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Section Vitality

We usually don't have practice of Vice-Chair becoming the next Section Chair. We had Section ExCom meetings from the last IEEE R8 Meeting.

20/08/2025 (1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.)

 The following agenda was proposed and discussed about:

1.Report on the implementation of the section's activities after the last ExCom meeting;
2. Election process in the section and proposal for filling the following positions:
Secretary
Educational Activities
Professional Activities

YP Coordinator
Membership Development
Webmaster
VTools Coordinator
3. Improving the work of the Section, animating membership and increasing the number of activities;
4. IEEE BH Section Website;
5. ICAT Conference participation and presentation of the section;
6. Celebrating 20 years of the IEEE BH Section;
7. Current issues.

02/09/2025 (1:00 p.m-3:00 p.m.)

IEEE Bosnia and Herzegovina ExCom members had a meeting with potential new members of the board to fulfill the positions. The members where thought about the operations of the Section and their roles. We started with the petition for the position Secretary and YP Coordinator.

We have created a proposal for activities to celebrate 20 years of the IEEE Section in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Students

List of Student Branches

1. SB Faculty of Electrical Engineering – University of Sarajevo
2. SB Faculty of Electrical Engineering – University of Banja Luka
3. SB University Burch

4. SB Faculty of Electrical Engineering – University of East Sarajevo
5. SB Faculty of Electrical Engineering – University of Tuzla

We do not have newly formed or dissolved Student Branches

Affinity Groups

We don't have newly formed or dissolved AGs/SB AGs, since the last meeting reporting. At the ExCom, we defined priority activities intended to support affinity groups.

Chapters

We have next active chapters

1. IEEE B&H PES Chapter
2. IEEE B&H PEL/IAS/IE Joint Chapter

We don't have the newly formed or dissolved Chapters since the last meeting. The activities of the chapter were in cooperation with SB and YP in the organization of presentations and trainings.

Date: 10 Jun 2025 PES Chapter

Presentation"Global Net Zero Objective: What has work, and what more needs to be Done? IEEE PES Expert: Dean Sharafi

Start time: 17 Jul 2025 11:00 AM CEST End time: 21 Jul 2025 03:00 PM CEST IAS/PELS/IES Chapter

Workshop "AI In Cyber Security of Cyber Phisical Systems: Friend or a Foe", Milos Manic, IEEE IES President

ICAT Conference

Start time: 02 Sep 2025 09:00 AM CEST, End time: 04 Sep 2025 04:00 PM CEST

ICAT (International Conference on Information, Communication and Automation Technologies) is the annual conference organized by Faculty of Electrical Engineering Sarajevo (ETF Sarajevo) since early 1970's, and it aims to create a forum for scientists and practicing engineers throughout the world to present the latest research findings and ideas in the areas of computer science, information technologies, control systems, communication technologies and power engineering.

IEEE Bosnia and Herzegovina Section was the technical co-sponsor of the event.

Industry

We had a meeting with repereseatives of industry at ICAT 2025 Conference and we discussed how to strength relations our Section with the industry.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

 In the next period, we plan to define priority indicators related to monitoring diversity, equality and inclusion.

Activities since the last report

Coordination and cooperation in ExCom is good. Cooperation with program committees of IEEE conferences held on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and promotion of the IEEE Section at conferences is also good. The work and reports of active chapters are good. Certain activities aimed at SB and YP are well done. We promote and place our activities on web site of IEEE B&H Section: https://ieee.ba/

Through various manifestations in which the IEEE B&H Section is involved, presenting the basic idea, significance, mission and vision of IEEE as the largest technical professional association, we strive to get new IEEE members both from the academic community and the industry.

Weaknesses refer to the insufficient activity of most SBs and insufficient cooperation with the industry. Also, we did not have activities related to the monitoring of diversity, equity and inclusion indicators. More activities are needed to promote the place and role of IEEE in terms of professional development and opportunities.

Planned activities

Celebrating 20 years of IEEE in Bosnia and Herzegovina (7th October 2025)
Defining priority activities intended to support affinity groups. We plan to start with the WiE Affinity Group in the next year.
New projects related to the engagement of student chapters and young professionals.
Fostering and strengthening cooperation with the industry.
Starting with the new CS/CIS Jt. Chapter.
IEEE B&H Section is engaged in organization of INFOTEH-Jahorina 2026 (March 2026) Conference which is technically co-sponsored by IEEE B&H Section IEEE B&H IAS/PELS/IES Joint Chapter and IEEE IES.

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

We would like to hear examples of good practice from the Region related to monitoring diversity, equity and inclusion.

Any other issues of interest

Not in this report