

Pursuant to Article 30, paragraph (2) of the Law on Development Planning and Management in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 32/17), in regard with Article 19, paragraph (1) of the Law on the Government of the FBiH (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 1/94, 8/95, 58/02, 19/03, 2/06 and 8/06) at the proposal of the FBiH Development Programming Institute, the FBiH Government at its _____ session held on _____, hereby adopts the following

**DECREE
ON STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION
IN THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Article 1
(Subject Matter)**

This Decree, in consultation with the FBiH Ministry of Finance, other institutions at the level of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the FBiH), cantons and the Association of Cities and Municipalities of the FBiH (hereinafter: the FBiH Association) regulates the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH and other issues of importance for the implementation of strategic documents evaluation.

**Article 2
(Institutional Framework)**

(1) Institutional framework for adopting decisions on initiation of the process of strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH is composed of: the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the FBiH Government), government of canton, municipal mayor, i.e. mayor.

(2) Institutional Framework for coordination, technical and professional support for the evaluation of development strategy in the FBiH is composed of: the FBiH Development Programming Institute (hereinafter: the FBiH Institute) at the level of the FBiH, development planning and management bodies in cantons at the level of cantons or in the local self-government units at the level of the local self-government unit as referred to in Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Law on Development Planning and Management in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 32/17) (hereinafter: the Law).

(3) Institutional Framework for coordination, technical and professional support for the evaluation of sector strategies in the FBiH is composed of: the line FBiH and cantonal ministries.

II PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES AND TYPES OF STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION IN THE FBiH

Article 3 (Key Principles of Strategic Documents Evaluation in the FBiH)

Development planning and management principles as referred to in Article 4 of the Law shall apply for the strategic documents evaluation, and in particular the following:

- a) accountability, effectiveness and efficiency of institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH.
- b) gender equality and equal opportunities for all citizens;
- c) partnership, publicity and transparency.

Article 4 (Accountability, Effectiveness and Efficiency of Institutions at all Levels of Government in the FBiH)

Strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH enables higher level of accountability, effectiveness and efficiency of institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH in the process of drafting and implementation of strategic documents.

Article 5 (Gender equality and Equal Opportunities for all Citizens)

Strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH enables detailed overview of development effects and impact of the implementation of strategic documents on men and women, as well as on socially vulnerable groups of citizens.

Article 6 (Publicity and Transparency)

Publicity and transparency mean publicly available information on development results and progress in the implementation of strategic documents in the FBiH through publication of the evaluation reports, by using different types of public media.

Article 7 (Objectives and Benefits of the Strategic Documents Evaluation)

(1) Objectives of the strategic documents evaluation are as follows:

- a) providing timely and relevant information to competent institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH when determining development priorities and strategic directions;
- b) continuous improvement of public policies by using results of the strategic documents evaluation;
- c) ensuring transparency and accountability for the use of public funds.

(2) Benefits of the strategic documents evaluation are as follows:

- a) improvement of development planning and quality of strategic documents in the FBiH;
- b) more efficient allocation of funds;
- c) more precise identification of quality, measurable and realistic priorities and measures;
- d) identification of both anticipated and unforeseen positive and negative effects of the implementation of strategic documents.

Article 8 (Types of Evaluation of Strategic Documents)

Types of the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH are as follows:

- a) Ex-ante - previous evaluation (hereinafter: ex-ante evaluation);
- b) Evaluation during the implementation of strategic documents (hereinafter: ongoing evaluation).

III IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION IN THE FBiH

Article 9 (Evaluation Procedure)

- (1) The FBiH Institute provides professional basis for evaluation in the FBiH, including drafting of terms of reference and instructions for the evaluation management.
- (2) The evaluation may be conducted relying on one's own capacities or by hiring external evaluators.
- (3) If the evaluation is conducted relying on one's own capacities, the tasks related to drafting, i.e. implementation of strategic documents must be clearly separated from the evaluation tasks in terms of organisation, and evaluators shall have appropriate knowledge and experience of the evaluation process.
- (4) Civil servants in charge of strategic documents drafting and implementation may not be appointed as evaluators.
- (5) Head of the civil service body shall consider recommendations and shall propose the appropriate corrective measures for the implementation of evaluation recommendations.
- (6) Funding for the evaluation shall be planned in triennial and annual work plans.

Article 10 (Strategic Documents Evaluation Criteria)

- (1) Strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH shall be based on the following criteria:
 - a) relevance (compliance) of selected objectives with identified problems and public needs;
 - b) efficiency (effectiveness) - ratio of planned and achieved effects and anticipated (used) resources to achieve the optimum results;
 - c) performance (scope) - the extent to which the objectives of strategic documents are achieved through the comparison of baseline and achieved values of indicators;

d) impact - the extent of (positive and negative) changes and consequences of development intervention (anticipated and unforeseen) and the compliance of effects with the needs of target groups;

e) sustainability - permanence of positive changes and effects.

(2) When evaluating strategic documents in the FBiH, the criteria as referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article may be used individually or cumulatively, and additional criteria defined by terms of reference of evaluation may be used as well.

(3) Evaluation criteria shall be the basis for preparation of evaluation questions.

Article 11 (Evaluation Procedure Conduct)

When conducting the evaluation, institutions as referred to in Article 2, paragraph (2) of the Decree shall coordinate the following:

a) evaluation plan drafting as referred to in Article 14 of the Decree;

b) preparation of job description;

c) organisation and participation in the evaluation and ensuring that the evaluation is implemented in accordance with terms of reference and professional basis for the strategic documents evaluation;

d) administrative and technical support to evaluators during evaluation;

e) making available the data necessary for the evaluation;

f) preparing the publication of evaluation results;

g) preparing the evaluation report as referred to in Article 15 of the Decree;

h) monitoring the implementation of adopted evaluation recommendations.

Article 12 (Ex-ante Evaluation)

(1) Ex-ante evaluation shall be conducted during the strategic documents drafting phase, prior to their adoption, with the aim to improve the quality, relevance and coherence of strategic documents.

(2) Ex-ante evaluation shall be conducted for all strategic documents in the FBiH, and for the strategic documents of cantons and local self-government units according to the needs.

(3) The FBiH Institute shall prepare and coordinate ex-ante evaluation of the FBiH Development Strategy; development planning and management bodies shall prepare and coordinate ex-ante evaluation of development strategies of cantons and local self-government units in line with the evaluation plan which contains the minimum structure set out in Annex 1, Article 14 of the Decree, including additional elements in line with the specificity of strategic documents, if necessary.

(4) The FBiH and cantonal ministries shall prepare and coordinate ex-ante evaluation of sector strategies in line with evaluation plan for sector strategies, which contains the minimum structure set out in Annex 1, Article 14 of the Decree, including additional elements in accordance with the specificities of sector strategies, if necessary.

- (5) Ex-ante Evaluation Report shall be drafted in line with the minimum structure set out in Annex 2, Article 15 of the Decree, including additional elements in line with the specificities of strategic documents, if necessary.
- (6) Ex-ante evaluation shall be conducted by an independent external evaluator.
- (7) Report on the conducted ex-ante evaluation shall be submitted to the FBiH Government, cantonal governments, municipal, i.e. city councils for information.
- (8) The Ex-ante Evaluation Report shall be published on the website of the competent institution.

Article 13 (Ongoing Evaluation)

- (1) Ongoing evaluation shall be conducted with a view to determine the degree of strategic documents implementation, achievement, effectiveness and efficiency of planned measures and direct results in line with stated objectives and expectations, as well as to summarize the results and provide inputs for the following strategic documents.
- (2) The ongoing evaluation must be conducted in the penultimate year of strategic documents implementation in the FBiH and results obtained shall be available and used in the new strategic documents drafting.
- (3) If necessary, the ongoing evaluation shall also be conducted in the middle of the implementation period of strategic documents in the FBiH.
- (4) The ongoing evaluation shall evaluate the coherence, quantitative and qualitative aspects of the strategic documents implementation including achievement of objectives and development effects.
- (5) The ongoing evaluation in the penultimate year of strategic documents implementation shall be conducted by independent external evaluators, and in the middle of the implementation period of strategic documents by the institutions as referred to in Article 2, paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Decree, in line with the evaluation plan that contains the minimum structure set out in Annex 1, Article 14 of the Decree, including additional elements in line with the specificities of strategic documents, if necessary.
- (6) Civil servants in charge of strategic documents drafting and implementation may not be being appointed as team members for the ongoing evaluation preparation.
- (7) The Ongoing Evaluation Report contains the minimum structure as referred to in Article 15 of the Decree, including additional elements in line with the specificity of strategic documents, if necessary.
- (8) The Ongoing Evaluation Report shall be submitted for information to the FBiH Government, cantonal governments, and municipal, i.e. city councils.
- (9) Report on the conducted ongoing evaluation during the strategic documents implementation in the FBiH shall be published on the website of the competent institution.
- (10) Summarised results of the ongoing evaluation and recommendations to improve the strategic documents implementation shall be included in the annual development report.

Article 14
(Strategic Documents Evaluation Plan)

The minimum structure of the strategic documents evaluation plan in the FBiH is provided in Annex 1 of the Decree and is an integral part thereof.

Article 15
(Minimum Structure of Report on Strategic Documents Evaluation)

The minimum structure of report on strategic documents evaluation plan in the FBiH is provided in Annex 2 of the Decree and is an integral part thereof.

IV TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 16
(Transitional and Final Provisions)

(1) The Ongoing Evaluation for the strategic document in force in the FBiH shall not be mandatory by the end of the current planning cycle, i.e. by the end of 2020.

(2) If strategic documents drafters in the FBiH decide to conduct the ongoing evaluation, the report on the conducted ongoing evaluation shall be considered in the following 2021-2027 planning cycle.

Article 17
(Entry into Force)

This Decree shall enter into force on the eighth day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the FBiH.

PRIME MINISTER

Fadil Novalić, m.p.

V number: _____

Sarajevo, _____ 2019

Evaluation Plan

Annex 1

1. Title of strategic document	
2. Evaluation type code	
3. Subject and objective of the evaluation	
4. Overview of anticipated evaluation criteria with questions, including planned methods to be used in the evaluation procedure	
5. A list of available and anticipated data sources for conducting the evaluation procedure	
6. Timeline for conducting the evaluation procedure based on job description	
7. Indicative budget for conducting the evaluation procedure (external evaluator costs and possibly the cost of ensuring the availability of certain data)	

REPORT ON STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1. 1. subject and objectives of the evaluation.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. main evaluation findings;
- 2.2. conclusions and recommendations.

3. CONTEXT OF EVALUATION

- 3.1. concise information on strategic document;
- 3.2. concise overview of previous evaluations related to the strategic document (if any).

4. METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

- 4.1. definitions of key terms, overview of evaluation criteria and evaluation questions;
- 4.2. methodological approach, including problems and/or restrictions.

5. EVALUATION OF FEASIBILITY/PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES AND MEASURES

- 5.1. evaluation of feasibility/progress of implementation of strategic objectives, priorities and measures according to indicators and related baseline and target values.
- 5.2. evaluation of feasibility/progress of implementation of strategic document financial framework, including consumption dynamics and the budget actually spent.

6. EVALUATION FINDINGS

- 6.1. findings and answers to evaluation questions;
- 6.2. assessment of management model and institutional capacities.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. conclusions and recommendations based on the findings for individual evaluation questions and assessment of institutional capacities (including eventual proposals for adoption/amendment to the strategic document, i.e. recommendations for the future planning period)

Justification

I LEGAL BASIS FOR ADOPTION OF THE DECREE

Legal basis for the adoption of the Decree on strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH is contained in Article 30, paragraph (2) of the Law on the Development Planning and Management in the FBiH (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 32/17) (hereinafter: the Law), which regulates that the regulation on strategic documents evaluation in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the FBiH) is adopted by the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the FBiH Government) at the proposal of the FBiH Development Programming Institute (hereinafter: the FBiH Institute), in consultation with institutions at the levels of the FBiH, cantons and the FBiH Association of Municipalities and Cities.

The legal basis is also contained in Article 19, paragraph (1) of the Law on the Government of the FBiH (Official Gazette of the FBiH 1/94, 8/95, 58/02, 19/03, 2/06 and 8/06), which stipulates that the decree regulates the most important issues within the competence of the FBiH, regulates more closely relations concerning law enforcement, establishment of technical and other FBiH Government services and determines principles for the internal organization of the FBiH administrative authorities.

II REASONS TO ADOPT THE DECREE AND EXPLANATION OF CHOSEN POLICY

After the Law entered into force, the basis for establishment of an appropriate and harmonised system of development planning and development management was created, which would involve all levels of government in the FBiH in a coordinated manner. The Law contributes to creating the preconditions for faster and sustainable socio-economic development of the FBiH and enhances the FBiH ability to respond effectively to the requirements of the European Union (EU) in the EU integration process as well as to benefit from the EU pre-accession financial support.

Since 2012, The FBiH Institute and the FBiH Ministry of Justice, with support of Integrated Local Development Project (ILDLP) - joint project of the Swiss Government and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), have been implementing activities which resulted in the entry into force of the Law. Building on this cooperation, the ILDP Project, within the Phase III, continues to provide expert and technical assistance in drafting five regulations provided for by the Law, which are proposed to the FBiH Government by the FBiH Institute (four regulations) in line with its competences and one regulation by the FBiH Ministry of Finance.

The obligation to draft regulations of the Law is contained in Article 35, paragraph (3), which stipulates that the FBiH Government shall, at the proposal of the FBiH Institute, within six months from the effective date adopt acts as referred to in Articles 21 and 22, paragraph (2) and Article 30, paragraphs (2) and (8).

The Decree defines the aspect of strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH as a standard approach to monitoring the development results and measuring the effects of

strategic document implementation. In addition, the application of the Decree ensures a harmonised approach to strategic documents evaluation, which contributes to a more coherent, efficient and cost-effective system of development planning and management in the FBiH.

The Decree shall, in consultation with the FBiH Ministry of Finance, other institutions at the level of the FBiH, cantons and the Association of Cities and Municipalities in the FBiH (hereinafter: the FBiH Association) regulate the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH and other issues of importance for conducting the strategic documents evaluation.

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

In addition to the subject-matter of the Decree, this Chapter defines institutional framework that determines different roles of institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH in preparing, conducting and reporting on evaluation. Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Law determines a broader institutional framework for development planning and management in the FBiH, while decrees specify the institutional framework for various aspects of planning and development management in the FBiH, including strategic documents evaluation (the FBiH Government, cantonal government, municipal mayor, i.e. mayor), coordination and support in conducting strategic documents evaluation (development strategy and sector strategies) in the FBiH (the FBiH Institute, development planning and management bodies competent for development planning and management in cantons and self-government units, the FBiH ministries and cantonal ministries competent for individual sectors).

II PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES AND TYPES OF STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION IN THE FBiH

This chapter of the Decree defines more precisely the application of the principles to be followed in the process of strategic documents evaluation: accountability, effectiveness and efficiency of institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH, gender-equality and equal opportunities for all citizens and partnership, publicity and transparency. These are the guiding principles for institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH at each stage of the evaluation of strategic documents. Each of the defined principles should contribute to and enable the implementation of the envisaged types of evaluation of strategic documents as part of the development planning and development management process, according to established criteria and standards.

Identification of objectives and benefits of the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH emphasizes its importance, especially by providing timely and relevant information to competent institutions at all levels of government in the FBiH in determining development priorities and strategic directions, and by continuously improving public policies through the use of results of the strategic documents evaluation, and in particular by ensuring transparency and accountability for the use of public funds. The benefit of the strategic documents evaluation is reflected in the improvement of development planning and quality of strategic documents in the FBiH, as well as in a more efficient allocation of funds. The strategic documents evaluation enables more precise identification of quality, measurable and realistic priorities and measures, as well as identification of both

anticipated and unforeseen positive or negative effects of the strategic documents implementation. On the other hand, the ongoing evaluation enables the evaluation of achieved results through measurable indicators as well as the analysis of development effects of strategic documents.

Therefore, the Decree provides for two types of the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH, as it follows: previous evaluation (hereinafter: ex-ante) and ongoing evaluation which is conducted, if necessary, in the middle of the implementation of strategic documents in the FBiH, i.e. on an obligatory basis in the penultimate year of the strategic documents implementation.

In order to conduct the evaluation process within the stipulated deadline and in an appropriate manner, the structure of the evaluation plan with a minimum of seven elements, as well as the structure of evaluation report on strategic documents in the FBiH, are prescribed.

III CONDUCTING THE STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION IN THE FBiH

An evaluation is not only a final evaluation of a project or programme but it can also be an assessment at all stages of planning and social activities.

Given the fact that the conducting the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH has not been prescribed yet and that it has been practically conducted individually and in different ways, this chapter prescribes the evaluation procedure according to the type of evaluation.

In order to implement the evaluation procedures in a uniform manner, it is prescribed that the FBiH Institute provides professional basis for their implementation in the FBiH, including the development of job description and instructions for the management of evaluations.

Depending on the type, the evaluation may be conducted by using one's own capacities or by hiring external evaluators. If the evaluation is conducted by using one's own capacities, then the work related to the drafting, i.e. implementation of strategic documents must be clearly separated from the evaluation work in terms of organisation, and the evaluators must have the appropriate knowledge and experience of the evaluation process.

The evaluation process is conducted according to the criteria foreseen for the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH, as it follows: relevance (compliance) of selected objectives with identified problems and public needs, efficiency (effectiveness) - ratio of intended and achieved effects and anticipated (used) resources to achieve optimum results; effectivity (effectiveness) - the scope of achievement of strategic documents objectives through comparison of baseline and output values of indicators; impact - the extent of (positive and negative) changes (anticipated and unforeseen) and the consequences of development intervention, and compliance of effects with the needs of target groups, sustainability - the permanence of positive changes and effects, and additional criteria may be defined by the terms of reference of the evaluation. Evaluation criteria are the basis for preparing the evaluation questions.

When coordinating the strategic documents evaluation in the FBiH, the competent institutions draft an evaluation plan, prepare a job description for the evaluator, organise and participate in the evaluation, ensure that the evaluation is conducted in line with a

task and professional basis, provide administrative and technical support to evaluators, make available the necessary information, prepare publication of the evaluation results, coordinate drafting of the evaluation report, and monitor the implementation of adopted evaluation recommendations. In addition to these common provisions related to the prescribed types of evaluations, the Decree also regulates the manner of conducting each of evaluation types.

Hence, the objective of the previous (ex-ante) evaluation is to improve the quality, relevance and coherence of the strategic document and is conducted at the stage of the strategic document drafting, prior to its adoption. This type of evaluation is conducted for all strategic documents at the level of the FBiH, and for the strategic documents in cantons and local self-government units - in accordance with the needs. The FBiH Institute prepares and coordinates ex-ante evaluation of the FBiH Development Strategy. If this type of evaluation is conducted by cantons or local self-government units, the bodies competent for development planning and management prepare and coordinate ex-ante evaluations of their development strategies. Evaluations are conducted in line with the evaluation plan that contains the minimum structure prescribed in Annex 1, Article 14 of the Decree, and when necessary, in line with additional elements in accordance with the specificities of the strategic document.

Preparation and coordination of the previous (ex-ante) evaluation for sector strategies at the level of the FBiH, and, when necessary, for the cantonal level, is carried out by line ministries at the FBiH and/or cantonal level, in line with the prescribed minimum structure of the evaluation plan under Annex 1, Article 14 of the Decree, and, when necessary, in line with additional elements in accordance with the specificities of the sector strategy.

The other type of evaluation is the ongoing evaluation, which is conducted with the aim of determining the degree of strategic documents implementation, achievement, effectiveness and efficiency of planned measures and direct results in line with the stated objectives and expectations, as well as to summarize the results and provide inputs for the following planning period. This type of evaluation is obligatory in the penultimate year of the strategic documents implementation in the FBiH and the results are available and used when drafting new strategic documents. Additionally, this type of evaluation, if necessary, may be conducted in the middle of the period of strategic documents implementation in the FBiH.

The ongoing evaluation is obligatory in the penultimate year of the strategic documents implementation and it is conducted solely by independent external evaluators. The evaluation in the middle of the period of strategic document implementation is conducted if necessary by institutions listed under Article 2, paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Decree.

In order to avoid possible conflict of interest, it is regulated that civil servants in charge of strategic documents drafting and implementation may not be appointed as team members for the preparation of ongoing evaluation.

An Evaluation Report is drafted after conducting the evaluation procedure in line with the minimum structure prescribed in Annex 2, Article 15 of the Decree, and if necessary, in line with additional elements in accordance with the specificities of strategic document; it is submitted to all government levels in the FBiH, city, i.e. municipal councils for information purposes, and is published on the competent institution's

website. Summarised evaluation results are used and incorporated into the annual development report.

IV TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Given that the current planning cycle lasts until the end of 2020, the ongoing evaluation is not obligatory for strategic documents in force in the FBiH.

If the ongoing evaluation is conducted, report on its implementation shall be taken into account in the following 2021 - 2027 planning cycle.

The Decree enters into force on the eighth day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the FBiH.

V ALIGNMENT OF THE FBiH DECREE ON STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS EVALUATION WITH THE EU ACQUIS

In line with provisions of the Decree on the procedure for aligning legislation of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the EU acquis (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 98/16), this Decree represents a category of legislation (NT) according to which its provisions are not subject to the alignment with the EU acquis.

VI JUSTIFICATION OF FUNDS FOR DECREE IMPLEMENTATION AND DECREE'S FINANCIAL EFFECTS

This Decree was accompanied by a Fiscal Assessment Statement Form in line with provisions of the Rulebook on the procedure for drafting statement on fiscal assessment of laws, other regulations and planning acts related to the budget (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 34/16), of the FBiH Ministry of Finance.

It is important to emphasize that no financial implications on the FBiH, cantonal or local self-government units' budgets are expected in the implementation of the Decree.

Indirect financial implications are possible if individual level of government decides to draft its own strategic document, which also includes evaluation, and in this case the coordinator of strategic document drafting will submit a separate form for the fiscal assessment.

VII DESCRIPTION OF CONSULTATIONS

Pursuant to Articles 70, 78 and 81 of the Rules and procedures for drafting laws and regulations of the FBiH (Official Gazette of the FBiH, 71/14), a comprehensive consultation process has been initiated, which began by publishing the Decree on the website of the FBiH Institute, with an invitation to stakeholders to provide comments, suggestions and proposals on the Decree within 15 days. The Decree with an accompanying document was submitted to all competent institutions in the FBiH and to the FBiH Association. The consultation process was also carried out at three workshops (in fourth quarter of 2017 and in May 2018, closer consultation with representatives of local self-government units, cantons and representatives of the FBiH institutions, and in June 2018 a meeting of a broader working group composed of representatives of the FBiH, cantonal and institutions of local self-government units, and the FBiH Association).

Institutions at the FBiH level were involved in the consultation process and all suggestions of the FBiH Gender Centre were incorporated into the text. There were no specific additional proposals, comments and suggestions from the FBiH level.

Department for Development and International Projects of the Zenica-Doboj Canton proposed to align, in line with the provisions of the Law, the term “body for development planning and management in cantons at the cantonal level” as referred to in Article 2, paragraph (4), hence the provision of this paragraph was adjusted appropriately, in cooperation with this Department.

Reference to the cantonal administrative authorities as referred to in Article 9, paragraph (1) of the Law, with their mandates as stipulated in Article 9, paragraph (2), items a), b), and c) that regulate the affairs of the cantonal administrative authorities in the field of drafting strategic documents, is missing. This proposal is appropriately incorporated into the text of the Decree.

According to Department for Development and International Projects of the Zenica-Doboj Canton, the mandates referred to in Article 11 are not eligible for the institutions referred to in Article 2, paragraph (2) of the Decree. Additionally, only item "g) coordination ..." represents coordination of the evaluation procedure implementation, and all others do not represent activities related to the coordination of the evaluation procedure implementation. The Decree may not, under the term "coordination", grant "mandates" that are not defined by the Law, nor may "drafting a plan", "preparing a description", "organising and participating", "providing administrative and technical support", "allowing accessibility", "preparation of announcement", and "monitoring the implementation", be considered as coordination tasks as they represent purely executive and operational tasks.

Article 8 of the Law regulates that the development planning tasks include coordination of the drafting of the cantonal development strategy and development programming, which is related to item g) of the same Article that relates to the coordination of the monitoring, evaluation and reporting. The proposal is appropriately incorporated into the text of the Decree.

Considering that the Law does not define the types of evaluation of strategic documents, the Decree requires that in Articles 12 and 13 one paragraph per each type of evaluation provides a precise definition of the meaning of these terms. Legal basis for the adoption of the Decree is sufficient as are the articles under the Decree describing what is meant by the evaluations regulated by the Decree.

The Canton 10, West Herzegovina Canton, Sarajevo Canton, Posavina Canton, Central Bosnia Canton, Bosnian Podrinje Canton, and Tuzla Canton support the comments of other participants in the consultation process and have no further comments.

The Una-Sana and Herzegovina-Neretva cantons did not comment on the submitted texts of decrees.

VIII REGULATIONS REVIEW SCHEDULE

For the purpose of effective implementation of the Decree, priority will be given to the drafting and adoption of new ones, i.e., to amending the existing:

- Acts of the competent administrative authorities and administrative organisations (rulebooks on internal organisation) at all levels of government in the FBiH with the aim of establishing an effective organisation of development planning affairs and management within these affairs;
- Support tools - manuals that implement the methodologies in the Decree in a practical manner.