deliver the equipment referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, together with sensitive polling material, from the polling station to the election commission, where the equipment shall be stored until it is returned to the BiH Central Election Commission.

Chapter IV. - Biometric identification and voter authentication

Article 28 (Equipment)

For the purposes of implementing the pilot project of biometric identification and voter authentication, an electronic device that contains a readable zone for documents, a fingerprint scanner, display and the possibility of integration of biometric data into the device or the possibility of electronic verification of biometric data, shall be used.

Article 29 (Delivery of equipment)

(1) The BiH Central Election Commission, in coordination with election commissions and on the basis of a Delivery schedule, shall deliver the technical equipment referred to in Article 8 of this Instruction, on which a special report shall be kept.

(2) According to the schedule referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, the equipment shall be delivered no later than 12 hours before the polling stations open.

Article 30 (Operator)

(1) The Operator is a person appointed by the BiH Central Election Commission in charge of installation, checking, working on equipment, solving technical problems, uninstallation and preparing equipment for return.

(2) The Operator shall install the technical equipment necessary for the implementation of the pilot project in coordination with the election commissions at the polling station immediately after receiving the equipment from the polling station committee, check the functionality of the delivered equipment, and report about it to the election commission.

(3) The procedure for installing and checking the equipment shall be regulated by a special instruction of the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 31 (Equipment checks)

(1) The Operator referred to in Article 30 of this Instruction shall be at the polling station at least 1 hour before the polling station opens and check again all the functionalities of the equipment, about which they shall report to the election commission through the president of the polling station committee.

(2) The president of the polling station committee shall provide access to the Operator along with persons referred to in Article 16 paragraph (1) of the Rulebook on the conduct of elections.

(3) In case of problems with the operation and functioning of the equipment, the Operator shall proceed in accordance with the instruction referred to in Article 30 paragraph (3) of this Instruction.

(4) In case of technical problems with the equipment, the decision to continue election activities at the polling station shall be made by the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 32 (Biometric identification and authentication procedure)

(1) When entering the polling station for identification and voting, each voter must present one of the valid personal documents, in accordance with Article 5.12 of the BiH Election Law for identification purposes. Once the voter's identity is confirmed, the member of the polling station

committee responsible for identification shall find the voter's name and surname in the Central Voters Register extract. The voter shall then sign their name in the extract from the Central Voters Register exactly as it is on their identification document. The member of the polling station committee shall have the obligation and responsibility to inform each voter that their signature in the Central Voter Register extract must match the signature on the identification document presented.

(2) If the voter does not sign exactly as on the identification document, the member of the polling station committee shall inform the voter that they need to sign exactly as on the identification document. If the voter refuses to do so, the president of the polling station committee will note the voter's name, the serial number of the voter in the Central Voters Register extract, and the fact that the voter refused to sign identically as on the personal document in the Z5 section of the polling book

(3) After identification is completed, the Operator uses a scanner to read the machine-readable zone from the document used for identification. Once the application reads the voter's personal data and the data is visible on the display, the Operator shall instruct the voter to place the appropriate fingerprint on the fingerprint reader. The application then shall compare the fingerprint with the data stored on the device or with the database of the Agency for Identification Documents, Registers, and Data Exchange.

(4) After authentication and identity confirmation, the voter shall be directed to proceed with the voting process as prescribed by Article 18 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(5) In case of failed authentication, a new identification process shall be carried out using the personal document by the president of the polling station committee responsible for identification. A special record shall be kept containing the voter's name, the time of voting, and the fact that authentication failed. After repeated identification, the voter shall be directed to continue with the voting process as prescribed by Article 18 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(6) In the event of an attempt to vote on behalf of another person, the voting shall be suspended, and the police shall be called. The president of the polling station committee shall record this instance in the polling book, noting the data from the identification document used for the attempted voting and the details of the person who attempted to vote, if available. The president of the polling station committee shall immediately inform the election commission about such cases.

Article 33

(Assistance of another person)

(1) Upon request of voters who are blind, illiterate or incapacitated, the president of the polling station committee shall approve the procedure wherein another person, selected by the voter concerned, may assist the voter.

(2) The voting of the person referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Article 19 of the Rulebook on conduct of elections.

(3) For persons for whom authentication is not possible, procedure prescribed in Article 11 paragraph (5) of this Instruction shall apply.

Article 34

(Report)

A special report shall be kept on the entire biometric identification and voter authentication process, containing the time of opening and closing of the polling station, total turnout at the polling station, statistics on the gender and age of voters, the number of successful authentications, the number of failed authentications, information on attempts to vote on behalf of another person, the time needed for the authentication, any problems with the operation of the application, any problems with the Internet connection and other observations by the Operator and the president of the polling station.

Article 35
(Equipment deinstallation)

- (1) The Operator referred to in Article 30 of this Instruction shall uninstall and properly pack the technical equipment after the completion of work of the polling station committee.
- (2) The president of the polling station committee shall deliver the equipment referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, together with sensitive polling material, from the polling station to the election commission, where the equipment shall be stored until it is returned to the BiH Central Election Commission.

Chapter V. – Video surveillance

Article 36
(Equipment)

- (1) For the purposes of implementing the pilot project of video surveillance, cameras with suitable stands, device for local data storage and, where possible, a monitor for displaying video in real time, shall be used.
- (2) The BiH Central Election Commission shall issue a binding Instruction on the installation, use of video surveillance equipment, transmission and storage of surveillance video recordings and on the responsibilities of the competent authorities in charge of the conduct of elections in this regard, as well as on the violations of these rules.
- (3) The pilot project of video surveillance shall be carried out only if technical conditions for the implementation of the pilot project are met.

Article 37
(Delivery of equipment)

- (1) The BiH Central Election Commission, in coordination with election commissions and on the basis of a Delivery schedule, shall deliver the technical equipment referred to in Article 8 of this Instruction, on which a special report shall be kept.
- (2) According to the schedule referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, the equipment shall be delivered no later than 12 hours before the polling stations open.

Article 38
(Operator)

- (1) The Operator is a person appointed by the BiH Central Election Commission in charge of installation, checking, working on equipment, solving technical problems, uninstallation and preparing equipment for return.
- (2) The Operator shall install the technical equipment necessary for the implementation of the pilot project in coordination with the election commissions at the polling station immediately after receiving the equipment from the polling station committee, check the functionality of the delivered equipment, and report about it to the election commission.

Article 39
(Equipment checks)

- (1) The Operator referred to in Article 38 of this Instruction shall be at the polling station at least 1 hour before the polling station opens and check again all the functionalities of the equipment, about which they shall report to the election commission through the president of the polling station committee.

- (2) The president of the polling station committee shall provide access to the Operator along with persons referred to in Article 16 paragraph (1) of the Rulebook on the conduct of elections.
- (3) In case of technical problems with the equipment, the decision to continue election activities at the polling station shall be made by the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 40
(Report)

A special report shall be kept on the entire video surveillance process, containing all data related to the operation of the devices as well as other observations by the Operator and the president of the polling station.

Article 41
(Uninstallation of equipment)

- (1) The Operator referred to in Article 38 of this Instruction shall uninstall and properly pack the technical equipment after the completion of work of the polling station committee.
- (2) The president of the polling station committee shall deliver the equipment referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article, together with sensitive polling material, from the polling station to the election commission, where the equipment shall be stored until it is returned to the BiH Central Election Commission.

Chapter VI – Final provisions

Article 42
(Informing voters about the implementation of projects)

The BiH Central Election Commission and election commissions shall inform voters who are voting at polling stations where pilot projects are being implemented, through public media, the official website, and social networks, that the BiH Central Election Commission is conducting pilot projects of using new technologies, and about all the rights and obligations of voters related to these pilot projects.

Article 43
(Training)

Specific training shall be organized for all presidents/deputy presidents, members/deputy members of polling station committees based on the Curriculum and Training Program adopted by the BiH Central Election Commission.

Article 44
(Coordination)

Pilot project shall be realized with the support of international donors and in coordination with the Agency for Identification Documents, Registers and Data Exchange, and Personal Data Protection Agency.

Article 45
(Liability)

(1) Election commissions and polling station committees, where pilot projects shall be implemented, shall be responsible for determining polling stations that have the conditions for the application of technologies that will be used in the election period, the functioning of technical equipment, ensuring election technologies and timely delivery of equipment.

(2) All obligations and responsibilities of the election commissions and polling station committees are subject to accountability examination based on the provisions of the BiH Election Law. All that is not regulated by this Instruction, the provisions of the Rulebook on the conduct of elections shall be used.

Article 46
(Rulebook on conduct of elections)

For all that is not covered by the provisions of this Instruction, provisions prescribed in the Rulebook on conduct of elections shall apply.

Article 47
(Entry into force and publishing in the Official Gazettes)

This Instruction shall enter into force on the day of its adoption and it shall be published in the Official Gazette of BiH, the Official, Gazette of the Federation of BiH, the Official Gazette of the RS, and the Official Gazette of Brčko District of BiH and on the web page of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, www.izbori.ba.

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