

# Internet Governance Forum of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2024

## Final Report BH IGF 2024



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## What is the Internet Governance Forum?

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) was initiated as a direct result of the World Summit on Information Society (UN World Summit on Information Society, WSIS) which began under the auspices of the United Nations in Geneva in 2003 and continued in Tunisia in 2005. The IGF event on a global level has been convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations since 2006.

The IGF is an international policy fora for discussions and cooperation on topics related to the development of the information society, Internet management and challenges around the Internet in general. The IGF is not a decision-making body, but a forum where defined problems and discussed approaches can be shaped into public, international or national policies and forwarded to other bodies - whether within the UN or other international organizations or governments - for consideration.

IGFs, especially at national and regional levels, tend to produce practical ideas for intersessional activities by participants themselves and result in changes and successes which are then presented in the next yearly gathering. For several years now, IGFs are, in addition, resulting with key messages from sessions held which shape both national and regional IG agendas as well as feed into global IG-related discussions.

This year, the global IGF is held in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) under the overarching theme "Building our multi-stakeholder digital future". It is organized as a multistakeholder platform to discuss Internet governance issues in a bottom-up, open and inclusive manner. It welcomes representatives from civil society, government, the private sector, the technical community, academia, as well as the media.

Principles on which the IGF is based are:

- openness and transparency (including allowing all interested parties, and public at-large to participate in the IGF from shaping the agenda to discussing, public insight into all segments of the IGF work)
- inclusivity (enabling active involvement of all interested parties)
- bottom-up approach (involving public at-large in creation of the IGF program)
- not intended for sale of goods and services
- multi-stakeholder model (academia, business sector and industry, civil society organizations, state and public administration, and [more often in recent years] media)

## BH IGF: History and Why It Matters?

The IGF in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH IGF) took place in [2015](#), [2016](#), [2017](#), [2023](#), and this year, 2024. It is part of the national and regional initiatives (NRIs) network of the global IGF. It has been organized in the multi-actor spirit of the IGF, as a joint initiative of several organizations and institutions. In 2015, the initiative started when a small group of individuals and enthusiasts from BiH, who attended other IG events regionally and globally, recognized the value, understood the importance of shaping human rights-based policies around the Internet, and felt the need for such an event on the national level for inclusive discussion. From 2015, the BH IGF became an important and unique platform in the country, for its openness to all stakeholder groups as well as for giving the opportunity to young audiences to participate in such an event, including to attend introductory training on Internet governance before the event itself.

Overarching themes over the years:

[2015](#): "Internet for All – Opportunities and Challenges within Internet Governance in Bosnia and Herzegovina"

[2016](#): "BH Internet - Open and Secure?"

[2017](#): "The Network Effect: from infrastructure to children"

[2023](#): "Reviving Internet governance [Forum] in BiH"

[2024](#): "Shaping responsible Internet governance - connecting local challenges to global solutions"

Following BH IGF 2023, this year's Forum is aiming to look into the pace of internet governance discussions and activities in BiH, namely the progress of systematic approach to internet governance in BiH, as well as large technology platforms and the realization and protection of human rights, content moderation, but also about malign disinformation and the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on BiH.

As the report will show, the BH IGF 2024 achieved a great participation of different stakeholders, high-level participation, grabbed media attention, as well as brought to the attention IG topics and has provided some solutions for ways forward.

## BH IGF 2024 - Preparatory Process

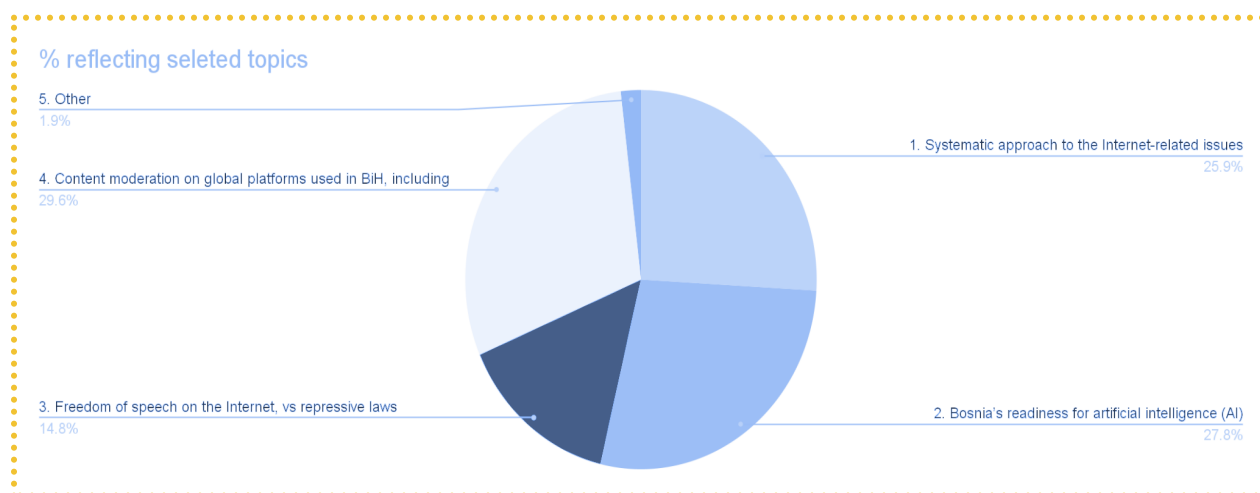
The fifth BH IGF was scheduled for November 28, 2024 to be held in Sarajevo, venue Hotel Swissotel, room Geneva.

The preparatory process for the 2024 annual event began in October 2024. BIRN BiH as the lead for the BH IGF 2024 reached out to other relevant institutions and organizations. The Organizing Committee [see: *BH IGF 2024 Organizational and Executive Committee*] was formed in the first 15 days upon the start of the initiative. First tasks were to gather input from their respective networks on topics and to reach out to potential speakers in order to prepare a BH IGF 2024 program consisting of key notes, setting the scene talk and three panel discussions, including plenary.

39 inputs have been collected by the Organizing committee, and the following topics were among most proposed:

- Systematic approach to the Internet-related issues
- Bosnia's readiness for artificial intelligence (AI)
- Freedom of speech on the Internet, vs repressive laws restricting it
- Content moderation on global platforms used in BiH, including in relation to hate speech, genocide and war crime denial and disinformation
- Other<sup>1</sup>

In parallel to this process, funding outreach for BH IGF 2024 was conducted by reaching out to both national and international organizations which have the internet, policies, and human rights at its core.



<sup>1</sup> Digitalization - closing the gap vs. greater security and privacy risks

## BH IGF 2024 - Organizing and Executive Committee

1. [Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) (BIRN BiH), represented by Denis Džidić (executive director) and Aida Mahmutović (project manager) - **NGO/Media** [lead organizer]
2. [Zašto ne?](#), represented by Darko Brkan (director) and Maida Čulahović (policy and advocacy) - **NGO/Fact-checking organization** [co-organizer]
3. [Coalition for freedom of expression and content moderation in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), represented by Maja Čalović on behalf of MediaCentar Sarajevo - **NGO/Media**
4. [Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), represented by Arben Murtezić (director) - **Government**
5. [Faculty of Political Science, University of Sarajevo](#), represented by Sead Turčalo (Dean) - **Academia**

BH IGF 2024 is supported by the [Internet Society Foundation](#) (ISOC), [United States Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Hanns Seidel Stiftung](#) in Sarajevo, [Internet Governance Forum Support Association](#) (IGF SA) and the [Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency](#) (SIDA).

## BH IGF 2023 - Program and Visibility

Last year, BH IGF underwent the revamping of its former logo [see: *BH IGF logo 2015-2017 below*] and was changed with the new logo [see: *BH IGF logo revamped 2023 below*]. The logo was created by a well-known designer in BiH, [Filip Andronik](#).



*BH IGF logo 2015-2017*



*BH IGF logo revamped 2023*

This year, we underwent revamping BH IGF website, now available both in

- Bosnian: <https://bhigf.ba/>
- English: <https://bhigf.ba/en/homepage/>

The website provides information about all BH IGFs held throughout the years, including yearly reports.

💬 The BH IGF website is planned to undergo additional upgrades, pending funding for activities, mainly [in terms of capacity building efforts](#) in the future. ♦

BIRN BiH's flagship website detektor.ba is a well known platform for its investigative pieces and daily reporting on transitional justice, corruption, extremism, malign influence and disinformation, human rights and the rule of law, including in the digital sphere for several years now. In 2024 only, Detektor published more than 1.800 articles, recorded more than 10.000 republications of its content in other media, and cited over 250 times by others.

BIRN BiH (Detektor) and its Organizing committee reported extensively about the BH IGF 2024 capturing both website reads, social media public attention and other media republishing.

Based on the input received, the Committee focused the agenda around the topics on systematic approach to IG, artificial intelligence in terms of mis/disinformation, and content moderation in small countries vs big tech companies.

On the dedicated BH IGF website speakers' names, affiliations and pictures, supporters and funders' information have been updated continuously and are available on the website. Social media announcements and relevant content have been published continuously, as well.

















The following agenda with distinguished speakers, experts in the field, was created and published:

## Agenda

Time	Program
09:00 - 09:30	Arrival and registration of participants
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Organizers about BHIGF</b> Denis Džidić, BIRN BiH (Detektor), Executive director Darko Brkan, UG Zašto ne?, Executive director
09:45 - 10:00	<b>Opening speech</b> Ingrid Macdonald, UN Resident Coordinator for BiH
10:00 - 10:15	<b>SETTING THE SCENE</b> Dunja Mijatović, Expert on human rights and new technologies, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (2018-2024), OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (2010-2017)
10:15 - 11:15	<b>Why has BiH not made progress on a systematic approach to IG?</b> - Moderator: Tijana Cvjetičanin, UG Zašto ne? - Edin Forto, State Minister for Communications and Transport - Anja Gengo, Program expert, UN IGF Secretariat - Arben Murtezić, director, Center for education of judges and prosecutors - Feđa Kulenović, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo / USAID BMAP FORWARD
11:15 - 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30 - 12:30	<b>How do big platforms approach content moderation in small countries like BiH?</b> - Moderator: Zlatan Hajlovac, Forum ZFD - Jillian C. York, Director of International Freedom of Expression at the Electronic Frontier Foundation - Maida Čulahović, UG Zašto ne? / CA Why Not?, Policy Coordinator - Maja Čalović, Coalition for content moderation BiH - Edin Ikanović, Srebrenica memorial center
12:30 - 12:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
12:45 - 13:45	<b>Bosnian transitional complexities confronted with Foreign malign disinfo and AI generated realities</b> - Moderator: Enes Hodžić, investigative journalist, BIRN BiH - Irvin Pekmez, investigative journalist, BIRN BiH (Detektor) - doc. dr. Lamija Silajdžić, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo - Senka Krivić, Professor, Faculty of Electronic Engineering, University of Sarajevo
13:45 - 14:00	<b>BH IGF messages &amp; closing remarks</b>
14:00	<b>Lunch for participants &amp; networking</b>



## Speakers

 <p><b>Denis Džidić</b> Executive director BIRN BiH (Detektor)</p>	 <p><b>Ingrid MacDonald</b> UN Resident Coordinator for BiH UN</p>	 <p><b>Dunja Mijatović</b> Expert on human rights and new technologies Keynote speaker</p>	 <p><b>Edin Forto</b> State Minister for Communications and Transport Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
 <p><b>Anja Gengo</b> Program expert UN IGF Secretariat</p>	 <p><b>Arben Murtezić</b> Director Center for education of judges and prosecutors</p>	 <p><b>Feđa Kulenović</b> Senior Assistant University of Sarajevo / USAID BMAP FORWARD</p>	 <p><b>Jillian C. York</b> Director Electronic Frontier Foundation</p>
 <p><b>Maida Čulahović</b> Policy Coordinator CA Why Not?</p>	 <p><b>Maja Čalović</b> Panelist Coalition for content moderation BiH</p>	 <p><b>Edin Ikanović</b> Panelist Srebrenica memorial center</p>	 <p><b>Enes Hodžić</b> Investigative journalist BIRN BiH (Detektor)</p>
 <p><b>Irvin Pekmez</b> Investigative journalist BIRN BiH (Detektor)</p>	 <p><b>doc. dr. Lamija Silajdžić</b> Panelist Faculty of Political Sciences UNSA</p>	 <p><b>Senka Krivić</b> PhD Faculty of Electrical Engineering, UNSA</p>	 <p><b>Darko Brkan</b> Executive Director CA Why Not?</p>

## BH IGF 2024 Organization

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## Program

Vrijeme	Program
09:00 - 09:30	Dolazak i registracija učesnika
09:30 - 09:45	<b>Organizatori o BHIGF-u</b> Denis Džidić, Izvršni direktor, BIRN BiH (Detektor) Darko Brkan, Izvršni direktor, U.G. Zašto ne?
09:45 - 10:00	<b>Uvodno obraćanje</b> Ingrid MacDonald, Rezidentna koordinatorica Ujedinjenih nacija u BiH
10:00 - 10:15	<b>SETTING THE SCENE</b> Dunja Mijatović, Ekspertica za ljudska prava i nove tehnologije, Komesarka Savjeta Evrope za ljudska prava (2018-2024), Predstavnica OSCE-a za slobodu medija (2010-2017)
10:15 - 11:15	<b>Izazovi BiH u osiguranju sistemskog pristupa upravljanju internetom</b> - Moderator: Tijana Cvjetičanin, UG Zašto ne? - Edin Forto, Ministar komunikacija i prometa BiH - Anja Gengo, Programska ekspertica, UN IGF Sekretarijat - Arben Murtezić, direktor, Centar za edukaciju sudija i tužilaca FBiH - Feđa Kulenović, Filozofski fakultet UNSA / USAID BMAP FORWARD
11:15 - 11:30	<b>Kafe pauza</b>
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Kako velike platforme pristupaju moderaciji sadržaja u malim zemljama poput BiH</b> - Moderator: Zlatan Hajlovac, Forum ZFD - Jillian C. York, direktorica, International Freedom of Expression at the Electronic Frontier Foundation - Maida Čulahović, CSO, Zašto ne?, koordinatorica politika - Maja Čalović, Koalicija za moderaciju sadržaja - Edin Ikanović, Memorijalni centar Srebrenica
12:30 - 12:45	<b>Kafe pauza</b>
12:45 - 13:45	<b>Bh. tranzicijski izazovi nasuprot stvarnosti koju oblikuju strani uticaji i umjetna inteligencija</b> - Moderator: Enes Hodžić, novinar, BIRN BiH/Detektor - Irvin Pekmez, istraživački novinar, BIRN BiH (Detektor) - doc. dr. Lamija Silajdžić, Fakultet političkih nauka, UNSA - Senka Krivić, PhD, Elektrotehnički fakultet Univerziteta u Sarajevu
13:45 - 14:00	<b>BH IGF 2024 poruke i završne riječi</b>
14:00	<b>Ručak za učesnike/ce i networking</b>

- **Introductory**

**Denis Džidić, director of the Balkan Research Network of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIRN BiH)** greeted the audience on behalf of BIRN BiH and the organizing committee, emphasized the importance of continuation of events like IGFs.

Džidić noted the frequent antagonism between the non-governmental sector and authorities in implementing reforms as well as the absence of inclusive and solution-oriented dialogue.

“We have noticed that all the topics we cover – disinformation, transitional justice, malign influence, and many other issues currently facing BiH, including a series of challenges with European integration and digitalization – are issues that should be addressed more broadly through the concept of Internet governance. In this approach, we very rarely see the participation of the entire community,” he said.

**Darko Brkan, director of the U.G. Zašto ne?** highlighted the growing importance of issues related to internet governance, stressing that BiH must be integrated into global processes and avoid lagging behind on European Union initiatives concerning the information space and digital services.

- **Keynote Ingrid Macdonald, UN Resident Coordinator for BiH**

**Ingrid Macdonald, UN Resident Coordinator for BiH**, expressed her organization’s satisfaction at being able to contribute to the forum and called on people around the world to unite to improve the internet.

MacDonald pointed out that *everyone is vulnerable to the dangers of online disinformation*, which, particularly when combined with hate speech, can stigmatize and dehumanize communities.

“Protecting children is especially important in the context of BiH, to ensure that there are security mechanisms in place in the online sphere to prevent sexual predators and others who target children through recordings or other means of sexual exploitation. It is important to have safeguards in place, because the internet can be a very scary space, and once information becomes public, it remains available forever,” she said.

She also referenced the *Global Digital Compact*, an international framework for the governance of digital technologies and artificial intelligence, which *offers unprecedented solutions for safeguarding human rights worldwide*.

- **Setting the Scene** Dunja Mijatović, Expert on human rights and new technologies, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (2018-2024), OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (2010-2017)

Dunja Mijatović, addressed the audience with her comprehensive speech about technology and its intersection with human rights. Mijatović said that the Forum has helped speed up processes in many countries, but BiH remains the only country in the region lacking a national strategy on digital security and has fallen behind in many other areas of internet governance.

"In the context of internet governance, the media has three key roles: fostering accountability, promoting media literacy, and connecting local and global perspectives. My message today is that it is *necessary to involve the media as relevant actors*," said Mijatović.

This is especially crucial, she added, in BiH, where regulation is lacking and the authorities are not moving towards addressing this important issue. For her, the media thus has a critical role in connecting all societal groups in this process.

- **Plenary: Why has BiH not made progress on a systematic approach to IG?**  
→ Plenary session had four speakers and was moderated by Tijana Cvjetičanin (Zašto ne?)

During the plenary session, the inclusion and involvement of all stakeholders – including governmental, non-governmental as well as the media – in the internet governance process was sent as an essential message when it comes to Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to align its digital regulations with global trends.

Edin Forto, State Minister for Communications and Transport, said that there was no consensus in BiH on how to govern the internet in any sector, and that building this consensus is the first step that must be taken.

In terms of security, he recalled a cyberattack on the BiH Parliament, when the data was preserved purely by chance, emphasizing that the absence of cybersecurity protocols leaves the entire society vulnerable to threats.

While acknowledging the revival of efforts to establish a Computer Incident Response Team (CERT) in Bosnian institutions, he also noted that this process had stalled—an apt illustration of the country's vulnerability to risk.

To resolve these issues, he advocates adopting a new law on electronic communications in accordance with European Union legislation, as well as implementing measures to ensure transparency in media ownership, as the media

must be a key partner in designing legal and strategic frameworks for internet governance.

Anja Gengo, Program Expert at the UN IGF Secretariat, discussed the ongoing process of digital transformation, highlighting the need to effectively manage digital technologies.

In the context of BiH, Gengo highlighted both the opportunities presented by technological development and the challenges facing countries in transition, like BiH, in the digitization of private and public services.

“The administration is at the greatest risk. In that sense, this is a call to learn from countries already dealing with these issues,” Gengo said, citing Estonia as a leader in this field.

From a judicial perspective, Arben Murtezić from the Center for Education of Judges and Prosecutors in the Federation of BiH identified many factors beyond regulations and the judiciary that affect internet governance, all of which require sufficient attention.

He believes that in establishing a framework for internet governance, there must be a focus on combating crime, particularly pertaining to the collection and use of digital evidence.

Feđa Kulenović, information expert and assistant at the University of Sarajevo Faculty of Philosophy, concluded the panel by advocating for dialogue between various stakeholders in the internet governance process and the implementation of different regulations across sectors.

Kulenović argued that the academic community can contribute to this process by bridging the gap between the governmental and non-governmental sectors to ensure the standardization of certain practices as well as assist in infrastructure development and facilitate a better understanding of all concepts crucial for effective internet governance in BiH.

*Full media report from this session [available here for sharing](#).*

- Panel 1.: How do big platforms approach content moderation in small countries like BiH?
- Panel had four speakers and was moderated by Zlatan Hajlovac (Forum ZFD)

The panel focused on content moderation on social media in small countries like Bosnia and Herzegovina concluding it needs joint efforts, coordination, and

cooperation between organizations, individuals and state agencies – which also represents one of the key conclusions of the entire BH IGF 2024 forum.

Jillian C. York, Director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, observed that content moderation on social media in 2008 was nothing like what we deal with today.

“Back then, the platforms were still small and [...] there was human-led moderation, while today [...] as much as 90 percent of Meta, the company that owns Facebook and Instagram, is first moderated through algorithms,” York said.

She noted that platforms often reflect the worldview of their home country. For example, the United States tends to have a broader understanding of the right to freedom of expression, while Germany takes a stricter view, especially concerning hate speech.

Problems are also evident in content moderation at the technical level.

“During the genocide in Myanmar, there were eight people who moderated one social media network. Moderation must take place in the local context. What we do know is that good moderation and a good understanding of local culture is crucial,” York said.

York did not have information on the number of Meta moderators dedicated to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Maida Čulahović, Policy Coordinator at “Why Not?” CSO, highlighted the need to distinguish between illegal content and harmful content, which, while not necessarily illegal, can negatively impact freedom of expression, public discourse, and democratic processes.

“We need to advocate for a meaningful and realistic approach, considering what we have at our disposal and our influence on large platforms, since we are small and not as relevant,” Culahovic said, citing Slovakia as a good example of a small European country that has managed to assert itself despite having few native-language moderators.

Maja Čalović from the Coalition for Content Moderation and Freedom of Expression in BiH, also emphasized that BiH’s market size, language, and limited number of speakers makes the country less visible to major platforms, necessitating coordinated action from the non-governmental sector.

Violations of the law online can be reported to authorities like the police, data protection agencies, the Press Council, and organizations dealing with disinformation.

“However,” Calovic noted, “there is no point where this can be communicated to the platforms, because we don’t have the capacity for that.”

She explained that platforms have internal mechanisms based on a mix of guidelines, laws, business practices, even cultural attitudes specific to their country of origin.

Edin Ikanović from the Srebrenica Memorial Center discussed genocide denial online, contrasting the large number of instances with the very small number of resulting indictments.

"We know how to report content and we know the procedure. Reporting by one person means nothing. In order to remove certain content, you have to hire an army of people, and only then is there a chance of removing the content," he concluded.

Full media report from this session [available here for sharing](#).

- Panel 2: Bosnian transitional complexities confronted with foreign malign disinfo and AI generated realities
- Panel had three speakers and was moderated by Enes Hodžić (Detektor/BIRN BiH journalist)

The panel emphasized utilizing existing technologies to detect AI-generated content and raising media and information literacy to defend against disinformation.

Enes Hodžić, a journalist with the Detektor/BIRN BiH, as someone who also writes about this issue, noted that numerous challenges, especially in the transitional period, have made BiH vulnerable to malign influences, particularly with the growing threat of artificial intelligence (AI), which enables faster and easier content generation.

"A recent survey conducted in BiH shows that 90 percent of journalists are actually aware of what comes from artificial intelligence, but only two percent of media outlets in BiH actually use artificial intelligence tools," Hodžić said.

He pointed out that malign actors, such as Russia and China, exploit BiH's weaknesses through disinformation campaigns, often using AI to blur the line between fact and fiction. This affects all sectors of society, especially when it comes to human rights.

Discussing how the traditional media responds to disinformation, Lamija Silajdžić, a professor at the Political Sciences Faculty of Sarajevo University, said that the impact of disinformation and malign content on the social and political landscape in BiH is very significant, with the potential to deepen existing societal divisions and further erode already weak trust in institutions.

"Trust in the media in BiH is definitely low because the media are very often perceived by the public as a tool of political structures. Some [outlets] are under significant political pressure, some are under significant economic pressure, and this has weakened their position as independent and credible partners in public discourse," she explained.

BIRN BiH journalist Irvin Pekmez discussed foreign disinformation in BiH, emphasizing the importance of understanding the objectives of foreign powers, such as destabilization from countries like the Russian Federation.

"We have shown on several occasions that [Russia] aims to destabilize BiH and the region, and that spreading general disinformation is used as a tool in this context to create the destabilization." He pointed out that destabilizing forces have migrated from platforms such as Meta and X, which restricted their activities, to more permissive platforms such as Telegram.

"Telegram has become a key platform for spreading disinformation, which then infiltrates major media outlets, many of which are state-controlled or were part of the public broadcasting services in BiH or Serbia."

He explained that the interests of companies from the People's Republic of China are different, as they aim not to destabilize BiH but to generate profit.

He concluded that citizens, as end-users of information, can be victimized by these tactics and must be better informed about the dangers posed by countries such as China, Russia, Iran, and Turkey. For ordinary citizens, the threats posed by these countries may seem remote.

Senka Krivić, a professor at the Electrical Engineering Faculty of Sarajevo University, stated that artificial intelligence has penetrated all parts of social life. Its impact on the media includes the generation of fake images, videos, and texts to spread disinformation.

"There are already technologies that can detect AI content. I would say that it is important to restore public trust in the media and it is important that the public know what credible sources of information are. In my opinion, the media at large has turned away from journalism with educational purposes and, of course, the most important thing is to change the laws in BiH," Krivic said.

*Full media report from this session [available here for sharing](#).*

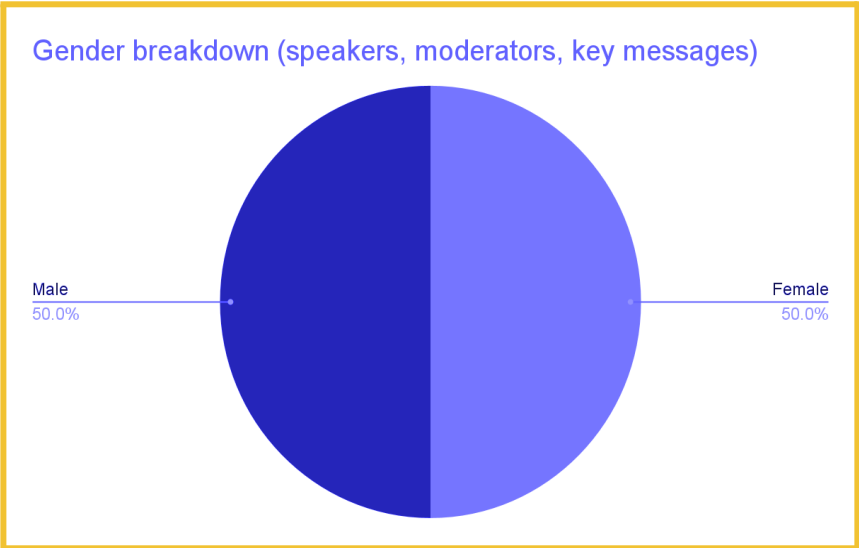


# BH IGF 2024 - Participants and audience

- Participants

The following chart gives a visual overview of the gender representation concerning all - *speakers, moderators and individuals who delivered key messages*.

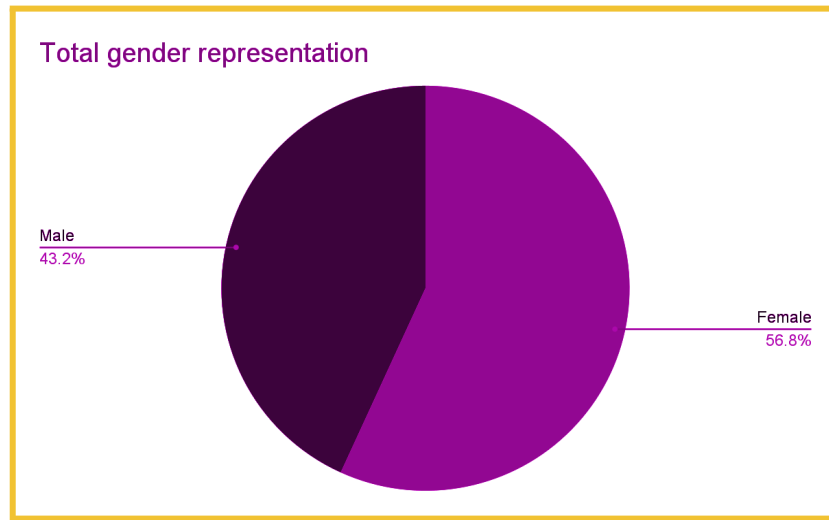
Female	9	Total: 18
Male	9	
Other	0	



- Audience

BH IGF 2024 was attended by over **88 participants**<sup>2</sup>, out of which, per the signature sheet, **50 females (56,8%) and 38 males (43,2%)**.

Attendees come from government institutions, NGOs, private sector, media, academia, technical community, as well as students.



- BH IGF 2024 - on Social Media, detektor.ba and other media

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<sup>2</sup> High-level participants, such as Ms Ingrid Macdonald did not sign the signature sheet

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