

In February 2004, the Property Laws Implementation in Bosnia and Herzegovina remains at 93 percent

The latest property law implementation statistics show that the overall property law implementation ratio in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) remains at 93 percent.

The Property Law Implementation agencies, which include the Office of the High Representatives, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the OSCE Mission to BiH, reported that as of the end of February, out of a total of 216,686 property claims registered, 201,566 habitable properties were repossessed by their legitimate claimants. More than 99 percent of the first instance decisions were issued.

The three agencies said that a total of 73 municipalities have been verified as having substantially completed the implementation of the property laws. In addition, another 54 municipalities reported to have completed all pending property cases, thereby fulfilling the first requirement from the Municipal Guidelines for Substantial Completion of the Property Law Implementation.

The municipalities of Dobož and Zvornik joined this group in March, and thus made an important step towards meeting their legal obligations under the property laws.

The Agencies call upon the municipalities of Tuzla, Donji Vakuf, Jajce, Banja Luka, Bijeljina, Prnjavor, Mrkonjić Grad/Ribnik to follow this path and demonstrate their commitment to the effective completion of this process.