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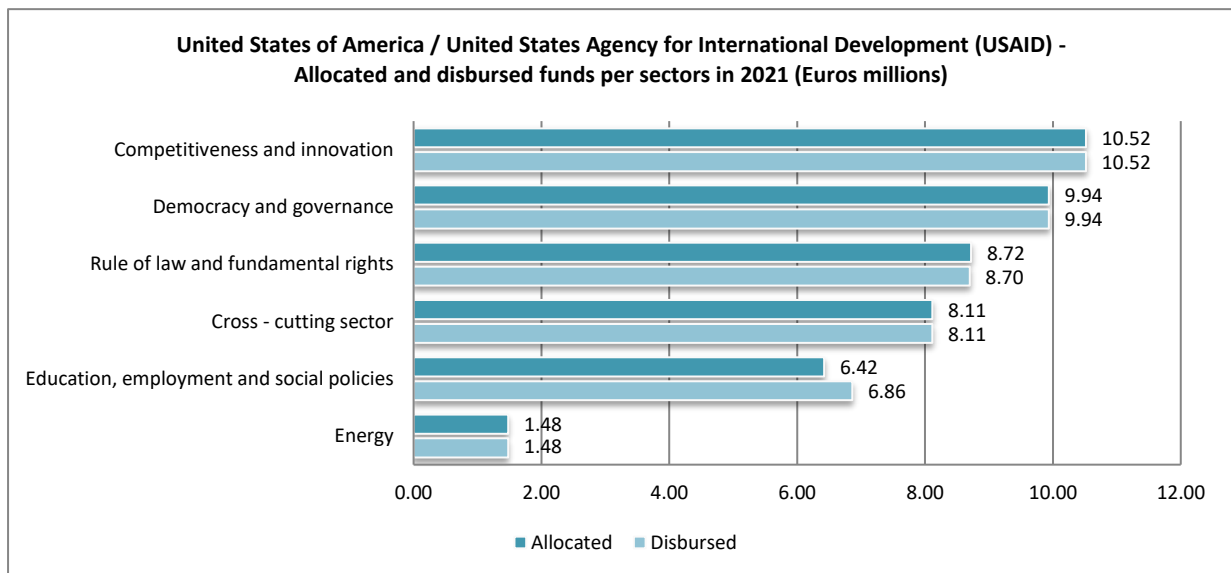
Policy approach U.S. assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) will improve the accountability of the BiH government to its citizens, integrate BiH into Euro-Atlantic institutions, address pervasive corruption, and grow the economy. Assistance will help heal ethnic divisions and promote a tolerant, inclusive society. Funds will ensure election integrity and strengthen democratic political processes and institutions including through support to the Office of the High Representative.

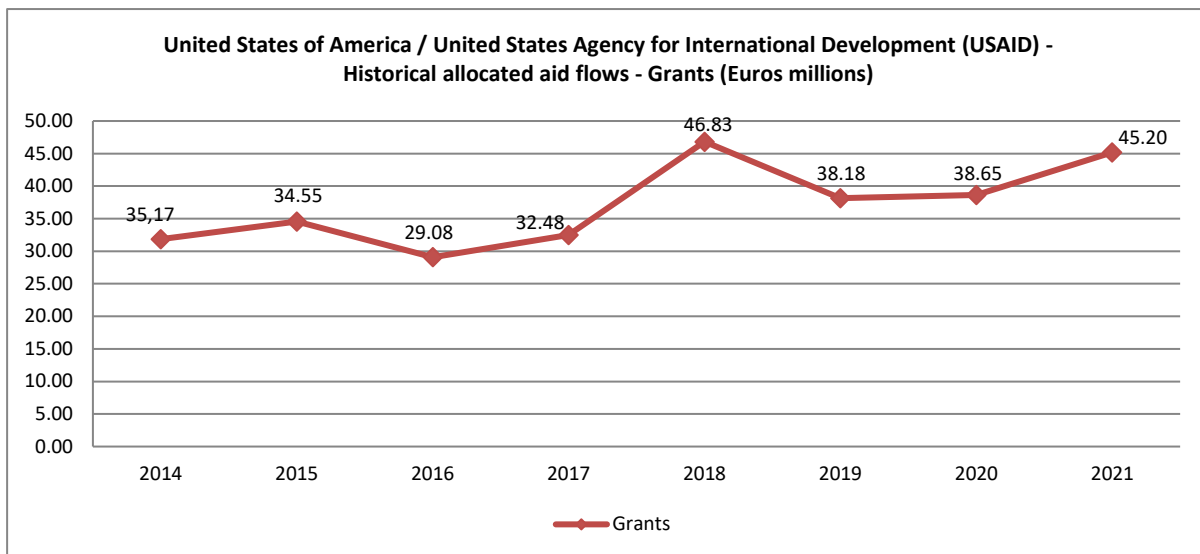
Economic programs will foster a sound business environment and promote U.S. investment, as well as support economic development; ensure stronger social and health protection mechanisms to stabilize the economy and improve fiscal stability. Funding will help remove obstacles to economic growth, especially for small and medium enterprises and in rural areas; strengthen BiH’s commercial law framework; and help prepare integrated national energy and climate plans which promote the use of renewable energy. Programs will help increase transparency and reduce corruption through e-governance and digitization platforms and increase BiH’s integration with Western markets.

Assistance will strengthen civil society organizations to counter corruption and advocate for reforms and strengthen independent media and investigative reporting. Assistance will support the fight against trafficking in persons and other human rights abuses.

Key activities in 2021

United States of America/United States Agency for International Development (USA/USAID) **allocated €45.20 million and disbursed €45.61 million in 2021 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Competitiveness and innovation, Democracy and governance, Rule of law and fundamental rights, Cross - cutting sector, Education, employment and social policies and Energy.





Medium and long-term approach

Projects will continue to evolve and respond to BiH’s changing needs and will promote initiatives to leverage other development partners’ resources. Over the next five years, USAID expects to improve socio-economic conditions in BiH, engaging civil society and stakeholders at all levels of government to foster social cohesion and inclusive development, empower vulnerable and marginalized citizens, and deepen reconciliation. Election integrity will be strengthened by improving the accuracy of voter registration, and the veracity and mechanics of casting ballots. Rule of law and civil society interventions will advance BiH’s stability and integration in Euro-Atlantic institutions. Through projects that streamline our work in investigative journalism, rule of law, and anti-corruption, USAID will expand support for citizens as anti-corruption watchdogs, monitor government actions that are susceptible to corruption, and advocate for legislative changes to strengthen anti-corruption laws. Additional media assistance and engagement activities will facilitate fact-based independent reporting, regional approaches, and countering malign influences. USAID programming will assist local businesses in sectors with high growth and high export potential, such as tourism, IT, and digital economy, to expand and integrate into EU markets. Activities will help improve competitiveness and increase employment opportunities. USAID will support BiH efforts to address COVID 19 major gaps in health, social protection and education sector.

Development partners coordination efforts

USG staff participates in general coordination meetings, bilateral meetings and other forums. U.S. Mission staff will continue to participate in development partners coordination meetings and sector-specific meetings including civil society, local governance, rule of law and energy to avoid overlapping or duplication of efforts.

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