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# LEADER ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE (LAB) Bosnia and Herzegovina

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*Social Economy potential in youth policy development in  
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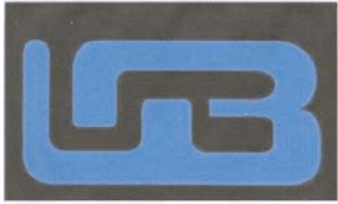
# POST WAR SITUATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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It is impossible to observe Bosnia and Herzegovina from an economical and social point without mentioning the political situation

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- Two entities (Federation and Republic Srpska)  
10 cantons + district Brcko
- War damage
- Economic transition
- The slow process of Privatization
- Lack of investments



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## The critical point of the present

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- Pre-war economic capacities have not been revitalized
- A high unemployment rate
- A large and bureaucratic public administration,
- The B-H labour market is not developed enough to absorb the available labour force
- Poverty is not static but rather dynamic
- The public administration doesn't function



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### **LAB - Leader association of the future**

- \* non-profit organization/network
- \* registered at state level in the April 2004
- \* UNDP/UNV IYP target municipalities
- \* 10 NGO's from 10 municipalities
- \* exchange experiences
- \* partnership in regional projects

**The main goal:** creation and implementation of sustainable long-term youth policy at the local level



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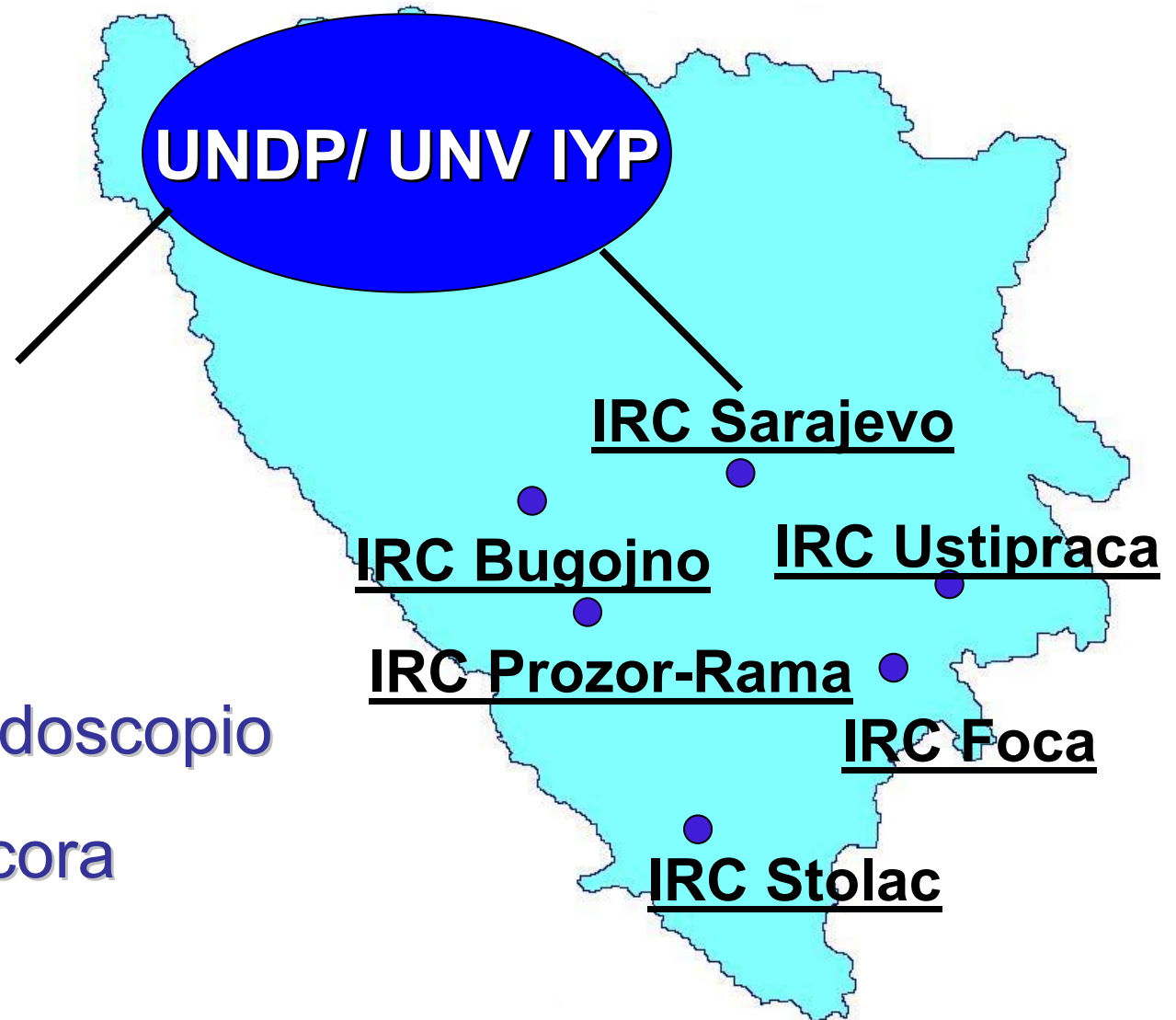
## *Social Economy potential in youth policy development in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

### **MAB - Municipality Advisory Board**

- \* Consists of the municipality representatives in charge for youth
- \* A new approach to work with youth organizations
- \* MAB serves as a source of information about instruments and mechanisms to implement the youth policy at the local level
- \* Define their support to the youth organizations
- \* A better communication municipality – NGO's

**Italian partners :**

- ConSolidida
- Piazza Grande
- Cooperative Kaleidoscopio
- Cooperative L’Ancora
- Progetto 92





## Key social economy tools proposed for overcoming existing problems

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- Establishing of Social enterprise
- Networking into cooperatives on regional level
- Partnership development between:
  - \* Local authorities
  - \* NGO's
  - \* International organizations
  - \* Regional development agencies
- Positive legal frame for the development of social economy



## GOALS OF THE BIH MEDIUM-TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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- Integration of BiH into EU is a generally accepted goal of all governments and all segments of BiH society
- Create conditions for sustainable and balanced economic development
- Reduce poverty
- Accelerate EU Integrations
- Implement the public administration reform
- Establish an adequate system of social assistance



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## Conclusions

- *The grate potential in youth policy development*
- *A better Business environment for foreign investors*
- *To implement a good model of cooperative from Italy*

### Stakeholders:

- \* State, canton and local authorities, Policymakers
- \* Youth organizations
- \* Minority groups and people with special needs
- \* Private entrepreneurs
- \* Educational Institucions