



# **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

## **ORGANISATION OF THE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SYSTEM IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

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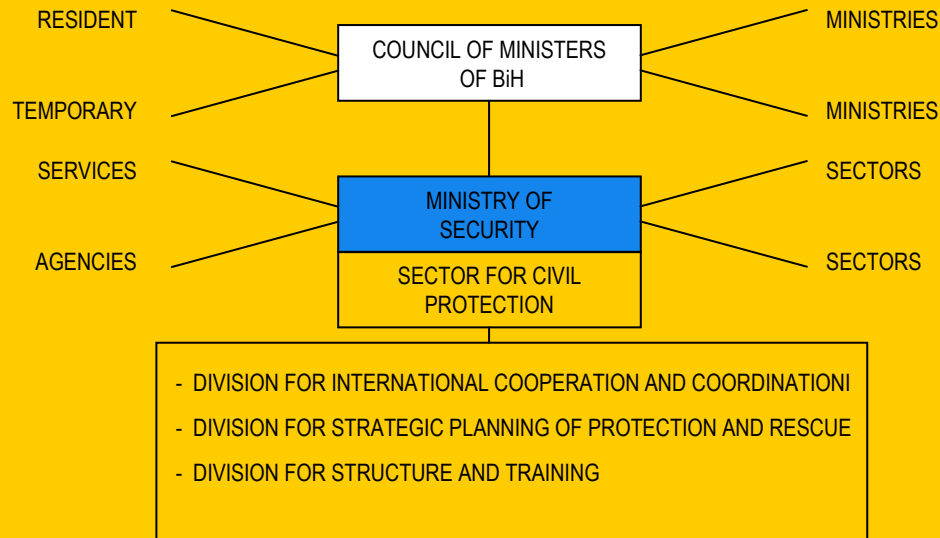
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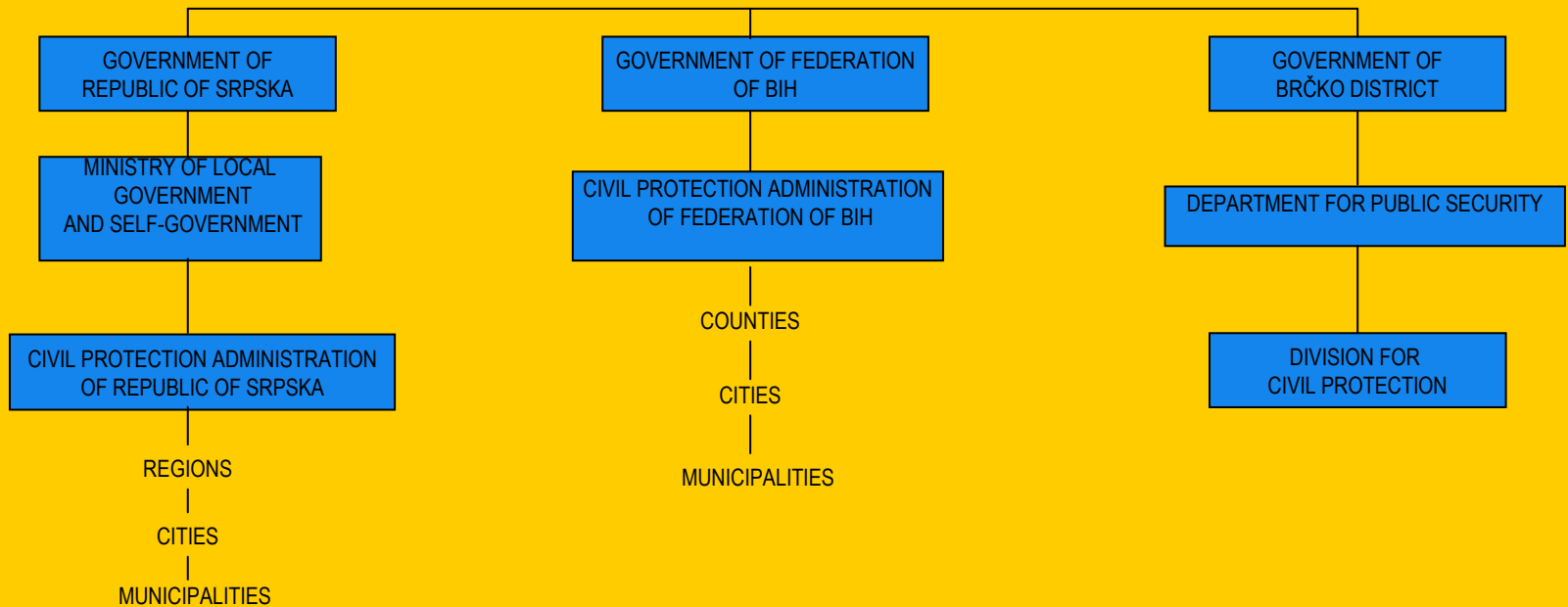
# INTRODUCTION – General role

Protection and Rescue System, whose one of components is civil protection, is a function of participation of civil services and Armed Forces in prevention, preparedness, protection and rescuing human lives, material goods, environment, as well as cultural heritage against natural and other types of disasters.

# System Overview



## ENTITIES LEVEL AND BRČKO DISTRICT



# LEGISLATION

## At the level of institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- Law on Council of Ministers of BiH,
- Law on Ministries and other executive authorities of BiH,
- Law on participation of members of Armed Forces BiH, police officers, civil servants and other employees in peace support operations and other activities abroad – relating use of MCDA in International disaster assistance operations,
- Law on defence of BiH

# LEGISLATION

## In entiteties of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

### *Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

- Law on protection and rescue of people, material goods against natural and other type of disasters in FBiH, as of 2003.
- Law on protection against wildfires in F BiH

### *Republic of Srpska*

- Law on Civil Protection in RS, as of 2002.
- Law on protection against wildfires in RS

# INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## *Global and regional cooperation*

- OUN/ UNECE (procedure on accession to the UNECE Convention to be initiated),
- OPCW (State Party of CWC),
- ICDO (member),
- Stability Pact for SEE – DPPI (member and host),
- CMEP Council for SEE (member, although BiH is not PfP member).

## *Bilateral cooperation*

- Agreement BiH – Croatia (2001),
- Memorandum of Understanding– FORMEZ, Italy (2004),
- Agreement BiH – S&M, in preparation

# PROTECTION AND RESCUE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

## *Organized protection and rescue forces are composed of the following structures:*

- Structure of the Ministry of Security BiH – Civil Protection Department – in development progress;
- Armed Forces BiH – single after defence reform;
- Police forces – reform in progress;
- Entities' Civil Protection Administrations (CPA)- well organized and efficient;
- Fire fighting - coordinated by entities' CPAs;
- Red Cross Society of BiH

# PROTECTION AND RESCUE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

- **Civil Protection** is organized at all levels of Public service organization (state level, entities, Brčko District BiH, cantons, cities, municipalities).
- **Fire fighting** organized on autonomous basis, activities are carried out under coordination of entities' CPAs
- **Red Cross Society of BiH** possess organized multipurpose field teams whose preparedness and use is coordinated by two entities' Red Cross Societies.

# PROTECTION AND RESCUE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

In case of large-scale disasters operations and forces are managed and directed by the State disaster management body, established by Council of Ministers of BiH

- International cooperation and internal coordination,
- Strategic planning of protection and rescue measures,
- Structure and training.

# PROTECTION AND RESCUE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

- **STATE LEVEL** (Law, DMT – in procedure)
  - State of natural and other type of disasters = upon request of entities and Brčko District BiH- by the Council of Ministers of BiH,
  - Civil- Military Coordination – upon request of entities /use of Armed Forces is approved by Presidency of BiH/,
  - Request/offer and coordination of int'l.assistance
- **IN ENTITIES**- generally the same concept:
  - Declaration of state of natural and other type of disasters = by Government,
  - CP HQ- commanded by Deputy Prime minister of Government / HQ= of inter-ministerial composition/

# CIVIL – MILITARY COOPERATION AND COORDINATION

- Civil – Military cooperation and coordination is performed in relations Ministry of Security BiH – Ministry of Defence BiH;
- Entities are authorized to rise request for use of Armed Forces units and other assets in case of emergency;
- Use of Armed Forces BiH for support to civil protection and rescue services in emergencies is approved by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

# DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES

## *Follow-up steps – 2006:*

- Law on Protection and Rescue, at the state level (such type of the Law that will be harmonized with EU standards);
- Establishment of the State disaster management body in case of natural and other type of disasters,
- Development of lower structures of the protection and rescue system

# DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES

## *Tending towards*

- Civilian type of protection and rescue, supported by Armed Forces,
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation,
- Membership in regional and Euro-Atlantic associations,
- Persistent training and skill building

# ALWAYS AVAILABLE

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