**Report on climate change effect on culture and cultural rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change and Low Emission Development for Bosnia and Herzegovina has been adopted by the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 8 October 2013. This document was prepared parallel with Second national report on climate change of Bosnia and Herzegovina according to the UNFCCC, in coordination with UNDP in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Strategy is the important step to inevitable capacity building, to setting a general policy course on development of low-emission that is climate change resilient, to integrating more specific policies, measures and projects into sectoral strategies, and finally to identifying already existing options for adaptation on climate change and measures for its mitigation in order to ensure their international support. Nevertheless, this Strategy should be observed as an initial Strategy that requires additional elaboration during its implementation.

The Strategy indicates that as a result of past and present GHG emissions, climate change impacts are already being observed in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia and Herzegovina too must prepare to respond to climate change as well as to maximize its opportunities whenever they arise - through better understanding of its vulnerabilities and increasing resilience to climate change, as well as through the capacity building. Negative impacts of climate change in Bosnia and Herzegovina may mainly be evident in the health of people that may be disrupted, in agriculture, water management, hydro energy, forestry, biodiversity and even tourism. Tourism might be affected in a way that in winter it can negatively influence ski tourism in Bosnia and Herzegovina while in summer high temperature may be less attractive for tourists. Nevertheless, while providing the data on negative impact of climate change on certain areas, the document does not provide data that refers to the negative impact of climate change on culture and cultural rights per se in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Hence, Bosnia and Herzegovina currently does not possess valid and concise data that could determine negative impact of climate change on culture and cultural rights in the country, it also does not possess data on positive potential for culture and cultural rights to enhance responses to climate change or measures which are being taken in that regard.