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2024 Local Elections

The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina passed the Decision on announcing and conducting local elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2024 on May 8, 2024. e



Elections are scheduled for Sunday October 6, 2024

Elections are announced for:

- **58 Municipal Councils in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina;**
- **53 Municipal Assemblies in Republika Srpska**
- **111 municipal mayors in Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **21 City Councils in Federation of Bosni and Herzegovina**
- **10 City Assemblies in Republika Srpska**
- **31 city mayor in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and**
- **Assembly of Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina.**

Financing of elections

- A total of **BAM 7.410.000** was approved for the activities of the Central Election Commission of BiH to conduct the 2024 Local Elections.
- The Central Election Commission of BiH sent a special request to the MFT BiH for an additional **BAM 4.173.000**.
- Furthermore, it is estimated that the municipalities/cities will bear the total costs of around **BAM 7.5 million**.
- The expected total costs of the Local Elections in 2024 will amount to about **BAM 19 million**.

Central Voters' Register – registration of voters

1. The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted the Decision on the conclusion of the Central Voters' Register as of May 7, 2024, at midnight. According to this decision, 3.406.088 voters are registered in the Central Voters' Register.
2. Citizens of BiH who are abroad and wish to register to vote from abroad must submit their application for voting outside of BiH through the portal e-Izbori. The application can be submitted **from the day the election is announced until July 23, 2024, at midnight.**
3. Displaced persons, if they want to change their voting option for the 2024 Local Elections, need to submit a request to the competent center for the voters' register by July 23, 2024.

Registration of out-of-country voters

In order to apply for voting outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina it is necessary to:

1. Login on the portal e-Izbori using your login information

If you have forgotten the password, you can get it by clicking on

[Forgotten password \(izbori.ba\)](https://www.izbori.ba)

2. Enter your personal data;

3. Upload scanned documents;

4. Press “send application” after you have uploaded the documents.

Detailed information about the procedure is available in The Video instruction on OCV registration at link the BiH Central Election Commission (www.izbori.ba)

Instruction on deadline and sequence of electoral activities

- **From May 9 to May 24, 2024** submission of application for certification to participate in the elections for political parties and independent candidates,
- **From June 10 to June 18, 2024** submission of applications for certification of coalitions and lists of independent candidates,
- **From June 26 to July 8, 2024** submission of candidates' listse,
- **August 22, 2024** certified candidates' lists will be published in the daily newspapers and official gazettes,
- **Election campaign commences on September 6, 2024,**
- Election silence starts on **October 5, 2024** at 7 a.m. and last until closing of the polling stations.

Election Certification Applications

The application for certification of a political subject, as well as the submission of candidates' lists, is made through the online portal of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina “e-izbori”

<https://eizbori.izbori.ba>



Application of a political party and an independent candidate

1. 100 signatures of voters recorded in the Central Voters Register for the elections for the Municipal Council/Municipal Assembly and for the municipal mayor (for municipalities where the number of voters did not exceed 10.000)
2. 200 signatures (for municipalities in which number of voters exceeded 10.000)
3. five % of signatures of voters recorded in the Central Voters' Register (for municipalities in which the number of voters did not exceed 1.000)

- A political party and an independent candidate are exempt from the obligation to collect signatures of support for the city/municipal mayor and for the municipal/city council/assembly if they have a mandate holder as city/municipal mayor or in the municipal/city council/assembly for which the application is submitted.

4. The Decision on entry into court register or excerpt from the court register of the competent body (not be older than 60 days)
5. Number of special account for financing of election campaign costs
6. A financial report covering the period of 3 months before submitting the application for certification (pre-election report)
7. **A report on turnover of a special account for financing election campaign expenses** (bank statement or an bank analytical card)



Application of a political party and an independent candidate

8. Proof of payment of certification fee (*valid for both levels, city/municipal mayor and city/municipal assembly/council*):

- BAM 2.000 for a political party that is running at the party's headquarters for the city/municipal mayor and municipal/city council/assembly, and BAM 200 for running in each new constituency
- BAM 1.000 for candidacy of an independent candidate

9. The president of the political subject must provide a statement confirming that there are no individuals within the party holding office or positions who are currently serving a sentence imposed by the International Criminal Tribunal or are under indictment by the Court and have failed to appear before the court. Additionally, a Statement of Compliance with the General Framework Agreement for Peace in BiH, either certified by the appropriate authority or signed at the headquarters of the Central Election Commission of BiH, is required as per Articles 1.6 and 1.13 of the BiH Election Law.

Application of a political party and an independent candidate

10. A statement signed by the president of the political party that there are no outstanding obligations based on final and enforceable decisions on fines, certified by the competent authority or signed at the premises of the BiH CEC.

11. A signed statement of the independent candidate/candidates that there are no obstacles to running and that they have not been convicted by any international or domestic court for the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, and that there are no measures prohibiting the performance of certain duties, certified by the competent authority or at the competent municipal/city election commission. (1.6., 1.7., 1.7a., 1.7b and 1.10 paragraph (1) point 5).

12. A statement by a political subject that an elected official of that subject won a mandate in the 2020 Local Elections and is still a member of that party.



Prohibition to conduct premature election campaign

It is forbidden to familiarize voters and the public with the program and candidates of political subjects for the upcoming elections during the period of premature election campaign .

“Premature election campaign” means all forms of campaign actions taken by political subjects in the period between the announcement of elections and the period of the official start of the election campaign. (08.05. – 06.09.2024.)

Rules of conduct in election period

- Prohibitions from Article 7.3 paragraph (1) of the BiH Law, which previously only applied to the election campaign period, now apply to the election period.
- During the election period political subjects, candidates and their supporters as well as the election administration are, among other things, prohibited from using hate speech, preventing journalists from doing their job and abusing children for political purposes.
- The prohibitions from Article 7.2a, which refer to the abuse of public funds, do not allow the use the position of manager of an authority or institution for the public promotion of a candidate and/or the public promotion of a political subject he/she is affiliated with, through public promotion of the authority or institution; then the promotion of political subjects and candidates at public events financed by public institutions or public companies; using public funds and resources for the purpose of directly or indirectly buying voter support during the election campaign.

False information

- Political subjects are prohibited from presenting false information through the media that could threaten the integrity of the election process and misinform voters.
- In case of violation of the above norm, the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina is authorized to initiate the procedure. (Article 16.17a)



Media representation

1. During the election campaign period, political subjects are obliged to ensure equal promotion of candidates of both genders in media appearances.
2. The political subject is obliged to ensure the removal of all promotional materials within 15 days from the day of the elections.
3. Informing about the regular activities of officials is allowed without mentioning their candidacy and party affiliation.
4. Online media that decide to report about the election campaign are required to ensure public and transparent information about its ownership.

Election administration

- The 143 election commissions of the basic constituencies comprise a total of 583 members.
- Currently, 564 members have been appointed, while the appointment procedure for the remaining 19 members is pending.
- The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina will designate alternate members for all election commissions where the appointment process has not yet concluded

Presidents of the polling station committees

The Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina appoints the presidents of the polling station committees and their alternates. Only political parties holding a mandate based on the confirmed results of the 2020 Local Elections, and certified to participate in the upcoming Local Elections, are eligible to participate in the allocation of positions for other members on the polling station committees.

We invite all interested individuals who wish to apply for the position of PSC president to do so after the publication of the public call. You will be promptly notified of the publication date of the public call.



Voting

The new rule allows voters to mark one to a maximum of three candidates on a single list.

If a voter validly marks more than three candidates on one list, the political subject will receive one valid vote, but the preferential votes for the candidates will not be counted

Pilot projects at the 2024 Local Elections

1. Pilot project 1 - **Authentication of voters and transmission of results** (with the EU Delegation's support)
2. Pilot project 2 - **Optical scanners and automatic counting of ballots** (with the USAID's support)
3. Pilot project 3 - **Biometric identification and authentication of voters** (with the OSCE Mission's support)
4. **Video surveillance**



2024 Local Elections October 6 Vote!

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