

FBiH Spatial Data Infrastructure Regulation Adopted

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On a proposal by the Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real Property Affairs of FBiH, the Government of FBiH adopted the Regulation on Spatial Data Infrastructure of FBiH in its session that was held on 08 October 2014. This regulation provides for establishment and maintenance of the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, its contents, metadata, spatial data services, establishment and maintenance of the SDI Geoportal of FBiH, as well as establishment and competence of the FBiH SDI authority.

The current situation in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is such that a host of authorities on all levels of government in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has analog and digital spatial data. However, these data are not standardized and interoperable, which is why they are most often used exclusively within the authority that owns the data, without any possibility or with a complicated possibility of other authorities making use of them. It is often the case that two or more authorities have spatial data sets from the same thematic area, which are oftentimes in different conditions and have different timeliness statuses, causing spatial data users to be confused and not know what data are valid and what data they need to use when implementing the projects that fall under their competences.

The aforementioned reasons prompted the Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real Property Affairs of FBiH, as the authority that was established to perform surveying, mapping, and cadastral activities on the territory of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and that has the largest volume of spatial data from different thematic areas, to initiate activities on establishment of the SDI of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina that will be established under this Regulation.

The aforementioned data will include spatial data of all authorities and organizations of federal and cantonal governments, local self-governments, public enterprises, and all other entities that either manage or make use of spatial data. The SDI of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be implemented in accordance with the European Union Directive establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE).

