**It is different situation in re-run elections: All non-partisan observers are allowed without problems to access polling stations**

The Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod Lupom” informs the public that one hundred civic, non-partisan election-day observers have been deployed by the Coalition to observe the election-day process at almost all polling stations in Doboj and all polling stations in Srebrenica including at the City Election Commission of the City of Doboj and Municipal Election Commission of Srebrenica. The Pod lupom observers have thus far observed the organization and opening of the polling stations, and they will continue to monitor the voting process, closing of the polls and vote counting.

***Unlike in the 2020 Local elections held on November 15 when the Coalition's observers were not allowed to access the majority of the polls in Doboj,*** which was the violation of BiH Election law and one of the reasons why the Central Election Commission annulled the election in Doboj, all Coalition's observers are in this re-run election allowed unhindered access to all polling stations to which they have been deployed in Doboj and Srebrenica.

The Pod lupom observers reported that at four polling stations in Srebrenica and one polling station in Doboj all members of the polling station committee did not fulfill their obligation to be present at a polling station at 6 a.m.

Six polling stations in Doboj were not arranged according to the Central Election Commission's [Instruction on Operations of the Election Management Bodies on the Election day in the Context of the](https://www.izbori.ba/Documents/Lokalni_izbori_2020/Izborna_administracija_glasanje_GCB/Instrukcija15072020_bos.pdf) Covid-19 Epidemic.

The lists of members of the polling station committees indicating the name of a political subject they represent was not displayed at every fifth polling station. Pod lupom emphasizes that it is necessary to display the lists of members of the polling stations with the name of a political subject rather than the code of a political subject, in order to contribute to transparency of the electoral process and prevent trading of seats on the polling station committees.

Secrecy of the vote was ensured at all polling stations in Doboj and Srebrenica, i.e., the voting booths were arranged in a way to protect the secrecy of the vote. Ballot box was shown empty at all polling stations before the polls opened. Hand-counting of ballot papers before opening of the poll was not performed at one polling station in Doboj.

The percentage of the polling stations that opened at 7 a.m. is almost 88%, while a vast majority of the remaining polling stations opened with a slight delay of up to 15 minutes. Three polling stations opened with a delay longer than 15 minutes.

Information from the field concerning the Election-day process in Doboj and Srebrenica is received by the Coalition's Call Center located in Doboj, while reporting from the polling stations is done in real time.

We call on all citizens in Doboj and Srebrenica to report electoral irregularities using a toll-free number 080 05 05 05 or via <https://bih2021.electionsobserver.org/neregularnosti/>

**The first press conference will take place at 11 a.m. in the Park hotel in Doboj.**