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**BOSNIAKS IN REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA WITH REFERENCE TO THE CITY OF MARIBOR**

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*The paper deals with the Bosniak diaspora in the Republic of Slovenia, i.e. the city of Maribor. Special emphasis is placed on the number, status and organization of Bosniaks in Maribor, from 1921 to 2011. In the past, Maribor was known as a binational city (German, Slovenian), which began to change at the end of the 19th century when Slovenians and Bosniaks became citizens of one state, first the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and later the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes or socialist Yugoslavia. At the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, due to the disintegration of socialist Yugoslavia, Bosniaks became a national minority in the Republic of Slovenia. In addition to Bosniaks who have lived in Slovenia before, they are joined by those Bosniaks who temporary or permanently emigrated from Bosnia and Herzegovina and settled in Slovenia during and after the last war. The poor political and economic situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina has significantly contributed to this. It is estimated that about 100,000 people of Bosnian origin live in the Republic of Slovenia.*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.sinagogamaribor.si/slo/dediscina/judi-v-mariboru/> (Pristupljeno 12.06.2020.)