

Collection and analysis of data on government institutions related to the regional metal processing industry

In accordance with the activities of CREDO II project, activity 2.1.1.4 *Collection and analysis of data on government institutions related to the metal processing industry in economic region of northeast Bosnia and Herzegovina* search and review of the basic activities of government institutions and their activities that can be used to enhance and improve the existing situation in the regional metal processing sector is done. Gain results can have certain disadvantages because of exceptional complexity of structure of the government sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina, or because of inability to obtain adequate data. The analysis follows the constitutional structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which has a direct impact on the economic region of north-eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

1.1 Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina within its scope of activities includes the following joint commission that its work directly or indirectly may affect the business situation in the regional metal processing sector.

1.1.1 Joint Commission for Economic Reform and Development

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Joint Commission for Economic Reform and Development examines issues relating to: economic reforms that are responsibility of the institutions of B&H; reform proposals or initiatives to change laws which are submitted to the Commission by: the representatives of civil society and business associations, union of employers, regional development agencies, associations of citizens or other non-governmental interest groups; external borrowing policy; relations with international financial institutions; policy and program of reconstruction and development of Bosnia and Herzegovina; to define measures of economic policy; fiscal and credit policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina; banking policy; statistics; measurements and standards. The Commission shall also consider other issues in the field of economic reform, reconstruction and development.

1.1.2 Joint Commission for European Integration

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Joint Commission for European Integration discusses, among other, issues that directly or indirectly may affect the status and development of regional metal processing sector, and they are relate to: discuss general issues related to European integration; monitoring of Bosnia and Herzegovina rights and obligations execution arising from international agreements related to the Council of Europe; analyzing the integration strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina and the preparation of comprehensive reports; monitoring of feasibility study creation and monitoring of the implementation and pre-accession strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina; monitoring of B&H legislation harmonization with the EU positive norms - when Commission obtains the conditions for it: collaboration with institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (especially the Directorate for European Integration),

EU institutions and other countries in matters of integration; monitoring of usage of funds allocated by EU, as well as many other issues related to European integration.

1.2 The Council of Ministers

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The Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina within its scope of activities includes the following ministries and agencies that directly or indirectly affect the business situation in the regional metal processing sector.

1.2.1 Ministry of foreign trade and economic relations

http://www.vijeceministara.gov.ba/ministarstva/vanjska_trgovina_i_ekonomski_odnosi

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Within the framework of its activities The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations is competent for the following: foreign trade policy and customs tariff policy of B&H; development of contracts, agreements and other documents in the field of economic relations and trade with other countries; development of bilateral and multilateral agreements and other documents in regard to reconstruction of B&H; relations with international organisations and institutions in the field of foreign trade and economic relations; designing and drafting strategic documents on macroeconomic relations in the field of economic relations; business environment, single economic space; development and promotion of entrepreneurship; control of turnover with goods and services under a special regime in the field of export and import; consumer protection; competition; co-ordination of international economic assistance to B&H, except from the part regarding the EU assistance; and other tasks.

1.3 Export credit agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina - IGA

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Export credit agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established with the aim to ensure conditions for encouragement of goods and services exports from Bosnia and Herzegovina through the insurance and financing, issuance of guarantees and insurance, as well as establishing the basis for the development and promotion of economic relations of B&H with other countries. IGA as export credit agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina has a mission to stimulate trade flows within and outside B&H, with emphasis on support to export enterprises, with the primary goal of increasing employment and support sustainable economic growth. The Agency directs its activities to: issuing guarantees to ensure the execution of export contracts, credit insurance of domestic and foreign operations, and factoring support.

In addition to these activities the Agency through the banks and other financial institution shall: lending and equipment leasing transportation assets abroad, the long-term loans to domestic enterprises that carrying out construction works abroad, funding pre-contract activities in such matters; short-term and long-term financing of the preparation and execution of export; refinance of short-term and long-term export credits granted by banks or other financial institutions, insurance and reinsurance operations of export and investment companies in B&H which are made abroad, insurance and reinsurance of commercial and non-commercial risks in the form of compensation of losses incurred to secure jobs.

1.4 Foreign Investment Promotion Agency - FIPA

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Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA) of Bosnia and Herzegovina is established with the mission to: attract and maximize the flow of foreign direct investment into Bosnia and Herzegovina, and encourage existing foreign investors to further expand and develop their businesses in BiH; facilitate the interaction between public and private sectors, and have an active role in policy advocacy in order to contribute to continually improving environment for business investment and economic development, and promote a positive image of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a country that is attractive to foreign investors.

In order to realize these objectives Agency offers practical assistance in dealing with government institutions, by working directly with investors, assist to potential investors to develop contacts with the public and private sector, assist to the government in improving the legal framework for foreign investments, ensure that investors are fully aware of the opportunities that B&H presents (ensured fact-sheets, data, information, analyses, advices, etc.), and identification and presentation of investment opportunities in B&H.

1.5 Foreign Trade Chamber of B&H

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Foreign Trade Chamber of B&H is union of companies formed with the aim to synergy effects and increases the competitiveness of member states through the provision of following services: represent the interests of members and lobbying; participation of chamber experts in the work of specific councils, committees, professional bodies, etc.; participation of the Chamber's representative in the work of parliamentary commissions in respect of the preparation and adoption of new legislation in the field of economy, all in order to protect the interests of its members; competent authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina submitted Comoros laws and other regulations relating to the Foreign Trade Policy, transport, finance, agreements, contracts and other relevant documents related to trade and investment; promotion of international trade through: information about foreign markets, the business mission (reception and visit), international trade fairs, export centres (for different markets / countries), Matchmaking, business forums, promotional publications, advisory services and macroeconomics: the analysis of foreign policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina macroeconomic and institutional improvement and development of B&H; monitoring and analysis of development in customs and tax policy in B&H; cooperation with relevant bodies in respect to the balance of payments, trade deficits, analysis of financial markets and capital markets in B&H; monitoring of foreign direct investment, including the creation of a favourable business environment; organization of seminars related to the strategy for the development of small and medium enterprises; an increase of BH exports; management of sustainable development , etc.; proposing measures aimed to reduction of trade deficit; participation in the process of restructuring of economy and propose of measures; the issuance of various certificates (Form A - the origin of textile products; Certificates for companies that participate in public procurement tenders; ATA Certification; Certification of international agreements with countries of the Middle and Far East, verifying invoices and business visas for these countries); and other services.

1.6 Institute of Metrology

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1.7 Institute for Standardization of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Activities carried out within the Institute, which directly or indirectly may affect the status of regional metal processing sector are: propose standardization strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, preparing and publishing of Bosnia and Herzegovina standards, represent of Bosnia and Herzegovina in international, European and other Organization for Standardization, and perform a tasks that came out from international agreements and membership in these organizations. In addition to these activities the Institute participates in the preparation of technical regulations, develop and establish of information system on standards of B&H, organizes and carry out specialized training of personnel in the field of standardization. At the same time Institute deals with publishing - journalistic activity in the field of standardization. In the area of conformity assessment Institute participates in establishing and maintaining a system of certification and homologation in compliance with the European model, representing Bosnia and Herzegovina in European and international organizations, conformity assessment (EOTC and EUROLAB, etc.) to the formation of associations and association of testing laboratories and calibration laboratories organizing training in the field of conformity assessment.

1.8 Council of Competition

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The Council of Competition has exclusive competence to decide on the presence of prohibited competition activities in the market of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by which regulates competition policy as one of more important instrument and pillar in creation and strengthening the single economic area /market in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Council activities are focused to prevention, restriction and distortion of all forms of the market competition on the whole territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina or out of the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina having the substantial effect on the market of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The special attention is directed towards the agreements between bussines actors, dominant position and abuses of dominant position, and on rules and procedures concerning the competition between undertakings. Constant task and priority of the Council is ensuring of by means of the continual promotion Program ("Competition Advocacy") closer approach of the various aspects of market competition to business associations and other respective institutions for the purpose of the proper law enforcement and increase the knowledge and awareness.

2. REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA

2.1 National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska

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National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska within their scope of activities includes the Commission for monitoring of economic reforms process, whose work directly or indirectly affect the business situation in the regional metal processing sector.

2.2 Government of Republic of Srpska

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Government of Republic of Srpska within the scope of its activities combine following ministries and agencies that directly or indirectly may affect to the improvement of the current situation in regional metal processing sector.

2.2.1 Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation of RS

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Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Coordination of Republic of Srpska is responsible for tasks relating to: promotion of economic relations with foreign countries; the preparation and monitoring of foreign investments; coordination of investment requirements through the definition, promotion and implementation of specific programs and projects; coordination of economic activities abroad; consignment; the basis for making goods and services with foreign countries; programming and long-term development of foreign trade; preparation, execution and conclusion of international trade and commodity agreements in accordance with the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina; organization of economic missions abroad, mixed committees of Republic of Srpska representatives and other bodies for economic, scientific-technical and other cooperation with foreign countries; business of entities engaged in economic activity abroad; establishment and operation of representative offices of foreign firms in the Republic of Srpska; jobs related to the succession of former SFRY and the protection of the interests of economic entities from the Republic of Srpska; monitoring and coordination of activities that are obligations of the RS to meet the requirements for inclusion in European integrations through the establishment of a single economic space with the ultimate goal - full membership of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the European Union; the coordination of activities to improve the business environment for the inflow of foreign investments; promoting of Republic of Srpska potential abroad in cooperation with the Agency for Foreign Investment Promotion of B&H.

2.2.2 Ministry of Science and Technology of RS

<http://www.vladars.net/sr-sp-latn/Vlada/Ministarstva/mnk>

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Ministry of Science and Technology within the framework of its activities performed tasks related to: scientific and research activities; strategy of technological development of RS; encouraging of fundamental, development and applied research; technological development of domestic investment, human resources, scientific activities, innovation and technology development; information on issues of economic and technological development; transfer and provision of material rights and technologies in production; planning; preparation of agreements on scientific-technical cooperation in accordance with the Constitution of

Bosnia and Herzegovina and other issues in accordance with the law and other regulations of Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ministry in the framework of its activities supports the work of scientific-research institutions through various forms of support, for example:

- Open competition for co-funding of scientific publications in 2009 - opening date 17.02.2009, closing date 31.10.2009;
- Open competition for doctoral theses, doctoral studies, master's, scientific meetings, postgraduate students, equipment, study stays, training - date of opening 12.2.2009, closing date 31.10.2009;
- Open competition for co financing of joint scientific research projects within the scientific and technological cooperation between B&H and the Republic of Slovenia for 2010th and 2011th - opened from 15.05.2009, closing date was 30.06.2009;
- Open competition for the allocation of financial resources in support to innovators in RS from 02.03.2009.

2.2.3 Ministry of Economy, Energy and Development of RS

<http://www.vladars.net/sr-sp-latn/Vlada/Ministarstva/mper>

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Ministry of Economy, Energy and Development within its scope of activities carried out tasks related to: black metal industries; production and processing of ferrous metals; processing of non-metals; metal processing industry; engineering; production of transportation facilities; shipbuilding; dedicated manufacturing; trades and the development of private entrepreneurship, making of medium and long-term development plans; creation of strategy for the development of small and medium enterprises, as well as strategy for development of handicraft-entrepreneurial activities; the provision of funds for implementation and enforcement of the adopted strategy and development policy; production of electrical machinery and appliances; and many other activities not directly related to the metal processing sector. Ministry by the measures of economic and development policies and by variety measures encouraging and stimulate economic development in its areas of jurisdiction. Forms of support are, for example:

- Public call for funds on the basis of co-financing of export incentives for 2009th year – opening date 04.06.2009, closing date 06.07.2009.

2.2.4 Ministry of Education and Culture of RS

<http://www.vladars.net/sr-SP-Latn/Vlada/Ministarstva/mpk/OMin/Pages/Splash.aspx>

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Ministry of Education and Culture within the framework of its activities, among others, performs the following tasks that directly or indirectly affect the status of regional metal processing sector, relate to: secondary education; validation and equivalence of foreign school diplomas; preparation of educational cooperation with other countries and international organizations and international agreements in the field of education in accordance with the Constitution of Republic of Srpska and the Constitution of the Bosnia and Herzegovina; high and higher education; preparation of educational cooperation with the Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina, with other countries and international organizations and international agreements in the field of higher and higher education in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Srpska and the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and many other activities that are within the jurisdiction of the Ministry.

2.3 Parliamentary Committee for Economy and Finance

http://www.narodnaskupstinars.net/lat/odbori/odbor.php?id_odb=1

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As part of its activities Parliamentary Committee for Economy and Finance deal with problems that directly or indirectly affect the work of regional metal processing sector, and refers to: socio-economic and technological development of the RS; planning and social plan of RS; development of less developed municipalities and regions; the distribution of available funds and mandatory pooling; social control of prices, markets, products and services; rent and commodity reserves; control of measures; protection of inventions; technical improvements; trademarks; characters and origin of products; standards; technical norms and standards of product quality; taxes and other fees; finance of development of less developed regions and municipalities and the additional funds to municipalities; and many other questions in the field of economy and finance, which are the responsibility of the National Assembly of Republic of Srpska.

2.4 Republic Agency for development of small and medium enterprises of RS

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Republic Agency for development of small and medium enterprises established with the aim to generate new and support existing small and medium enterprises in the RS and the promotion and development of entrepreneurial mentality in the RS. Agency's tasks are: development of strategy for the development of SMEs and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Srpska; operational implementation of stimulating policies; encourage of employment, professional trainings and retraining of workers; encouraging and achieving of two-way communication of small and medium enterprises, entrepreneurs and their associations with the Government of the RS and other institutions at the level of the RS and B&H; encourage of start-up and development of local development agencies and local centers for business development; assistance and coordination in the development of a network of local development agencies and encouraging inter municipalities projects; promotion of entrepreneurship and supporting of innovative activities; organizing, collecting and processing of legal and other information of interest to SMEs; establishment of unified information system of statistical data and information of importance for small and medium enterprises; participation in international projects and their implementations; supporting of initiatives in the private sector; expansion of best practices experiences at all levels. In realization of these goals and tasks Government of RS, local development agencies, funds, chambers and business associations, universities, commercial banks, international financial institutions and SMEs provide support to the Agency.

2.5 Investment Development Bank - Fund for the Development and Employment of the Republic of Srpska

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Investment Development Bank of the Republic of Srpska focuses its activities on promotion of investments, stimulation of development in the RS and management of RS assets, which is formally and legally registered in six different funds. The bank itself does not do direct placement of funds intended for development projects, but indirectly through banks and micro-credit societies, with support from international financial institutions. In addition, other strategic objectives and priorities of the Investment Development Bank of Republika Srpska are: support for small and medium enterprises, increase of employment, support to production with the aim to reduce foreign trade deficit, steady regional development, and

support to investments. Investment Development Bank of RS manages the Fund for the development and employment of RS. The aim of Fund activities are support to development projects in relation to: increasing employment and support the functioning of labor markets in the RS, export-oriented production, micro, small and medium enterprise, the international promotion of investment opportunities in RS, etc.

2.6 Republic Institute for Standardization and Metrology

2.7 Republican Directorate for Reconstruction and Construction

3. FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

3.1 Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina consists of the House of Representatives and the House of Peoples. Within its scope of activities House of Representatives includes two Boards that directly or indirectly affect the general situation in the regional metal processing sector.

3.1.1 The House of Representatives - Committee on Energy, mining and industry

Among other issues under the competence of the Committee for Energy, mining and industry consider the following questions: in the field of metallurgy and metal processing; in the field of design and construction investment and other objects in the field of energy, mining and industry; on development programs in the field of energy, mining and industry; management of economic subjects with predominantly state ownership structure; system organizations in the industry; the impact of economic policy measures on industrial development; design and construction of capital and other facilities, etc; in accordance with the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other issues in the field of economy, energy, mining and industry, as well as economic activities and industries from the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives.

3.1.2 The House of Representatives - Committee for Education, Science, Culture and Sport

Among other issues within its activities the Committee for Education, Science, Culture and Sport considering: the system of education, culture, sports and technical culture; the principles of organization of scientific research activities; planning and development programs in the field of education; science, culture, sports and technical culture and other issues in the field of education, science, culture and sports from the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives.

3.2 Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina within its scope of activities includes the following ministries and other bodies which directly or indirectly may affect the improvement of the current situation in regional metal processing sector.

3.2.1 Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry

http://www.fbihvlada.gov.ba/hrvatski/ministarstva/energija_rudarstvo_industrija.php

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Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry within its activities carried out activities relating to: implementation of established policy and enforce the laws established by the legislative organ of government, conducts administrative supervision over implementation of laws and other regulations, issue regulations to implement laws and other regulations, propose and make recommendations in the field of legislation, responds to questions of legislative authority, and performing other administrative and professional duties as defined by law and other regulations. In the Ministry there are two bodies: Institute of Metrology and Federal Directorate for dedicated production.

3.2.1.1 Institute of Metrology

http://www.fbihvlada.gov.ba/hrvatski/ministarstva/zavod_za_mjeriteljstvo.php

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Activities scope of the Institute of Metrology: organizing activities in the field of metrology in the Federation, testing and verification measures, exercise, care, maintenance and usage of standards and reference materials, metrology control over the use of standards and labelling of packed products, direct control of items of precious metals, their branding, traceability of standards and reference materials.

3.2.1.2 Federal Directorate for dedicated production

Scope of activities of the Federal Directorate for dedicated production: planning, coordination, research and development, production, repair, traffic, testing, verification, quality control, standardization and metrology of arms and military equipment; monitoring of production of armaments and military equipment; preparing of laws, regulations and enactments in this area; management of production enterprises for production of armaments and military equipment in the territory of the Federation, independent of the end user; planning, contracting, coordination and control of the field of development of armaments and military equipment; planning, approval and execute of tasks regarding to traffic and transport resources of armaments and military equipment, semi-products, raw materials for production of armaments and military equipment and in cooperation with other relevant ministries issue of necessary supporting documentation; organizing and supervising of the quality assurance system in armaments and military equipment production companies in the territory of the Federation; defining policies and regulations related to procedure and jurisdiction in matters of metrology in the function of the specific needs of military industry of the Federation; execution of control and establish a system of security - protection and development of production, transport and overhaul of armaments and military equipment; organizing and realization of scientific-technical cooperation with other countries in matters related to traffic, development, quality control, standardization and production of armaments and military equipment.

3.2.2 Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts

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The Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts perform administrative, professional and other tasks under jurisdiction of B&H Federation relating to: encouraging of development, entrepreneurship and craft; providing a support for the application of innovation and introduction of modern technologies in the field of entrepreneurship and crafts; increasing of business and crafts share in the total economy; organization of institutions for entrepreneurship and creation of entrepreneurial infrastructure; training of entrepreneurs and craftsmen through the regular, additional education and other tasks stipulated by law. With the aim to carry out these activities within the ministries were formed sectors for: development, entrepreneurship and craft.

3.2.2.1 Development sector

In the scope of its activities Sector perform the following tasks: research, creating, proposing and implementation monitoring of incentive measures and methods of entrepreneurial development and crafts; monitoring of legislation implementation in the field of development, cooperation in the preparation of drafts, draft and draft of laws and other regulations; encourages the development of new products, services, technologies and ways to organize entrepreneurs and craftsmen; collaboration in the work of the working group on

creating of concrete measures and a lines for development support of small business by boosting the development of entrepreneurial infrastructure, innovation, market goods, services, capital and labour; helps the emergence and development of micro, small and medium business entities; connects small business entities with other business entities (domestic and foreign); establish and develop cooperation with financial organizations; establishes and coordinates cooperation with development agencies; presents opportunities to potential investors; involve in proposing, drafting and monitoring of public investments in the Federation; participate in the implementation and monitoring of PRSP programs; propose meaningful measures for monitoring of implemented incentives impacts; cooperate in the development of databases about degree of development of small economies; coordinate the preparation of development policies and strategies for the sectors development, entrepreneurship and crafts, as part of development strategies; implementing significance projects for the Federation, which are approved by the Government of the Federation and managed by local and foreign funds dedicated to the realization of these projects; coordinate the identification, formulation and determination of priority programs and projects within the department, based on methodology adopted by Government of the Federation; monitors and prepares a report on the implementation of ongoing projects; working with management unit and coordination of resources for development (DCU) and the organizational units established in the cantons and municipalities; perform other tasks of import for the management and coordination of resources for development in the Federation and perform other duties within the competence of the Sector.

3.2.2.2 Entrepreneurship sector

Within the scope of its activities Sector performs the following tasks: monitor law enforcement and the legislation regulating by which are attuned conditions and business manners of small business entities; monitors the situation in the area of entrepreneurship and propose, coordinate and implement measures and activities for systematic development of entrepreneurship through promotion, education, information and technical assistance, establishment of incentive funds, building of institutional support, the support to innovators and harmonization of legal regulations; encourage the restructuring of small business, interconnection, and connect then with large economic subjects; monitors activities of economic instruments and measures of economic policy on the development and operation of small business; performs professional duties relating to the international cooperation Federation of in the field of small business; implement measures to encourage international cooperation, export and investment in small business entities, government bodies, local government units; with professional and scientific institutions and representatives of business, participates in the preparation of drafts, laws and other regulations in the competence of the Sector and drafting a proposal contract and perform other tasks within the jurisdiction of the Sector.

3.2.2.3 Craft sector

Within the scope of its activities Sector performs the following tasks: making pre-draft, draft and draft laws and other regulations in the field of craft; creating a craft development; the study of work and development of crafts; improving of cooperation between craftsmen and the establishment of cooperation between local and foreign craftsmen; creation of incentive measures for acceleration of craft development; increase of crafts activities; giving reports on business achievements; participation in the work of professional seminars and conferences; monitoring of implementation and enforcement of the trades laws; working out of policies and propose of measures for the development of crafts; resolve of appeals in

the second instance proceedings, giving technical explanations regarding the execution of laws and other regulations in the area.

Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts activities within their work helps small and medium enterprises through the provision of grant and loan funds through the institution of public tenders:

- Public tender for selection of grant funds users: "Transfer for promoting of development of entrepreneurship and craft " - the application deadline 19.06.2009;
- Public tender for selection of the loan funds users: "Transfer for promoting of development of entrepreneurship and craft", project realisation "Credit encouragement of entrepreneurship development and craft "- the application deadline 19.06.2009.

3.2.3 Ministry of Education and Science

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Federal Ministry of Education and Science within its scope of activities, among others perform tasks that directly or indirectly affect the general situation of the regional metal processing sector: tasks related to secondary education, standards of space, equipment and teaching resources for secondary education; validation and equivalence of foreign school certificates and diplomas; professional education and training of teachers; school books - literature for secondary education; scientific research work on the improvement of educational work; standards and norms for higher education; the development of scientific-research activities; protection of copyright and intellectual property; coordination of research activities; development of research organizations; encouragement of fundamental applied research; development of investment technology and personnel in scientific activities; monitoring of innovation and development; technology and other tasks stipulated by law.

As part of its activities in support of scientific-research work Federal Ministry of Education and Science announced the public tender for co-financing of joint scientific and research projects within the scientific and technological cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Slovenia for 2010th and 2011th year - deadline 06.07.2009 year.

3.3 Development Bank of the Federation B&H

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Development Bank of the B&H Federation is a financial institution whose task is to implement the economic policy of the Government of the B&H Federation for economic development and employment by stimulating lending, taking into consideration the function of balancing structural and regional economic development, especially in areas where commercial banks have no interest (infrastructure, water supply, environmental protection etc.), and those areas that can be realized only through the medium and long term loans with development interest rates. Objectives of the Development Bank of the B&H Federation are encouraging systematic, sustainable and balanced economic and social development of the Federation, in accordance with the general strategic objectives of the Federation, particularly the financial and social. Achievement of these goals can be achieved through the financing of reconstruction and development of the Federation economy, increasing employment, improving economic infrastructure, boost of exports, as well as other activities. To achieve common social objectives the Bank supports the improvement of education, introduction of new technologies, innovations of business methods, development of small and medium enterprises, promotion of environmental protection, creating a single economic space and production chains of domestic products, work on international promotion of development

opportunities of the Federation, provides exports of goods and services from the Federation of non commercial risk take into account the balanced development of the cantons in the Federation.

3.4. Federal Development Planning Institution

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Federal Development Planning Institution within their scope of activities includes the following sectors whose activities may affect the improvement of the current situation in regional metal processing sector.

3.4.1 Sector for programming and analysis of macroeconomic development

Performs tasks related to: preparation of development documents in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, prepares strategies, programs and plans; analysis and programming of structural economic relationship; assessment of certain areas of the economic system and possible consequences; proposal of economic measures and implementation follow up; preparation of legal regulations and other sub-laws in the area of economic system based on market oriented principles and modern economic systems; programming of use of natural resources and secondary raw materials; proposal of incentive measures and measures to recover and improve economic areas that are strategically important for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; publication of brochures and development documents previously verified by the Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3.4.2 Sector for local development and employment

Performs tasks related to: research, analysis, projections of economic and social development of local communities: analysis of available natural, economic, human and other resources and assessment of their impact to the economic development of local communities; research, analysis and design of appropriate methodologies for preparation of local development strategies; preparation of studies, programs, and project tasks for preparation of local development strategies; research, analysis and projections of demographic changes, education and employment at local level; support and provide consulting, expert and information services to teams engaged on preparation of local development strategies; research, analysis and implementation of new science, professional and technological achievements in the area of strategic planning and corporate management in the local communities, research and analysis of the labor market and its impact on education and employment in local communities; research and analysis of education programs and trainings and their compliance with possible employment; corporation with relevant domestic and international development institutions; other tasks in the area of economic and social development of local communities.

3.4.3 Sector for development and implementation of technical requirements and removal of barriers to open market economy

Performs tasks related to: compliance with EU technical requirements, instructions and regulations related to product technical requirements, corporation with Institute for Standards and authorized state and entity ministries (at the Federation level this Sector is participating in the working group meetings tasked to prepare appropriate laws which will remove barriers for trade activities within Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Union); implementation of

technical requirements for products imposed by WTO and other countries, establishment of appropriate corporation with authorized Entity and State institutions, coordination activities such as: trainings, awareness promotion campaigns related to important laws, etc.; accreditation system support through implementation of joint trainings of Government's employees aimed to explain importance and principles of accreditation process (as well as clarification what accreditation process means from economic perspective e.g. direct support to export etc.) (these accreditation activities will be a consisting part of certification process – products, services and tests /laboratories are consisting part of overall system and accreditation process); support and assistance to the introduction of quality system in the companies and public administrations as well as follow up systems on quality improvements.

3.5 Economic Chamber of B&H Federation

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As part of their activities Economic Chamber of B&H Federation, has the following responsibilities:

1. establishment of partnership relations with executive and management at the level of B&H Federation through following activities: preparation and adoption of laws, regulations, policy measures and instruments for governing of the economic position of business entities; preparation and adoption of development strategies; sectoral economic policies; protection of domestic production; establishing of system for sustainable environmental development; promotion and market development; establishing of technical and other standards; the preparation and adoption of measures to improve exports of goods and services; representation of employers in the preparation and adoption of regulations in the field of labour, pension and health insurance, salary, etc.; proposing the harmonization of laws, regulations and measures that have been passed in the cantons with the aim of equalizing economic conditions throughout the Federation; in other matters of partnership established by the regulations and special powers.
2. promotion of economy and entrepreneurship through: coordination of joint activities of Commerce; coordination of annual and long-term program of activities; organization and implementation of joint projects of interest to members; proposing and taking measures to improve entrepreneurship; analyzes the effect of economic instruments and regulations; propose measures of restructuring of production and services based on criteria of sustainable development; take measures for improvement, development and implementation of innovations, inventions and rationalization; unification of means, procedures, standards; protection of domestic products; regulation of markets, organizing a system of business information; organization of education for personnel in the economy in order to acquire the necessary knowledge - alone or in cooperation with the cantonal chambers; and providing other services to members.
3. Promotion of the economy of the B&H Federation;
4. Providing of professional consulting services to members and cantonal chambers in preparation for development projects;
5. Public authority which by law belong to Chamber;
6. Affairs of Court of Honour and the Permanent Arbitration Court;
7. Other tasks related to the exercise of the functions of the Chamber.

4. BRČKO DISTRICT

4.1 Parliament of Brčko District

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Within its scope of activities the Assembly of the Brčko District includes two assemblies Commission that directly or indirectly affect the general situation in the regional metal processing sector: Parliamentary Committee for Economic Development and Agriculture, and the Parliamentary Committee for Education, Sports, Culture and Cooperation with religious communities.

4.2 Government of Brčko District

<http://www.bdcentral.net/>

E-mail -

Government of Brčko District within their scope of activities of gathering the following departments whose activities may affect the improvement of the current situation in regional metal processing sector.

4.2.1 Department for Economic Development, Sport and Culture has two sub-departments

<http://www.bdcentral.net/Vlada/Members/privreda>

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Within the Department are integrated the two sub-departments:

- Sub-department for economic development;
- Sub-department of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

4.2.2 Department of Education

<http://www.bdcentral.net/Vlada/Members/obrazovanje>

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Department of Education among others activities perform administrative and other expert tasks related to: secondary education; preparing of proposals for long-term development of educational concepts - educational institutions; making the curricula of secondary education; adoption of pedagogical standards and norms of space, equipment and teaching aids for secondary education; maintenance of educational institutions register for secondary education; validation and equivalence of foreign school certificates; publishing activities beyond their competence; organization and execution of the professional development of teachers; cooperation with other organizations in order to raise the teaching process in schools to a higher level.

4.3 Brčko District Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.brcko-pkomora.com/>

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Basic activities and tasks of the Brčko District Chamber of Commerce are: providing specific services of interest to members; answers to the questions of members; help members with application to tender; business verification letters; issuance of certificates of temporary import-export; international coordination in the distribution of permits for transport; assistance in obtaining of bar codes for products.

5. TUZALA CANTON

5.1 Assembly of Tuzla Canton

<http://www.skupstinatk.kim.ba/b/s/radnatijela.htm>

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Assembly of Tuzla Canton in the framework of its permanent working body has two committees that in their scope of activities have indirect impact on the work of regional metal processing sector: Economic Commission for Economic and Financial Policy of Tuzla Canton Assembly and the Commission for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports of Tuzla Canton Assembly.

5.2 Government of Tuzla Canton

<http://www.vladatk.kim.ba/>

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Government of Tuzla Canton within its scope of activities gathering the following ministry that may affect the improvement of the current situation in regional metal processing sector.

5.2.1 Ministry for Reconstruction, Development and Reconciliation

<http://www.vladatk.kim.ba/Ministarstva/MORP.htm>

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The Ministry carried out the administrative and other professional jobs that can be used to stimulate development of regional metal processing sector:

- realization of cooperation with relevant ministries in the Cantons and the Federation, for the purpose of creating and establishing the concept and program of reconstruction and development, as well as, tasks related to the return of the population;
- preparation of decisions in the economic policy to stimulate economic and social development of Canton, in cooperation with Cantonal ministries;
- development and promotion of entrepreneurship especially in the area of trade;
- monitoring and informing the Government on developments in the area of regulations and standards for inclusion in the process of European integration, and transfer of technology and knowledge;
- preparation of draft laws and other regulations pertaining to the field of trade, to encourage the development of the municipality and the return of the population;

Within the Ministry acts: Department of Reconstruction and Development; Department of Development; Department of entrepreneurship; and Department of Craft, whose activities are determined in accordance with the Rules on Internal Organization of the Ministry.

Ministry in the framework of its activities supports the work of small and medium enterprises through various forms of support, for example:

- PUBLIC INVITATION - to collect requests for approval and allocation (refund) funds intended for the subsidy and the introduction of a certification system for quality management according to international standards – from 24.05.2008 up to 30.11.2008;
- PUBLIC INVITATION for allocation of grant (irreversible) funds to encourage traditional and old crafts in Tuzla Canton for 2008th - 30 days from the date of publication;
- PUBLIC INVITATION legal entities for regression of interest on loans - open up 15.12.2008th;

- PUBLIC INVITATION - co-funding of programs/projects, associations and associations to support entrepreneurship in the Tuzla Canton from Budget line for 2008th year;
- Etc.

5.2.2 Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport

<http://www.monkstk.ba/>

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Administrative and other expert tasks carried out within the Ministry that directly or indirectly may affect the regional metal processing sector are:

- Secondary and higher education;
- Preparation of long-term proposals for development and conception of educational institutions, which issue the Canton Assembly;
- Adoption of the curricula for preschool, primary and secondary education;
- Approval of the curricula for public universities;
- Monitoring and improvement of scholar and student standards;
- Monitoring and development of scientific-research activities and scientific-technical information and communication in Canton;
- Keeping the register of scientific research institutions;
- Monitoring and improving activities in the field of technical culture;
- Keeping a database of educational, scientific and research institutions and institutions of culture, sports and information, as well as, other legal entities and persons whose work is under supervision of Ministry;
- Establishing of standards and criteria for funding institutions and other legal entities over whose work Ministry performs supervision;
- Publishing activities within its jurisdiction;

The Ministry traditionally every year support scientific research activities through public invitation to apply for co-financing needs in the field of "Science" - for 2009 year, valid registration until 03.07.2009th.

5.2.3 Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining

<http://www.vladatk.kim.ba/Ministarstva/MIER.htm>

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Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining performs administrative and other expert tasks related to:

- Industry, Energy and Mining (except food and tobacco industry);
- production monitoring and taking appropriate measures for its realization and improvement;
- use of natural resources in accordance with the law of the Federation and Canton;
- exploitation of mineral resources and organizing of production in accordance with the policy of the Federation and Canton within the laws and regulations and technical norms and standards in this fields;
- establishing and monitoring of energy balance implementation;
- determining the balance of coal production and other industrial mineral resources;
- allocation and distribution of energy and energy-generating products;
- defining the concept of regional planning and environmental protection, scientific research, education of staff from the relevant areas, etc. (together with other ministries);

- foreign face investment in domestic enterprises in these areas in accordance with the regulations of the Federation and Canton;
- preparation of decisions in the economic policy to achieve economic and social development of Canton;
- preparation of draft laws and other regulations within its jurisdiction;
- inspection of all areas within its jurisdiction;

Last year, the Ministry has announced (09.06.2008) public call for the use of public funds by the Program allocation to consumer units 13010002 "*Interventions by public enterprises and trade companies*", economic code the 614500, Subsidies to private companies in total 2.200.000,00 KM - private companies with the aim to aid in the realization of investment program (co-financing of investment programs).

5.3 Chamber of Commerce of Tuzla Canton

<http://www.kpktz.ba>
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INSTEAD OF A CONCLUSION

After collecting and updating of data on government institutions that their activities that directly or indirectly affect the operations of the metal processing companies and the business climate in the economic region of north-eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is possible to make several conclusions.

As it mentioned at the beginning in the introductory part of this analysis required data are generally collected through the Internet. Unfortunately, although most government institutions have adequate sites their content is usually not adequately updated and in some cases WEB sites are inactive for a long period or at the stage of development. Taking into account the fact that Internet, in recent years, becomes increasingly important place for the presentation of activities, exchange of information and notices, and presentation of individual institutions, current state in this area is very poor, and in some cases, web contents are absolutely useless.

Even a cursory review of a number of government institutions that through their activities, directly or indirectly support the work of small and medium enterprises is immediately evident their excessive number. The reasons for the existence of so many government institutions are many, but this analysis will not elaborate it in details. However, it is clear that such a large number of governmental institutions, significantly reduces the overall efficiency of the system, and contributes to the unsatisfactory level of activities coordination among government institutions, which reduces the potential synergy effects that could be realistically achieved. As a result of such a situation, overlapping, unclear responsibilities and accountability often leads to duplication of some activities, inefficient spending of resources, lack of planning activities in order to overcome specific problems, appointment of different priorities for certain sectors, etc. The above deficiencies further complicate the existing situation which is a result of the impact of world economic crisis that strongly affected B&H economic as well as metal processing sector in north-eastern region of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Based on the review of government institutions activities included in this analysis can be seen that some of them have certain funds that are directed to the development of small and medium enterprises. If we consider the above funds partially, they do not represent a considerable potential that could significantly affect the promotion of business activities in metal processing companies, however, if we consider the above funds summary it is possible to recognize the significant financial potential that the state institutions have at their disposal. Fragmentation of funds and not targeted activities focused on support, significant "blunt" really available financial potentials, that would exist if all such funds are, as much as possible, integrated, planned and targeted guided to overcome the problems that regional metal processing companies as well as all ancillary activities directly or indirectly associated with the regional metal processing sector faced with.

It is important to note that in addition to the problems associated with fragmentation and diffuse directing of financial resources intended for supporting of business activities of companies in metal processing sector by government institutions, is observed another potential disadvantage. Namely, a significant portion of funds that are directed in support of business activities is placed in the form of grants. Grant funds are divided to small and medium enterprises represent a very useful form of support that can significantly facilitate the economic activities of enterprise - users. However, based on past experiences it is not possible to escape the impression in lack of transparency in the process of financial resources allocation, the ways in which the fields - activities which will be support are determined (taking into account the absence or un synchronisation of strategic directions at different levels of government within Bosnia and Herzegovina), and the total absence or lack of

adequate monitoring of expenditure and acquittal of funds assigned by the grant. One possible solution that would improve the existing situation regarding the allocation of funds for the improvement of business activities is the possibility that some of the funds left on the disposition of grant funds while the second part can be focused on the creation of certain types of credit funds (revolving) that will by significant favourable credit conditions ensure the necessary financial support to business activities of companies. Namely, it can be expected that by this way placed funds will be rational use and with a significantly higher level of responsibility. On the other hand, because it is a credit fund, a renewable source of financing of business activities of SMEs under very favourable terms will provide with the tendency of growth of the initial capital fund.