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 **It is urgent to form Interministerial Working Group**

The roundtable titled "Election deadlines and protection of electoral rights", organized by the Coalition- Pod lupom, finished today in Sarajevo by adopting the conclusion that it is necessary as soon as possible to access the shortening of the duration of the electoral process, as well as provide more effective protection of the electoral rights.

However, Vehid Šehić President of the Strategic Committee of the Coalition said that it is necessary that the Council of Ministers as soon as possible appoints three members of the Inter-ministerial Working Group group for disposal of the Council of Ministers has not yet begun work.

After presenting the analysis of electoral deadlines and protection of electoral rights in the member states of the OSCE, which was prepared by a working group of young researchers Coalition, present parliamentarians, representatives of the election administration, international organizations and civil society exchanged their experience on these topics.

According to the presented analysis, in 69, 23% of the participating countries, for which it was possible to determine the date of announcement of elections, elections shall be held on average 81.2 days before election day, unlike Bosnia where elections are publishing 150 days before Election Day. Understanding that the electoral system in BiH is one of the most complex in the world, a member of the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina Branko Petrić as probes alleged inadequacy and software solutions for the screening of applicants, for which an upgrade is not insured funds.

Suad Arnautović, member of the Central Election Commission (CEC) said that the election process is not only the responsibility of the CEC, but also other authorities.

It was emphasized that it is necessary to establish deadlines for the formation of the executive authorities and sanctions for non-compliance with deadlines, and consider expanding the circle of persons who may file a formal complaint for violation of the provisions of the electoral law.

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 with regard to certain aspects of the electoral process, which will be presented to the local public.