

<b>DCF members active in the sector in 2021</b>	EU, USA/USAID, Switzerland, UN, Sweden, Italy/AICS, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Japan, Norway, Germany, Slovenia, France
<b>Other key international organizations</b>	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; Council of Europe, the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces; INTERPOL; EUROPOL; European Union Forces; USA Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program; European Police College; Association of European Police Colleges; Catholic Relief Services; Office of the High Representative; European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders; International Committee of the Red Cross; Save the Children Norway; Regional Cooperation Council; OPEC Fund for International Development/OFID; South East and East Europe Clearinghouse for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC); Caritas Switzerland, Care International; Hilfswerk Austria International, International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) .
<b>Key government partners</b>	CoM of BiH, Government of FBiH, Government of RS; Government of BD BiH; BiH Ministry of Justice; BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs; Federal Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Justice of RS; cantonal ministries of justice; Judicial Commission of BD BiH; Ministry of Security of BiH; Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of BiH; BiH Prosecutor’s Office; High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council; the BiH Court; Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centres in FBiH and RS; State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH; Border Police of BiH; Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of BiH; The Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman/Ombudsmen of BiH; Notary Chamber of FBiH and RS; Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH; Directorate for the Coordination of Police Bodies of BiH; Agency for police Support of BiH; Police Academies in FBiH and RS; Federal Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Interior of RS; cantonal ministries of interior; cantonal ministries of education; The Personal Data Protection Agency of BiH; Agency for Forensic and Expert Examinations of BiH; Civil Protection Agencies at the entity and BD BiH level; Federal Ministry of Health; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of RS; department of Health of BD BiH; Agency for gender Equality of BiH; Gender centers of FBiH and RS; Council of National Minorities in BiH.
<b>Total allocation/disbursement to the sector in 2021 by DCF members</b>	Total allocated € 57.54 million – in a form of grants Total disbursed € 73.23 million –in a form of grants  Out of total ODA in 2021, 10% was allocated and 11% was disbursed in the sector.
<b>Legal framework and sector strategies adopted in 2021</b>	The Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Procedure at the Court of BiH (BiH Off. Gazette No. 34 /21); The Law on Changes and Amendment to the Law on Foreigners (BiH Off. Gazette No. 34 /21); The Law on Temporary Measures in the Work of Judicial and Other Bodies of BiH During the State of Natural or other Disaster at the Territory of BiH (BiH Off. Gazette No. 34 /21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Out-of-Court Proceedings (FBiH Off. Gazette No. 11 /21); The Law on Peaceful Settlement of Labor Disputes (FBiH Off. Gazette No. 49 /21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection Against Domestic Violence (FBiH Off. Gazette No. 75 /21); The Law on

	<p>Changes and Amendments to the Law on Courts in the FBiH (FBiH Off. Gazette No. 85 /21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Implementation of the Control over the Legality ref. Exercising the Rights in the Area of Veterans'- Disability Protection (FBiH Off. Gazette No. 103 /21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Criminal Procedure of the RS (RS Off. Gazette No.15 /21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the RS Criminal Code (RS Off. Gazette No.15 /21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Salaries of Employees in the RS Ministry of Interior (RS Off. Gazette No.49 /21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Salaries of Employees in the RS Judiciary Institutions (RS Off. Gazette No. 49 /21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on the Special Register of Persons Effectively Convicted for Criminal Offenses of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (RS Off. Gazette No. 61/21); The Law on Non-Application of the Decision of the High Representative on Enacting the Law on Amendment to the Criminal Code of the BiH (RS Off. Gazette No. 89/21); The Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code of the RS (RS Off. Gazette No. 89/21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Rescue in Emergency Situations (RS Off. Gazette No. 111/21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Protection of Rights of Persons Belonging to National Minorities (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.13/21); The Law on Protection of the Right to Trial within a Reasonable Time (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.02/21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Property and Other Real Rights of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.26/21); The Law on Abolition of the Law on Changes to the Law on Police (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.6/21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Salaries in Judiciary of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.26/21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Salaries of Employees in Judiciary of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.13/21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Salaries and Allowances of Employees in Police of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.13/21); The Law on Changes to the Law on Salaries and Other Allowances of Judges and Prosecutors in BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No.31/21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Salaries and Other Allowances of the Attorneys and Deputy Attorneys in the Attorney's Office of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No. 26/21); The Law on Amendments to the Law on Litigation Procedure of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No. 6/21); The Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Enforcement Procedure of BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No. 02/21); The Law on Changes to the Law on Judicial Committee in BD BiH (BD BiH Off. Gazette No. 6/21).</p> <p>Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in BiH 2021-2024; Action Plan of the Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in BiH 2021-2024; Migration Profile of BiH for 2020.</p> <p>Previously adopted legal framework and sector strategies are available on: <a href="http://www.donormapping.ba">www.donormapping.ba</a></p>
<p><b>Coordination among and with development partners</b></p>	<p><b>Judicial Reform:</b> Forum of Donors Annual coordination meeting organized by the BiH Ministry of Justice and BiH – EU Structural Dialogue on Justice. Development partners coordination is maintained every 6 months by the European Union Delegation (EUD) as part of a structural dialogue, as well as sub-committee meetings in the Justice sector with the participation of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council and the Ministry of Justice.</p>

EUD regularly organizes meetings for coordination of international judiciary sector.

Regular bilateral coordination meetings of international and local partners.

**Penitentiary Reform:** *ad hoc* coordination, project-based bilateral meetings.

**War Crimes:** Regular bilateral coordination meetings with international and local partners, including EUD, Switzerland, USA, Ministry of Justice, Prosecutor's Offices. *Ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Fight against Organized Crime:** informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral, self-organizing meetings between development partners.

**Fight against Corruption:** regular development partners and policy coordination meetings are co-chaired by the Agency for Prevention of Corruption and for Coordination of the Fight against Corruption and the EUD.

The UN maintains regular bilateral coordination meetings with international and local partners.

**Police reform:** informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Migration and Asylum:** formal coordination of development partners is led by the Coordination body on BiH immigration issues.

**Border Management and Security:** Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Roma:** Roma Committee with the CoM of BiH represents formal coordination body.

**Refugees and IDPs:** Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based and mostly bilateral / multilateral

**LGBTI:** Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**National Minorities:** informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Intercommunity Relations:** informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Freedom of expression and media freedom:** Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Property Rights:** Informal *ad hoc* coordination, project-based.

**Data Protection:** Informal *ad hoc* coordination.

**Development partners active in the sector and BiH Institutions from all levels of government regularly attended Development Partners Coordination Forum meetings (DCF meetings) hosted by BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury/Sector for Financial Planning of Development and Coordination of International Economic Aid.**

Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying epidemiological measures, DCF meetings were not held in 2021.

## Overview of activities in 2021

Rule of law and fundamental rights sector presented in this Report is based on the sector-based reporting methodology defined in the IPA II regulation, for the period 2014 – 2020. The Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH has retained the IPA II classification in the Development Partners Mapping Report 2021, and in the next period the project is planned to upgrade the database that will enable the use of IPA III classification for the period 2021-2027.

### **Rule of law and fundamental rights sector consists of sixteen sub-sectors:**

- Judicial reform,
- Penitentiary reform,
- War crimes,
- Fight against organized crime,
- Fight against corruption,
- Police reform,
- Migration and asylum,
- Border management and security,
- Roma,
- Refugees and IDPs,
- LGBTI,
- National minorities,
- Intercommunity relations,
- Freedom of expression and media freedom,
- Property rights and
- Data protection.

One of the key priorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the path to the EU membership is strengthening of the rule of law and fundamental rights, primarily through further alignment of the legislative framework with the *acquis* and the best European practices as well as increasing the integrity and independence of the judiciary system in Bosnia and Herzegovina

At the beginning of 2021, the Council of Ministers of BiH launched an initiative for development of the Draft Justice Sector Reform Strategy of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the accompanying Action Plan for the period 2021-2027. In the reporting period, the Working Group for development of the strategy has conducted extensive vertical and horizontal inter-institutional consultations and consultations with the international organizations in BiH, and prepared the Preliminary Draft of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy in BiH and the Action Plan for its implementation. The Strategy will be submitted in the adoption procedure in 2022.

One of the 14 priorities from the Opinion of the European Commission for BiH refers to the adoption of the new Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH, whereby the Council of Ministers of BiH at its 41<sup>st</sup> session held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, adopted the proposal of the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) of BiH and sent it to the parliamentary adoption procedure. The adoption of this law will contribute to a more efficient and transparent functioning of the HJPC and the overall judiciary.

In May 2021, the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH adopted the 2021-2023 Reform Program of the HJPC, with the main goal to achieve higher level of efficiency, quality and integrity in combating organized crime and corruption.

In the course of 2021, activities were pursued on implementation of the project "Improving Court Efficiency and Accountability of Judges and Prosecutors - ICEA", whose implementation will improve the internal organization of courts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in order to achieve the efficient, fast and quality work of the courts, which will directly reflect on shorter proceedings, reduction of backlogs and court costs.

In 2021, Ministry of Justice of BiH continued its activities to monitor the implementation of the Uniform Rules for Legislative Drafting in Institutions of BiH and the Rules for Consultations in Legislative Drafting, which the regulatory bodies are obliged to apply when preparing regulations in Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina. At its 42<sup>nd</sup> session, held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, the Council of Ministers of BiH adopted the Report on Implementation of the Rules for Consultations in the Legislative Drafting for 2020.

The Council of Ministers of BiH, at its 30<sup>th</sup> session, held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, adopted the Report of the Ministry of Justice of BiH on realization of the Action Plan of the Council of Ministers of BiH for implementation of the initiative Open Government Partnership 2019-2021. Implemented measures from the Action Plan are focused at strengthening of the institutions integrity, more efficient public resources management, increasing the transparency of institutions as well as improving the cooperation and greater participation of civil society in creating public policies. Also, during 2021, preliminary Draft of the Action Plan for realization of the Open Government Partnership initiative 2021-2023 was prepared and forwarded to the Council of Ministers of BiH for adoption.

In the Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brcko, the harmonization of legislation with the best European practices was also carried out in 2021, whereat some of the adopted laws will significantly contribute to better functioning of the judicial system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the Federation of BiH, the Law on Amendments to the Law on Out-of-Court Proceedings (Official Gazette of FBiH, No. 11/21) and the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Courts in the Federation of BiH (Official Gazette of FBiH, No. 85/21) were adopted. In Republika Srpska, several laws in the field of criminal law were adopted (Official Gazettes of RS, No. 89/21, 61/21 and 15/21), while in the Brcko District BiH, a set of laws in the field of judicial police and civil and executive proceedings was adopted.

In the reporting period, the implementation was initiated of activities defined by the *Revised National War Crimes Processing Strategy*. In the forthcoming period, the supervisory body should be established as well as the additional financial resources provided, in order to meet the main goal of the Strategy, which is to complete the processing of all war crimes cases by 2023.

In the domain of *combating organized crime*, in 2021 activities continued in order to harmonize the legislation with the international standards, strengthen institutional capacities and develop proactive approach in combating organized crime as well as forfeiture of property and proceeds resulting from committed organized crime criminal offence. In addition, police agencies continued their activities to further enhance inter-agency and international cooperation, which reflects in the form of timely exchange of information, verification of intelligence information as well as undertaking the coordinated actions in combating organized crime and terrorism.

In 2021, the Council of Ministers of BiH initiated the activities on development of the *Strategy for Combatting Organized Crime in BiH 2021-2024*. In addition, in line with the European Commission's Bosnia and Herzegovina 2021 Report, in 2021 Bosnia and Herzegovina has initiated the activities to develop the new Serious and Organized Crime Threat Assessment in BiH, in line with the Europol methodology, which will be accompanied the strategic and the operational action plans. The document will be submitted to the BiH Council of Ministers for adoption in early 2022.

In 2021, the State Investigation and Protection Agency of BiH (SIPA) participated in implementation of the project "Regional Cooperation in the Field of Integrity Building in the Western Balkans" which aims to improve the lasting stability and security in the Western Balkans and support operational procedures in cross-border crime cases. In addition, the implementation has continued of the project "Strengthening the Capacity of Criminal-Intelligence Systems and Intelligence Led Policing (ILP) in the State and Entity Police Agencies", which aims to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina in combating serious and organized crime and terrorism through improved management of crime-intelligence information.

The activities have continued in 2021 envisaged by *the Strategy to Counter Trafficking in Human Beings in BiH for the period 2020-2023*, primarily by improving the legal and institutional framework, increasing activities on investigation of trafficking in human beings and trafficking related offences, strengthening mechanisms for identification and protecting victims of trafficking, preventing of trafficking and building mechanisms for coordination and cooperation of competent institutions, international organizations and civil society organizations in activities countering trafficking in human beings.

In the area of *cyber security*, activities continued in 2021 on drafting of the Law on the Network and Information Security of BiH and the Cyber Security Strategy in BiH, as well as the implementation of the regional project on combating cybercrime iPROCEEDS-2. The Computer Incident Response Team in the Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina has undertaken activities to further strengthen its capacity in the field of cyber security and develop criteria for critical infrastructure in Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the field of narcotics drug abuse, the legal framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina is only partially aligned with the *acquis*, and activities were undertaken in 2021 to develop an Action Plan to combat narcotics drug abuse as well as to establish an operational drug observatory that will provide objective, reliable and comparable information on drugs and drug addiction and their consequences.

In the area of counter-terrorism, progress has been made in 2021 through strengthening local institutions in the reintegration process of returnees from the conflict zone, however further efforts are needed to prevent the violent extremism, radicalization and hate crimes. In addition, activities continued on the development of the Strategy for Prevention and Combating Terrorism of BiH for the period 2021-2026.

The Council of Ministers of BiH, at its 28<sup>th</sup> session held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, adopted the Strategy for Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in BiH 2021-2024 and the accompanying Action Plan for its implementation, which is based on the standards of the United Nations, the European Union and other international standards and best practices. The goal of the Strategy is to further improve the control of domestic and foreign arms trade, reduce incidents committed with weapons, increase citizens' trust in BiH institutions at all levels of government as well as to reduce the surplus



of small arms and light weapons owned by the Ministry of Defence of BiH and the Armed Forces of BiH.

Also, at its 28<sup>th</sup> session, the Council of Ministers of BiH passed a Decision on establishing of the working group to identify the contact point for the firearms in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the aim to improve the situation in this area. Thereby, Bosnia and Herzegovina has joined the countries of the region in implementing the Roadmap for a sustainable solution in combating the illicit possession, misuse and trade of small arms and light weapons and associated ammunition in the Western Balkans, which is one of the commitments undertaken from the Berlin Process.

Corruption is still widespread in Bosnia and Herzegovina and represents one of the greatest challenges facing society as a whole. In the forthcoming period, the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina must adopt the new legislative framework that will influence to reducing and combatting corruption, as well as ensure the effective and independent court proceedings in corruption cases.

In the field of police reform, during 2021, the Agency for Education and Professional Training of BiH continued to implement the activities related to basic police training of cadets and professional training and development of police officers in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition, activities have continued on further harmonization of the curriculum in line with the needs of the police bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other services and agencies in the field of security.

Covid-19 virus pandemic has reduced migrant pressure on Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2021 and major challenges ahead of BiH authorities were to provide the primary health care to migrants and prevent the spreading of the virus among the migrant population. Proposal of the Strategy in the Field of Migrations and Asylum of BiH and the Action Plan for the period 2021-2025 were drafted in 2021 and sent in the adoption procedure. Also, changes and amendments to the current Law on Foreigners of BiH were drafted as well as the document Training Program in the Field of Migrations and Asylum for the period 2021-2025.

At its 38<sup>th</sup> session, held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Council of Ministers of BiH adopted the Migration Profile of Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2020, which is the thirteenth annual migration profile, whose adoption is one of the commitments of Bosnia and Herzegovina from the visa liberalization regime process. The basic purpose of the Migration Profile is to collect the relevant statistical data and information necessary for Bosnia and Herzegovina to be able to develop and implement its migration policy. The Council of Ministers of BiH also adopted the Information on the Situation in the Field of Migration in BiH for 2020 at the 33<sup>rd</sup> session, held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

In the course of 2021, activities were undertaken to advance the standards of reception and accommodation of asylum seekers, improve the access to the asylum procedure, through support and strengthening of human and material-technical capacities of the Ministry of Security of BiH and strengthening procedural guarantees in the asylum procedures. In 2021, the Ministry of Security of BiH adopted the Rulebook on Amendments to the Rulebook on Asylum, which provided further harmonization with the European directives in this area.

In 2021, the Service for Foreigners' Affairs of BiH participated in the implementation of the project "Support to persons who expressed the intention to seek the asylum in Bosnia and Herzegovina", aimed at early identification of persons, having sincere intention to seek the asylum in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During 2021, activities have continued to strengthen the capacity of all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to ensure the functional, transparent and sustainable system of reception of BiH citizens returning to Bosnia and Herzegovina on the basis of the Readmission Agreement. Also, the Strategy for Admission and Integration of BiH Citizens Returning to BiH on the Basis of the Readmission Agreement and the accompanying Action Plan 2022-2025 were sent in the adoption procedure.

In the field of *border management*, progress has been made in 2021 through creation of better conditions for the work of border control authorities, faster traffic of passengers, goods, capital, improved border security and reduced number of illegal border crossings. Activities were carried out on implementation of the Strategy for Integrated Border Management in BiH as well as further improvement of legislation, whereat the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Foreigners of BiH (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 34/21) was adopted as well as the Decision on Prescribing Additional Conditions for the Entry of Foreigners into Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 36/21) and the Rulebook on the Appearance and Content of Visa Applications and Visa Label Forms (Official Gazette of BiH, No. 54/21). Also, after the conducted legal procedures, the harmonized Draft Law on Border Control of BiH was sent to the Council of Ministers of BiH for adoption.

During 2021, the *BiH Border Police* has sought to further strengthen the material and technical capacities, achieve the best practices of the European Union countries and fulfil its obligations to create the conditions for free and uninterrupted movement of people and goods across the border of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the reporting period, the material and technical equipment of the BiH Border Police was improved through procurement of equipment for the first and second line of checks at the border crossings and the equipment for state border surveillance, which contributed to increased efficiency of border control and increased mobility and efficiency in border surveillance, combating of illegal migration and all forms of cross-border crime. Also, the project was implemented of establishing the "Automatic System for License Plates Reading of at Border Crossings", which will contribute to better information management and facilitate the work on recording the activities at the state border.

In 2021, the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH continued the implementation of the HALT project, whose main goal is to further increase the security in the area and beyond Western Balkans borders, through targeted actions focused at improving the capacity in countering the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons (SALW). The HALT project seeks to improve the capacity of the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH in order to better detect and process the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons as well as to improve the cooperation and exchange of information between the Customs service in BiH and other institutions at the level of BiH and with the neighbouring countries.

In the forthcoming period, it is necessary to invest the significant funds for the construction and reconstruction of the I and II category international border crossings with the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro, considering that the border infrastructure at these crossings is not at the satisfactory level prescribed by the Rulebook on the Standards and Conditions of Construction and Equipment of Border Crossings in BiH.

During 2021, progress has been made in the field of protection of human rights and freedoms through gradual harmonization of laws and by-law acts with the international and the EU standards, which will



contribute to reducing of discrimination, promoting and protecting the rights of children, minorities, missing persons, victims of war, violence, trafficking in human beings and other vulnerable categories.

The Council of Ministers of BiH, at its 38<sup>th</sup> session, held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, adopted the Framework Program for Reporting on the Implementation of the International Human Rights Agreements 2020-2025, which is a strategic document that regulates the uniform reporting process on implementation of the international agreements in this area and alleviates the coordination process of competent institutions in BiH. Also, the proposal of the Law on Amendments and Changes to the Law on the Human Rights Ombudsman of BiH has been submitted in the adoption procedure, whose adoption will significantly expand the mandate of the Ombudsman Institution in BiH, and will also meet one of the 14 key priorities from the European Commission Opinion that Bosnia and Herzegovina needs to meet for the membership in the European Union.

The Government of the Brcko District, at its 13<sup>th</sup> session held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, passed the Decision on the adoption of the Action Plan for Improvement of the Status of Women and Advancing of the Gender Equality in the Brcko District for the period 2021-2025.

In 2021, legal and strategic documents were not adopted in the field of diaspora, while the significant progress has been made in providing support to local the self-government units in order to include the diaspora in the local development of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Also, the establishing of the BiH inter-institutional body for coordination of cooperation with the diaspora is underway, in order to enable the inclusion of diaspora in the socio-economic development of BiH through development of institutional capacities.

In 2021, the activities were underway in Brcko District to create the housing conditions and resolve the housing issues of vulnerable categories, primarily the members of Roma population, as well as to close the collective centres and alternative accommodation.

In the field of data protection, activities were carried out in 2021 on the project for introduction of the information system and database with digital archive of security checks and issuance of security permits in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which will further improve and harmonize this area with European best practices.

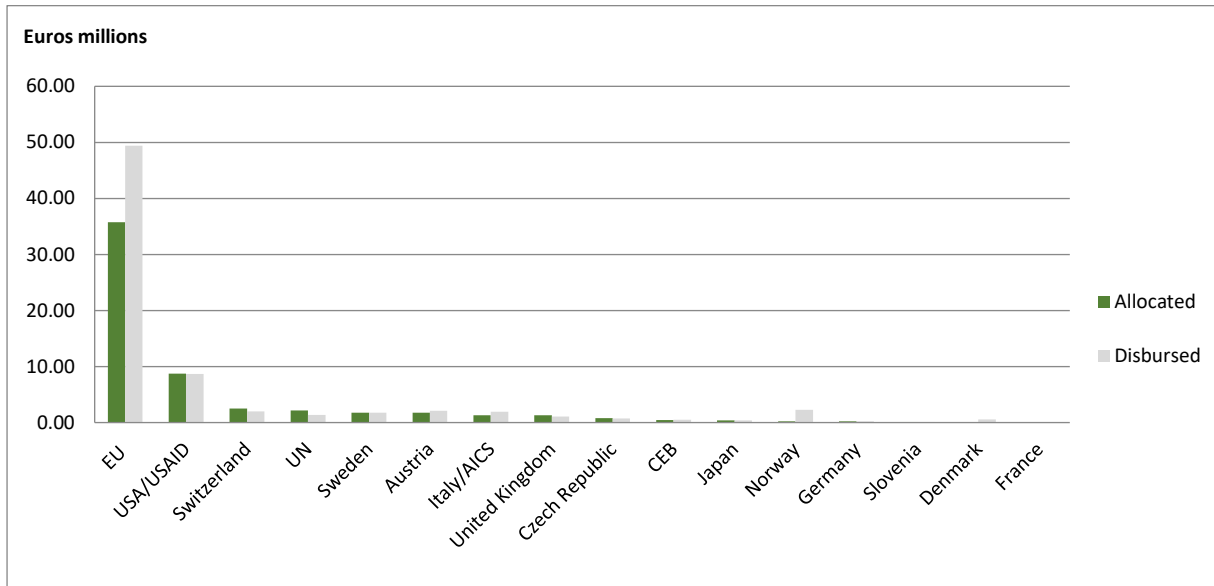
### Investments of DCF members in 2021

DCF members active in the Rule of law and fundamental rights sector in 2021 are EU, USA/USAID, Switzerland, UN, Sweden, Italy/AICS, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Japan, Norway, Germany, Slovenia and France.

Total allocations of DCF members to the Sector in 2021 amounted to € 57.54 million, while total disbursements amounted to € 73.23 million, all in the form of grants.

Figure 2.1. compares allocated and disbursed ODA funds, according to the amount of invested funds of each individual development partner. Leading development partners in the Sector in 2021, who allocated i.e. disbursed largest amounts, were the EU, USA/USAID, followed by Switzerland, UN and Sweden.

**Figure 2.1. Allocated and disbursed grant funds per development partners in 2021**



Rule of law and fundamental rights sector consists of 16 sub-sectors. Figure 2.2. presents the structure of total allocated ODA funds per sub-sectors.

Out of total allocated funds in 2021, 80.6% was allocated in two sub-sectors: Judicial reform (54.1%) and Migration and asylum (26.5%), while the remaining 19.4 % of funds were allocated to other subsectors. Sub-sectors that did not have funding are not presented in the chart.

**Figure 2.2. Total allocated ODA per sub-sectors in 2021**

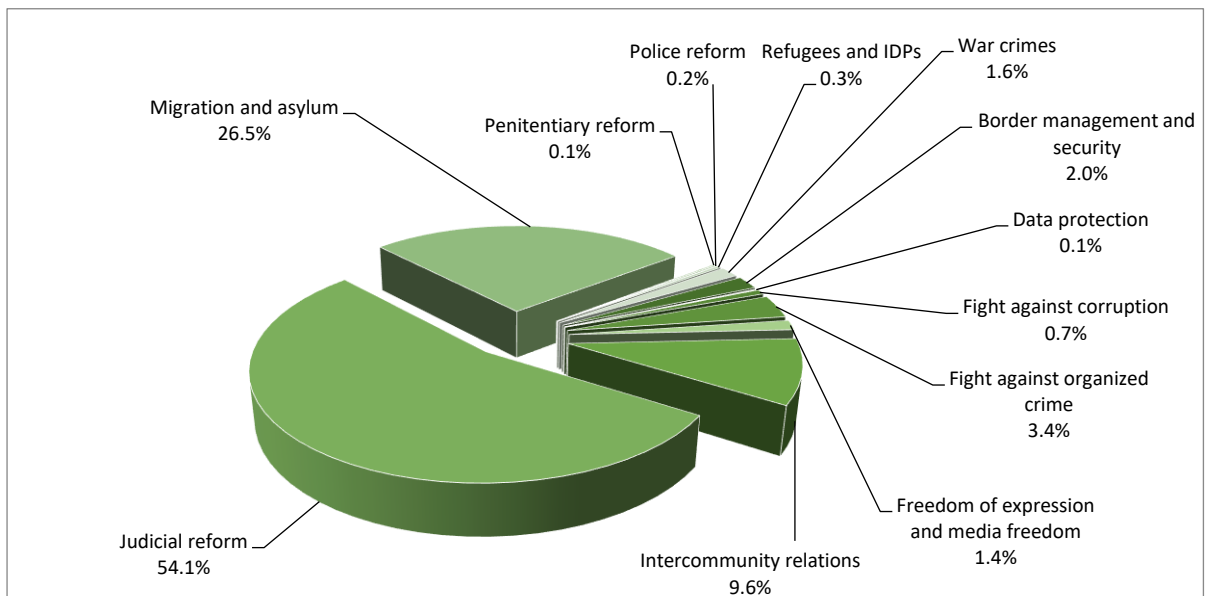
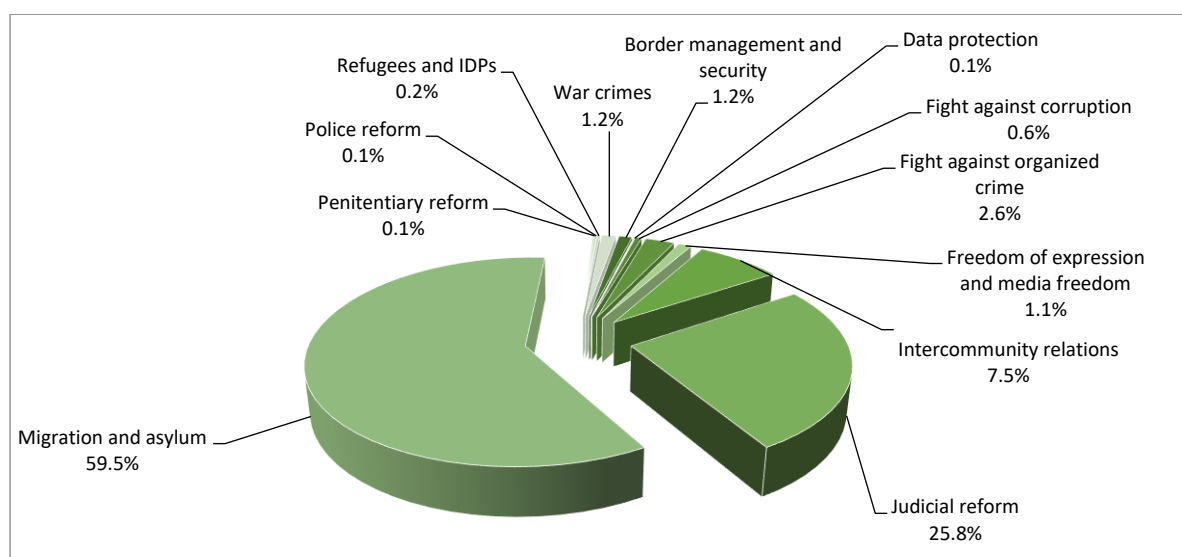


Figure 2.3. presents the structure of total disbursed ODA funds per sub-sectors in 2021. Out of total disbursed funds in 2021, 85.3% was disbursed to two subsectors: Migration and asylum (59.5%) and Judicial reform (25.8%), while remaining 14.7% of funds was disbursed to other sub-sectors.

**Figure 2.3. Total disbursed ODA per sectors in 2021**



Ten major projects in the sector that allocated or disbursed funds in 2021, are listed below:

PROJECT TITLE	Development partner	Total project value (EUR mil)
Special Measure to support the response to the refugee and migrant situation in BiH Phase III	EU	45.00
(ICITAP) Assistance to Law Enforcement Agencies (total value of the project will be determined)	USA/USAID	45.00
Special Measures to support the response to the Refugee and Migrant situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina Phase II	EU	23.00
Open Regional Fund (ORF) for South East Europe - Legal Reform	Germany	22.96
(NADR CWD) Department of State Demining and Small Arms Destruction Program	USA/USAID	20.00
(OPDAT) Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (total value of the project to be determined, end date TBD)	USA/USAID	20.00
Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkans	Germany	12.00
Global Programme against Trafficking (GPAT)	Sweden, France, USA/USAID	11.00
Special Measure to support the response to the refugee and migrant situation in BiH Phase III	EU	10.65
Go Digital in Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	9.00

All projects are available in the Development Partners Coordination Forum Database, via the following link:  
<http://dmd.donormapping.ba/dmd/faces/dmdPublicStart>

## Future activities

In the forthcoming period, it is necessary to continue the strengthening of the judicial system, independence and efficiency of the judiciary in Bosnia and Herzegovina and harmonize domestic with the EU legislation. Based on the responses of BiH Institutions from all levels of government and DCF members who participated in preparation of this Report, as well as the recommendations of the European Commission, further efforts should be made in the following period:

- adopt the Justice Sector Reform Strategy in BiH for the period 2021-2027;
- adopt the Law on the HJPC of BiH, the Law on Courts of BiH, the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on Criminal Procedure of BiH, the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Criminal Code of BiH, the Law on Changes and Amendments to the Law on the Attorney's Office of BiH);
- continue to strengthen the capacity of courts and prosecutor's offices in BiH in order to increase the efficiency and the quality of their work in line with the adopted standards of efficiency and quality;
- adopt the Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership in BiH for the period 2021-2023;
- implement the activities defined by the Revised National *War Crimes Processing Strategy*;
- improve the capacities, institutional infrastructure and detention conditions in prison and police detention facilities in BiH;
- adopt the strategic framework in the field of combating serious and organized crime, terrorism and corruption and strengthen inter-institutional cooperation at all levels of government in BiH;
- harmonize the legislative framework in the field of narcotic drugs abuse with the *acquis* and draft the new Strategy for the Control of Narcotic Drugs, Prevention and Suppression of Narcotic Drugs Abuse in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- continue to counter the cybercrime in BiH by adopting the Law on the Network and Information Security of BiH and the Cyber Security Strategy of BiH, and strengthening the inter-institutional cooperation and capacity development;
- adopt the cooperation strategy in the field of BiH diaspora and asylum and the Action Plan for the period 2021-2025;
- provide additional sources of funding to ensure adequate reception and accommodation of migrants and asylum seekers in line with the Plan of Measures and Activities for Effective Management of the Migrant Crisis in BiH;
- improve the quality of the educational process of basic police training for cadets as well as the professional training and development of BiH police officers;
- continue activities of establishing the laboratory capacities for implementation of legally prescribed competencies in the field of forensic examinations and expertise as well as training of the staff for professional and quality performance of expertise;
- continue activities on implementation of the Integrated Border Management Strategy of BiH for the period 2019-2023;
- undertake activities on construction and reconstruction of the border crossings and their equipping with the equipment for the control of documents and vehicles and strengthen the capacities in the field of information management and recording of activities at the state border;

- develop the Strategy for Cooperation with BiH Diaspora and establish an inter-institutional body for coordination of cooperation with the diaspora.