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**PRESS RELEASE: Pod lupom Coalition will have non-partisan observers at almost all polling stations in Doboj and Srebrenica**

After the Central Election Commission of BiH (CEC) has passed a decision on conducting reruns of the local elections in Doboj and Srebrenica, the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod lupom” has begun preparations for conducting non-partisan monitoring of the reruns.

Pod lupom reminds that their accredited non-partisan observers were not allowed to observe the election process on the day of the regular 2020 Local elections, which is, as indicated by the CEC, one of the reasons for the annulment of the elections in Doboj.

*“Banning accredited observers from accessing the polls is a direct violation of the Election Law of BiH. The reruns are an opportunity to conduct the voting process in Doboj and Srebrenica in compliance with election rules and regulations. Pod lupom will make every effort to make sure that every poll in Doboj and Srebrenica has one non-partisan observer, which will be a significant contribution to ensuring free and fair elections,“ –* said Dario Jovanović, Pod lupom's Project Manager.

The Coalition Pod lupom will monitor opening and organisation of the polls, voting process, closing of the polls, vote counting, turnout, and results of the mayoral races in Doboj and Srebrenica. The Coalition's observers will monitor potential election irregularities and seek to resolve them to allow unhindered and compliant election process.

*“The public will be informed about the election process via press releases, press conferences and social media. The Coalition Pod lupom will establish a Call centre in Doboj where the majority of the media activities will take place, and our full* [*SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES*](http://podlupom.org/v2/bs/clanak/najave-dogadaja/112) *is available at the Coalition's official web page,“* said Hasan Kamenjaković, the Coalition's Public Relations and Media Coordinator.

Pod lupom reiterates that citizens can report to the Coalition any observed election irregularities using a toll-free number 080 05 05 05 or an online form REPORT ELECTION IRREGULARITY on [www.podlupom.org](http://www.podlupom.org).