

# Bosnia and Herzegovina

## *Main indicators and characteristics of collective bargaining*

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This note presents the main indicators and characteristics of collective bargaining in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2019 or the latest year available. The purpose of this note is to provide a snapshot of the functioning of collective bargaining in Bosnia and Herzegovina that can be used for comparisons with other countries in the database. Therefore, this note does not provide a precise description of the legal provisions or standard practices in Bosnia and Herzegovina but only a general summary.

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## *The actors and scope of collective bargaining*

<i>Trade union density (% of employees)</i>	24.4% (in 2017)
<i>Adjusted bargaining (or union) coverage rate (% of employees with the right to bargain)</i>	50% (in 2012)
<i>Employer organisation density (% of employees)</i>	6% (in 2018)

## *Wage setting*

<i>The predominant level at which wage bargaining takes place (in terms of coverage of employees)</i>	Bargaining predominantly takes place at central or cross-industry level negotiated at lower levels
<i>The combination of levels at which collective bargaining over wages takes place</i>	Cross-sectoral (entire economy or private sector), sectoral and company, with company agreements that specify/deviate from sector agreements, and sector agreements that specify/deviate from central agreements
<i>Reach or incidence of additional enterprise bargaining</i>	Additional enterprise bargaining on wages occurs only in large firms
<i>Favourability</i>	Hierarchy between agreement-levels is strictly applied and defined in law: lower level agreements can only offer more favourable terms
<i>Opening clauses in sectoral collective agreements</i>	Agreements contain no opening clauses
<i>Crisis-related, temporary opening clauses in collective agreement</i>	Agreements contain no opening clauses
<i>Mandatory extension of collective agreements to non-organised employers</i>	There are neither legal provisions for mandatory extension, nor is there a functional equivalent
<i>Is there a statutory minimum wage in your country?</i>	Yes, there is one or more statutory minimum wage rate(s) that cover(s) all or most employees

## **Wage co-ordination**

*Coordination of wage-setting*

Binding norms regarding maximum or minimum wage rates or wage increases issued as a result of a) centralized bargaining by the central union and employers' associations, with or without government involvement, or b) unilateral government imposition of wage schedule/freeze, with or without prior consultation and negotiations with unions and/or employers' associations

*Type of coordination of wage setting*

Inter-associational by peak associations

## **Works councils and employee representation in the enterprise**

*Status of works council*

Existence and rights of works council or structure for (union and non-union based) employee representation within firms or establishments confronting management are mandated by law or established through basic general agreement between unions and employers

*Involvement of works councils (or similar structures) in wage negotiations*

## **Social pacts and agreements**

*A social pact or central agreement is signed in specified year*

No

*Existence of a tripartite council for the purpose of negotiation, consultation or information exchange over social and economic policies*

Tripartite council with representation from the trade unions, employers' associations, and independent experts or government (-appointed) representatives