

Bosnia-Herzegovina: MEPs call for end to political stalemate

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The European Parliament today issued a strong call for the politicians of Bosnia-Herzegovina to overcome divisions and take decisive steps to consolidate the common state.

"The current political stalemate prevents Bosnia-Herzegovina from developing its economy and providing a stable and prosperous future for its citizens. Local politicians must co-operate in the interest of the whole country. Another crucial factor for the country's European future is to amend the constitution to adopt the ruling by the European Court of Human Rights in the case of Sejdic-Finci", said the European Parliament's Rapporteur Doris Pack MEP, referring to the legal obligation to provide electoral representation to all citizens.

"Constitutional reform is crucial to turn Bosnia-Herzegovina into a modern and efficient federal state. To achieve any progress on its path towards the EU, the political leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina need to find a way to cooperate and progress on the reform path", Pack said.

It is deplorable that 18 years after the end of the war, BiH has not made many steps forward and is lacking behind the other countries in the region thanks to its leaders.