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# BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA

## Key engagement

Warm bilateral relations underpinned by strong people-to-people links.



## Bilateral relations

Australia recognised Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in May 1992, shortly after its independence. Australia and BiH share a friendly bilateral relationship, underpinned by strong people-to-people links, and engage on issues of mutual interest in international organisations. Through the Embassy in Vienna, Australia supports direct aid projects for local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Projects focus on supporting development in education, gender, disability, and human rights.

Australia has worked beside BiH in the Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan and in the Global Coalition against Daesh.

Economic and trade information can be found in the Bosnia and Herzegovina factsheet:

<https://dfat.gov.au/trade/resources/Documents/bohr.pdf>

## Foreign policy

Achieving membership in NATO and the European Union are key priorities for BiH. Its active participation in multilateral activities supports these objectives.

BiH is a member of the Council of Europe and signed a Stabilisation, and Association Agreement with the EU in 2008 and in 2016 submitted an application for membership of the EU. In 2006, BiH joined NATO's Partnership for Peace. It has engaged in Intensified Dialogue on its membership aspirations and related reforms since 2008.

Further information is available at: [www.mvp.gov.ba/](http://www.mvp.gov.ba/)

## FAST FACTS



Bosnia and Herzegovina visitors to Australia (2018) **900**



Australian visitors to Bosnia and Herzegovina (2018) **8,400**



Resident Australian population born in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2016 census) **23,962**



Bosnia and Herzegovina students in Australia (2018) **91**

## High level engagement

2017 Croat Member of the Presidency, Dr Dragan Čović, visited Australia

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