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Mutual recognition of qualifications

- ❖ According to very complex constitutional structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, area of recognition of qualifications is responsibility of different bodies at the different levels of authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- ❖ Agreements of mutual recognition of foreign qualifications are competence of Ministry of Civil Affairs, at the State level.
- ❖ Adoption and implementation of internal legislation in the area of education and qualifications are responsibility of the Entities institutions. Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina also has authority for adoption and implementation of internal legislation in this area.



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- ❖ Different levels of authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina are authorised to adopt and implement of the legislation in the area of education and qualifications, and It implies to have very high level of coordination between many different institutions at the different levels of power in order to harmonize internal legislation and negotiate and conclude international agreement in this area.
- ❖ Bosnia and Herzegovina has intention to adjust internal legislation in this area with EU *acquis*, and make efforts in this regard, but, because of very complex constitutional structure and many different bodies involved in this very huge work, we need time to fully achieve mentioned aim.



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- ❖ Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified and apply Lisbon Convention - Council of Europe/UNESCO of recognition qualifications in high education in Europe region.
- ❖ The Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina - Entity Republika Srpska concluded, according to Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, mutual agreement regard recognition of documents in the area of high education, which enable, citizens of Republic of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina - Entity Republika Srpska, recognition of document in area of high education and freely employment.
- ❖ Republic of Slovenia has been launched initiative for the Region of the Western Balkan including CEFTA countries for establishing platform for automatically recognition of high qualifications. Aim of initiative is comparison of all levels of high education in countries of Western Balkan and automatically recognition of high level qualifications in the countries of Western Balkan.



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- ❖ Bosnia and Herzegovina, currently, has no any other international agreement concluded in this area and no negotiation for conclusion of new agreement in the area of recognition of qualifications launched.
- ❖ Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted and applies legislation regarding entry, stay and condition for providing services, according to State Law of asylum and movement of foreigners



Thank you for your attention!