

GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONALIZATIONS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA IN THE LIGHT OF EURO-ATLANTIC INTEGRATIONS¹

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Existing political and territorial organization of Bosnia and Herzegovina, based on the Dayton Peace Agreement from 1995., is in complete disharmony with its regional-geographic structure, which relies on its natural physiognomy, the economic function and nodal differentiation. Entity line was created as a compromise to stop the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992-1995 year. This line clip physiognomic units and tore previously self-sustaining functions of nodal-functional regions, which have primarily relied on its natural physiognomy. Negative processes of political-territorial arrangement compounded by cantonal regulation of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is crisscrossed together previously self-sufficient geographic regional and sub regional entities.

In order to explain the essence of unsustainability imposed ethnic and cantonal political-territorial differentiation of Bosnia and Herzegovina the analysis of previous regional-geographic differentiation was performed, with full respect of geographical principles and methods. These conceptions of geographical regionalization started from the idea of the region, as basic unique taxonomic units in regional planning of sustainable development of certain chorological entities. In addition, this work relies on the methodological concept of regional policy of the European Union, whose future is based on the integration of self-sustaining region.

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