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The Joint Committee on European Integration was established in April 2003 as a joint working body of both Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH. In the present mandate of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH, the Committee was constituted at its first session held on 21 March 2007.

The Joint Committee has 12 members with six representatives from the House of Representatives of the BiH PA and six delegates from the House of Peoples of the BiH PA.

The work of the Committee is managed by a Chairperson and two Deputies. These three MPs belong to all three constituent peoples of BiH.

The progress that Bosnia and Herzegovina has achieved and the challenges that the country faces within its reforms and fulfilment of established criteria and preconditions for EU integration are the thematic guidelines in the work and functioning of the Joint Committee. Among numerous international activities, the Joint Committee places emphasis on the importance of holding regular inter-parliamentary meetings with the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with the countries of South-East Europe, and participation at COSAP conferences (Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States participating in the Stabilisation and Association Process) in order to regularly exchange experiences and views on issues related to the stabilisation and association processes of the countries in the region.

The Committee has continued co-operation with all BiH institutions involved in the EU Accession process, in particular with the Directorate for European Integration and the Delegation of the EU to BiH. The Committee also co-operates with related parliamentary committees of the countries in the region, the OSCE Mission to BiH, and other international organizations and NGOs.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Joint Committee on European Integration of the BiH PA are stipulated in Article 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives and in Article 51 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples. Joint Committee on European Integration is responsible for performing the following tasks and duties:

- Monitoring general issues related to EU integration as well as giving suggestions and proposing and adopting conclusions on these issues;
- Monitoring the implementation of BiH's rights and obligations arising from international treaties in view of CoE membership;
- Co-operating with other parliamentary committees working on EU integration;
- Supervising the implementation of responsibilities deriving from the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and the priorities from the European Partnership with BiH;
- Informing the Parliamentary Assembly on the progress and problems of the integration of BiH into the EU;
- Exercising parliamentary oversight of the activities of the BiH Council of Ministers and bodies of the state government related to the European integration process;
- Regularly obtaining reports of the BiH Council of Ministers and other relevant government bodies on activities related to European integration and giving opinions on these reports;
- Supervising the use of funds allocated by the EU;
- Co-operating with corresponding committees of the entity parliaments;
- Co-operating with the European Parliament and other EU institutions, in co-operation with the Delegation of the European Commission in BiH and the Office of the EU Special Representative;
- Co-operating with the corresponding committees from the state parliaments of the EU member states and candidate countries;
- Holding public hearings related to EU integration;
- Proposing and realisation of activities aimed at informing the public on the European integration processes;
- Organising presentations on the public's opinion on EU integration matters;
- Supervising the harmonization of BiH legislation with the *aquis communautaire* (applicable EU legislation);
- Coordinating training programmes specific for the EU for members and employees of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH;
- Collecting, archiving and systematically presenting information regarding the European integration process to the Committee members;
- The Joint Committee also works on and considers other issues related to the European integration process.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Halid Genjac
Chairman



Ivo Miro Jović
First Deputy



Drago Ljubičić
Second Deputy



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