**European Union Police Assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina
(EUPA4BiH)**

European Union Police Assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUPA4BiH) is a four-and-a-half-year project aimed at improving the security of citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The project has three key objectives:

1. Improve the effectiveness of institutions involved in combating transnational organized crime, corruption, drug trafficking, money laundering, cybercrime, human trafficking, terrorism, radicalization, violent extremism, and corruption to ensure better institutional interoperability (including the enhancement of criminal intelligence systems).
2. Improve data collection and exchange, and ensure data protection according to EU standards and best practices.
3. Enhance governance standards to promote stability and progress toward EU membership, improve threat identification and response, and strengthen capacities to prevent and combat crime.

The project will support various law enforcement institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina across ten (10) components, grouped into five (5) interconnected clusters:

* Cluster I: **Organized Crime**: Build an efficient security infrastructure to fight organised crime and corruption; effective fight against drugs; counter cybercrime capacity increase; strengthen forensic capacities in BiH and improve use of SIM (Special Investigative Measures).
* Cluster II: **Counter-Terrorism / P/CVE**: Increase BiH ability to counter and prevent terrorism and violent extremism; enhance the intelligence-led policing model at all levels in BiH.
* Cluster III: **Financial Crime**: Increase BiH's capacity to investigate financial crime, money laundering and terrorism financing; develop BiH asset recovery/management capacity and strengthen BiH's ability to counter financial crime.
* Cluster IV: **Interagency Cooperation:** Increase cooperation among LEA's and Prosecutor's Offices; establish effective platforms for permanent coordination of investigations and prosecutions processes; assist implementing data protection standards in police and justice sectors.
* Cluster V: **International Cooperation:** Enhance and support the Contact Point for BiH cooperation with EUROPOL; enhance BiH cooperation with INTERPOL; support to the Implementation of the PCC SEE Agreement on the automated exchange of data

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## Key Implementation Principles:

* Comprehensive participation of partner institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with an inclusive approach based on needs analysis to achieve identified goals.
* Exchange of experience in line with best practices and European standards.
* Providing training, coaching, and mentoring to project beneficiaries during the execution of their tasks, thus strengthening capacities beyond theoretical aspects.
* Interactive methods including case studies, practical exercises, and workshops where possible, along with relevant joint inter-agency approaches (e.g., police investigators and public prosecutors).
* Support in preparing amendments and improvements to existing legislative frameworks, strategies, policies, and action plans in line with EU legislation and best practices, ensuring sustainability.
* Encouraging cooperation with EU agencies and other regional and international structures in police cooperation.
* Identifying an inclusive approach during the preparation of the activity plan.
* Mapping EU and donor projects to avoid overlaps and duplication, ensuring synergy with other implementers in the areas covered by Chapters 23 and 24.
* Procuring equipment to strengthen the capacities of law enforcement institutions.

The implementation of the EUPA4BiH project began in September 2024 and will last 54 months.

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