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**Roundtable ''Election Legislation – Polling Station Committees''**

The roundtable ''Election Legislation – Polling Station Committees'', organized by the Coalition ''Pod lupom'', finished today in Sarajevo by adopting the conclusion that is necessary urgently approach the amendments of the electoral legislation in BiH.

After presenting the Analysis of the work of Polling Station Committees in the OSCE participating states, which was prepared by a working group of the Coalition's youth researchers, present parliamentarians, representatives of the election administration, international organizations and civil society discussed the problems in the administration of elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on Polling Station Committees.

According to the Analysis, over 50% of the member states of the OSCE have mixed Polling Station Committees combinated of representatives of political parties members and non-party members, 20% have only non-partisan Polling Station Committess, and about 20% of the analyzed countries for which data were available have exclusively partisan Polling Station Committess.

Vehid Šehić, President of the Strategic Committee of the Coalition, pointed out that during the current election process it was concluded that the Polling Station Committees, which are in BiH exclusively composed of representatives of political entities, certainly the weakest link in the electoral process. He particularly pointed out problems related to the nomination of Polling Station Committees where political entities trade and barter places in Polling Station Committes and illegally influence the free will of the voters and violate Election Law of BiH.

The Analysis is a continuation of the activities of the Coalition to improve the electoral legislation in BiH. In future Coalition ''Pod lupom'' will make several more analysis related to certain aspects of the electoral process, which will be presented to the local public.