

New governments must put the interests of citizens first

High Representative Valentin Inzko welcomed the fact that political parties had finally reached an agreement on the formation of new governments at the levels of the state and Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Regretting that more than five months were lost in discussions over the distribution of posts, the High Representative stressed that now was not a time for complacency but for hard work. "Citizens expect their governments to make up for lost time and to start addressing the serious challenges facing the country and its citizens, especially in respect of job creation, the rule of law, tackling corruption and advancing the country towards Euro-Atlantic integration."

"Now that the distribution of work has been agreed among coalition partners, it is high time for the real job of serving citizens to begin. If political parties are genuine in honouring their promises to citizens, there has to be a tectonic break in the way that politics has been conducted in Bosnia and Herzegovina up until now. The citizens' need for a better life in all spheres must finally be put before the interests of political parties and individual politicians", the High Representative said.