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## Generic Law on Official Statistics Chapter VI Data collection



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## CONSTITUTIONAL COMPOSITION OF BIH

- The Constitutional composition of BiH is complex
- 13 constitutions in BiH (10 constitutions at Canton level, 2 at the level of the entities, 1 at the State level) and 1 Statute of Brcko Distrikt BiH
- 14 different legal authorities-Parliamentary Assemblies
- The organizational structure of the National Statistical System in BiH, which is related to the constitutional system, is the main challenge, as a whole in terms of coordination, communication and efficiency in the production, as well as the consistency and quality of statistics



## BIH STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND LAWS ON STATISTICS

Statistical system of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

State level institutions:

- Agency for Statistics of BiH (BHAS)
- Central Bank of BiH (CBBH)

Entity level institutions:

- Institute for Statistics of The Federation of BiH (FIS)
- Institute for Statistics of The Republika Srpska (RSIS)

Laws:

- The Law on Statistics of BiH, adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH in 2004
- 3 statistical institutions (3 Laws on Statistics in BiH)
- The Law on Statistics of BiH and the entity Laws on Statistics define the relation between BHAS and the Entity Institutions

## Adapted Global Assessment-AGA

- Main aim of the AGA in NSS conducted in 2011 was to assess the level of compliance with European standards, as well as the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, the European Statistics Code of Practice, and Eurostat statistical Compendium requirements
- The assessment was that the current Law is in great amount harmonized with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the relevant part of the European Statistics Code of Practice, but that BHAS should consider some amendments and clarifications
- The recommendations of AGA led to the proposing of amendments to the Law on Statistics of BiH
- The amendments were related to the following domains: the usage of administrative sources; the establishment, development and management of statistical registers at the state level; access to microdata for research purposes, etc.
- The proposed amendments were never adopted

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### Article 15 Mandate for data collection

- Paragraph 15.1. is fully embedded in the Law on Statistics of BiH
- Other provisions of this article are partly and insufficiently embedded in the Law on Statistics of BiH
- The relevant provisions governing this domain are not centralized in the Law on Statistics of BiH
- It is necessary to do a further harmonization of the Law on Statistics of BiH with GLOS

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### Article 16 Respondents

- The content of this article is insufficiently and ambiguously embedded in the Law on Statistics of BiH
- Provisions of this article are partly regulated in the Law on Statistics of BiH
- The rights and obligations of respondents and the relations between producers of Official Statistics with respondents are insufficiently described
- Alignment of this part with GLOS has to be done systematically

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### Article 17 Access to administrative data

- Theoretically, the statistical institutions have access to administrative registers, in practice, however, the use of administrative data is still not in full potential
- Reason: adequate rules in the current Law are not clear and can be interpreted differently
- BHAS has signed Memorandums of understanding with various holders of administrative data, such as the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH
- BiH Law needs to be adopted with AGA recommendations regarding this article, that are also in accordance with the relevant provisions of GLOS

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### Article 18 Censuses

- Law on Statistics of BiH does not regard Census in proper way
- It contains only one provision that briefly regulates the organization, coordination and implementation of the Census
- The Law on Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in BH in 2013 establishes all rights and obligations of participants in the Census as well as other organizational and operational activities needed for conducting of Census

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### Article 19 Statistical registers

- Statistical registers are not mentioned in the provisions of the Law on Statistics of BiH
- BiH Law needs to adopt the AGA recommendations in this domain
- Amendments to the Law on Statistics of BiH that contain clear provisions on the establishment, development and management of statistical registers on the state level were never adopted due to lack of agreement with other statistical institutes within BiH

## CONCLUSIONS

- The Law on Statistics of BiH was adopted in 2004, before the European Statistics Code of Practice in 2005, Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics and the Adapted Global Assessment in 2011
- Therefore BiH Law does not provide an adequate framework for official statistics, it is insufficiently systematic and not consistent
- We believe that GLOS provides the ideal institutional framework for official statistics; is based on international recommendations, the conclusions of the global assessment of the statistical system and includes all the main elements that one statistical law should have



Thank you for your attention!

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