

## **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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### **Section Vitality**

Bosnia and Herzegovina Section organized elections for ExCom members in January 2021 and new Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary started with their mandate since February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, that will last until the December 31 2022. We do not have the practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair, and usually we provide continuity since Chair serves two successive mandates. We only organized one ExCom board meeting in July 2021 at Banja Luka, where we discussed about activities in our Section.

#### **Students**

List of Student Branches (SB): University of Sarajevo, University of Banja Luka, University of Tuzla, University of East Sarajevo, University of Mostar, International Burch University, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology.

We are facing difficulties in providing continuity of work of our SBs due to pandemic conditions and since the classes are conducted online, students are not present at campuses. Section is providing administrative support to activities organized by Young Professionals – activities linked to Innovation Nation program and awards.

#### **Affinity Groups**

Bosnia and Herzegovina have exemplary active YP Affinity Group, with active SB AGs. Due to pandemic, none of new activities were realized in comparison to the 116<sup>th</sup> report. One YP ExCom meeting was organized in June 2021.

#### Chapters

Active Chapters in the Section are: PES and Joint Chapter IAS/IES/PELS. University of Sarajevo SB PES Chapter is the most active SB Chapter, followed by the PES Chapter of IBU SB. Only University of Sarajevo SB PES Chapter have reported on time and received rebate.

#### **Industry**

We have traditionally lot of activities with industry (PES BH Days, etc.) but due to pandemic they were minimally organized and linked to conferences sponsorship and subsequent presentation (online).

#### **Activities since the last report**

In the context of pandemic and health measures preventing social events and gathering, many activities switched to online modality. The main activities in our Section are linked to preparation, conducting and follow up of the conferences technically co-sponsored by our Section.

#### Planned activities

We are planning to organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Industrial Track (IT) activity in 2022, so preparation started in regards to that activity. YPAG is planning to continue with online workshops, and PES Chapter will have regular elections and we expect new initiatives.

#### How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities

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Any other issues of interest
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