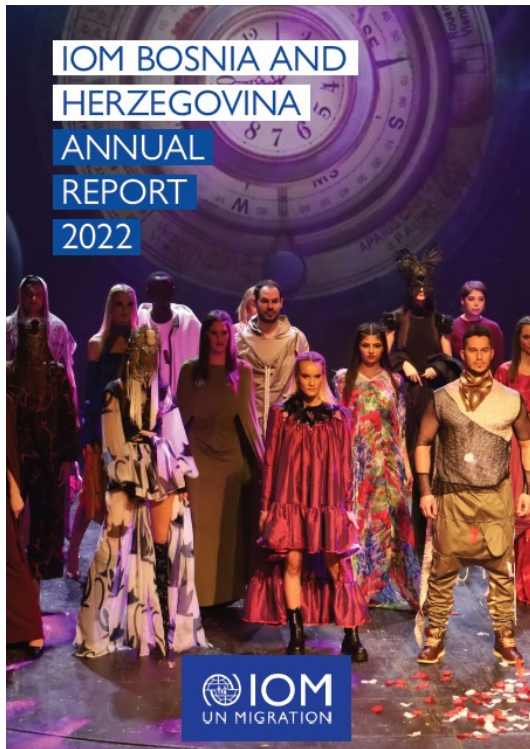


## March - April 2023



### IOM BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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This report provides a retrospective of the year 2022, including context developments and key achievements of IOM in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

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On the occasion on Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina released a [new publication](#) exploring the links between migration, environment & climate change in the country.



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## Mixed Migration Response

### **CAPACITY BUILDING ON PROTECTION-SENSITIVE APPROACHES TO WORKING WITH VULNERABLE CATEGORIES**

From 24-27 April, IOM in cooperation with the BiH Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) organized the training "Capacity building on protection-sensitive approaches to working with vulnerable categories", with opening remarks by the director of the SFA, Žarko Laketa and IOM Deputy Chief of Mission, Blanche Picarello. With participation of both IOM mobile teams and SFA officials involved in the mixed migration response, the main goal of the training was to strengthen cooperation between the SFA and IOM in the provision of information and referrals to vulnerable migrants. With the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.



## Social Cohesion and Resilience



### **VALUABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATED TO CANTONAL HOSPITAL "DR. IRFAN LJUBIJANKIĆ" IN BIHAĆ**

At the completion of the project implementation, which was aimed at improving social cohesion in the communities hosting people on the move, the Cantonal Hospital "Dr. Irfan Ljubijankić" in Bihać was donated a cystoscope thanks to the European Union Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and their Neighborhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI). The handover of this medical equipment, valued at around 30,000 KM, took place on 13 April 2023 and was attended by the Head of the Delegation of the EU to BiH and the EU Special Representative in BiH, Johann Sattler, Ingrid Macdonald, the Resident Coordinator of the UN in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Laura Lungarotti, the Chief of Mission of IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sub-regional Coordinator for the Western Balkans. The cystoscope will be used in the Pediatric Surgery Department and the General Surgery Department, allowing youngest patients who previously had to travel to Sarajevo for cystoscopy examinations to receive treatment in the Una-Sana Canton. The project was implemented by the International Organization for Migration in Bosnia and Herzegovina.





### **ROUND TABLE ON WORLD WATER DAY ORGANIZED IN BIHAĆ**

On the occasion of the World Water Day, the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Bihać, together with the International Organization for Migration, the City of Bihać, the Faculty of Health Studies, the Institute of Public Health and the Gymnasium "Bihać" organized a round table in Bihać. "Together for the One" is a joint project of the IOM and the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Bihać, which is implemented as part of the project "Engagement of young people in ecological and socio-economic sustainable initiatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina", with the financial support of the IOM's Development Fund (IDF). [Read more.](#)



## **SOCIAL COHESION AND PEACEBUILDING IN NINE LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

The implementation of the project “Sustaining peace and social cohesion in Bosnia and Herzegovina through enhanced inter-municipal and inter-entity cooperation on local services” has started with the first series of meetings. Those meetings were organized with local authorities and centers for social welfare and have been held to discuss ways to improve services in the social and health care sector in Šipovo, Mrkonjić Grad, Ključ, Sanski Most, Bosanski Petrovac, Drvar, Bosansko Grahovo, Glamoč and Livno. In the coming period, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) will collaborate with government institutions and civil society organizations in these cities and municipalities to support public dialogue, civic involvement in decision-making processes, and create opportunities for youth to engage socially in their communities. The project is financed by the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund and will be implemented by the IOM and UNDP in Bosnia and Herzegovina, on behalf of the United Nations (UN) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



**UNITED FOR A BETTER SOCIETY:  
CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

## WITH THE BOSANSKI PETROVAC YOUTH COUNCIL

Young people in Bosanski Petrovac are coming together to celebrate religious holidays within their community through the "United for a Better Society" project, implemented by the Bosanski Petrovac Youth Council. This project, jointly implemented by the European Union in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the United Nations in BiH, the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Council of Europe - Office in Sarajevo, allows young people to talk, learn, and share the values of religious diversity. It is funded by the European Union (EU) through the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and the Instrument for Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation (NDICI).



## THE PRNJAVOR YOUTH CENTER AND GENESIS PROJECT KNOW HOW TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS YOUTH

Within the Bosnia and Herzegovina Resilience Initiative (BHRI), two successful projects have been completed by IOM's NGO partners: the Prnjavor Youth Center and the Genesis Project. The NGOs organized two well-attended youth forums in Prnjavor and Banja Luka, with the aim of continuing to encourage young people to be actively involved in their local community. Over the past 6 months, 450 young people from Prnjavor participated in the 3 educational forums of the COOLtivišem se project, and Genesis in Banja Luka held various activities under the "Youth winter" gathering more than 300 young people. The forums "Youth Idols" and "Internet Violence" were the project's highlights, attended by over 250 young people and their teachers. The BHRI project is financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation.

## Human mobility

### COUNTERING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING

IOM, within the project "Joint Actions Against Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Human Beings" (WBJAST), funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, continues its efforts to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

In April in BiH, IOM organized simulation of interview in parallel investigations for practitioners from BiH, Montenegro and Serbia. Through interactive learning, frontliners enhanced their skills in victim-centered and child-sensitive approaches for investigating cases of trafficking and smuggling.





### **DONATION OF TEN VEHICLES TO DIRECTORATE FOR COORDINATION OF POLICE BODIES (DCPB)**

On 21 March, the European Union (EU) donated ten specialized off-road vehicles, to the Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies (DCPB) of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The vehicles will be used for carrying out monitoring activities and supporting joint operational actions, as part of an effective response to the migration situation. In April 2022, with the support of IOM, an important step on the transition towards a state-owned migration response was made when the responsibility for safety and security in Temporary Reception Centers (TRCs) was transferred to the DCPB.

### 73 BORDERS OFFICERS TRAINED ON “SUPERVISION OVER CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE WORK AND RISK ANALYSIS

Mostar – On 28th April, the Agency for Education and Professional Training (AEPTM) and Border police of BiH together with the International Organization for Migration marked the successful completion of the training program on “Supervision over criminal intelligence work and risk analysis” for 73 officers of agencies participating in the Risk Analysis Centre during an official certification ceremony. [Read more.](#)



## Migration Governance

### DTM ROUNDS 19 AND 20 - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Together with the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA) and with the support of the Red Cross Society Bosnia and Herzegovina, IOM conducted the 19th and 20th Round of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) exercise to gather information on the number and needs of migrants outside temporary reception centres (TRCs) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is a system used to capture and monitor displacement and population movements, and to disseminate information regularly and systematically. In BiH, DTM collects data on transits/apprehensions by nationality at entry points, and data on the number of migrants present in Temporary Reception Centres (TRCs). These data have been collected since 2017 as part of the broader DTM Europe monitoring of mixed migration flows through the Western Balkan and the Mediterranean routes to Europe. Since 2021, DTM in BiH has also been collecting data on migrants' presence outside reception centres and individual Flow Monitoring Surveys with migrants in reception. Download all DTM [reports here.](#)





## FUNDING GAPS

**Migrants' protection and inclusion:** Many migrants travelling irregularly along the Western Balkans routes have been exposed to violence, exploitation and abuse. Five years after the start of the mixed migration response, there is a consensus that migratory flows will continue, calling for new protection-sensitive solutions and pathways. In accordance with the priorities identified by the MoS, IOM seeks to strengthen its protection interventions in and outside of reception centres, foster

tailored assistance and accommodation, and increase access to inclusion programming.

**Assisted voluntary return and reintegration:** In coordination with government partners in BiH and countries of origin, IOM provides sustainable return and reintegration opportunities to stranded migrants wishing to return home. Additional funding is needed to continue to provide sustainable return and reintegration options to migrants in the region.

**Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR):** After the 2014 floods that displaced over 90,000 persons in BiH, investments in DRR preparedness and response have been stepped up across the country. Working with partners in support of the state and local responders, IOM uses its expertise in shelter and Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) to train Civil protection and Red Cross Societies partners on CCCM, and procure DRR equipment. Due to limited funding, less than 20 per cent of BiH municipalities were reached and IOM seeks new partners to continue the work on DRR in BiH.

**Diaspora Engagement:** According to the United Nations, 4.7 million people originating from the Western Balkans live abroad, representing a quarter of the current population in the region. Diaspora members have become critical development partners, leveraging their financial, human capital and social capital to contribute to knowledge transfer, innovation, trade and investments. IOM works closely with state and academic partners to develop new programmes to engage diaspora in innovation and the green economy and further support institutional partners.

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## NEWS ROOM

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- [IOM Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) Towards enhanced border security: 73 borders officers trained on "Supervision over criminal intelligence work and risk analysis"
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