

The 2018 General Elections – basic information

The BiH CEC has on May 8, 2018 passed the Decision on administering the General Elections in BiH. The elections will be held on Sunday 07.10.2018.

The elections are administered for the following levels of authority:

- BiH Presidency,
- House of Representatives of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly,
- House of Representatives of the Federation of BiH Parliament,
- President and vice presidents of Republika Srpska,
- National Assembly of Republika Srpska and
- Assemblies of the cantons in the Federation of BiH.

A total of **518** office holders are elected at the elections:

- BiH Presidency: **3**
- Parliament of BiH: Total **42**, from FBiH 28 (21 directly and 7 compensation mandates), from RS 14 (9 directly and 5 compensation mandates)
- Parliament of FBiH: **98** (73 directly and 25 compensation mandates)
- President and vice presidents of RS: **3**
- RS National Assembly: **83** (63 directly and 20 compensation mandates)
- Canton 1 (Una-Sana Canton): **30**
- Canton 2 (Posavina Canton): **21**
- Canton 3 (Tuzla Canton): **35**
- Canton 4 (Zenica-Doboj Canton): **35**
- Canton 5 (Goražde): **25**
- Canton 6 (Central Bosnia Canton): **30**
- Canton 7 (Herzegovina-Neretva Canton): **30**
- Canton 8 (West Herzegovina Canton): **23**
- Canton 9 (Sarajevo Canton): **35**
- Canton 10: **25**

POLITICAL SUBJECTS

There will be a total of 128 political subjects on the ballots, whereof 58 political parties, 36 coalitions and 34 independent candidates.

In relation to last General elections held in 2014, the number is higher for 30 political subjects as at the 2014 General Elections we had 98 political subjects, whereof 50 political parties, 24 coalitions and 24 independent candidates.

Candidate lists and candidates

A total of **804 regular candidate lists** were certified with **7.497 candidates** and **73 candidate lists for compensation mandates with 842 candidates.**

Women	3119
Men	4378
TOTAL	7497

<= 30	1684
> 30	5813
UKUPNO	7497

VOTERS

The BiH CEC had on 30.08.2018 passed the decision on concluding and confirming the excerpt from the CVR for the 2018 General Elections and on publishing of the number of voters for every constituency as on 23.08.2018 at 24:00 hours.

In line with the decision a total of **3.352.933 voters** are registered in the excerpts from the CVR for the 2018 General Elections:

- number of regular voters is 3.254.767;
- number of voters having status of a displaced person and who vote in absentia is 8.306;
- number of voters having status of a displaced person and who vote in person is 12.046;
- number of by-mail voters 76.729
- number of voters voting at the BiH diplomatic and consular representation offices.

POLLING STATIONS AND MOBILE TEAMS

A total of 5794 polling stations (some of them are associated) and 314 mobile teams were established in BiH.

<i>Type of PS</i>	<i>Number of polling stations</i>
<i>Regular</i>	<i>5.380</i>
<i>Absentia</i>	<i>128</i>
<i>In person</i>	<i>141</i>
<i>Tendered</i>	<i>145</i>

A total of 10 polling stations were established abroad. One polling station will be opened in the BiH Embassies in **Canberra, Vienna, Berlin, Oslo and Belgrade**, at the general consulates of BiH in **Chicago, München, Stuttgart and Frankfurt**, at the Honorary Consulate in **Gratz**.

Election observers

We are expecting to receive information from **143** municipal/city election commissions, but the estimate is that they have accredited around 50.000 **observers of political subjects**.

OBSERVERS ACCREDITED BY CEC					
ASSOCIATIONS		INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS		OBSERVERS OF POLITICAL SUBJECTS	
<i>Number of applications of associations submitted</i>	<i>Number of observers of associations</i>	<i>Number of submitted applications</i>	<i>Number of observers</i>	<i>Number of submitted applications</i>	<i>Number of observers</i>
20	5611	41	650	22	163
TOTAL				6424	

Note: international observers can be accredited by the E-Day

TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE ELECTION PROCESS IMPORTANT FOR VOTERS

We recommend checking the location of your PS before the E-Day.

It can be done by visiting the BiH CEC website www.izbori.ba and opening the link “Are you registered” and enter the requested information (name, last name and unique citizen identification number)

Other way of checking is sending a SMS to 091 12 12 12, containing only unique citizen identification number. The price of the message is 0.10 BAM + VAT.

And of course the third way is to visit the municipal Center for Voters’ Register and check the location of your polling station.

On the E-Day the polling station is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

By presenting one of the valid BiH identification documents (ID card, driving license, or passport) at the polling station, voters receive a combination of ballots which they are entitled to receive by the law.

Secrecy of the vote is ensured.

ELECTION SILENCE

Election silence starts 24 hours before the opening of polling stations and last until their closure, i.e. it starts on 06.10.2018 at 7 a.m. and lasts until 07.10.2018 at 7 p.m. In that period political subjects are prohibited from participation in public

political gatherings, and media reporting on any activity relating of the political and election campaign is also prohibited.