

PROTOCOL
of the 1st meeting of the Joint Committee
on international road transport of passengers and goods
between the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine,
held on 11–12 May 2026 in Sarajevo

In accordance with Article 16 of the Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on International Road Transport, the 1st meeting of the Joint Committee on international road transport between the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine was held on 11 and 12 May 2026.

Following the opening remarks the delegations agreed the following agenda:

- Ad 1. Exchange of information regarding trade, economic cooperation, and transport of goods and passengers between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine
- Ad 2. Transport of passengers
- Ad 3. Transport of goods
- Ad 4. Other issues

The list of members of both delegations is attached as Annex 1 to this Protocol, and forms an integral part thereof.

Ad.1

Exchange of information on trade, economic cooperation and transport of goods and passengers between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine

The delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine exchanged information and statistical data regarding trade exchange, economic cooperation and international transport of goods and passengers between the two countries. Both delegations stated that, despite complex economic and logistical circumstances, continuity of trade cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine has been maintained.

According to the information presented by the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, trade exchange between the two countries has shown stable trends in recent years, together with a gradual recovery of international transport and logistics flows. The delegation of Ukraine provided information about current state of the turnover and stressed that during 2015-2025 period, the trade between the two countries has increased five times.

The delegations noted that there is potential for further improvement of economic cooperation and increase in the volume of trade exchange between the two countries.

Both delegations expressed their readiness to continue cooperation through regular exchange of statistical data, improvement of communication between the competent



institutions and further strengthening of economic and transport relations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine.

Ad.2

Transport of Passengers

The delegations exchanged information in the field of international road passenger transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine. Both delegations noted that there are currently no registered regular bus lines between the two countries and that, during the previous period, no significant interest from carriers for the establishment of regular passenger transport services had been recorded.

It was also stated that there had been no significant requests for occasional passenger transport operations between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine and that the competent authorities were not aware of any serious problems regarding the performance of international occasional passenger transport between the two countries.

For the year 2026, the two countries exchanged 50 authorizations for non-regular passenger transport. The delegations agreed that the existing quota of permits fully meets the current needs of carriers from both countries. Therefore, the quota for the year 2027 shall remain unchanged.

Both delegations emphasized that their respective countries are Parties to the Protocol to the Agreement on International Occasional Carriage of Passenger by Coach and Bus (INTERBUS Agreement) concerning regular and special regular international carriage of passengers by coach and bus, which represents an important legal framework for the development and facilitation of international road passenger transport between the two countries.

The delegation of Ukraine also informed the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina that Ukraine maintains an electronic register of active international bus routes available at autobus.gov.ua.

Both delegations expressed their readiness to continue cooperation and exchange information in the field of international road passenger transport, as well as to improve administrative procedures in the event of an increase in transport operations in the future.



Ad.3.

Transport of goods

Both delegations exchanged information about current situation of cargo transportation between the two countries.

According to the existing Agreement, the two countries currently exchange:

- 200 bilateral-transit permits, and
- 100 permits for transport to/from third countries annually.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina further informed that, prior to 2023, the utilization rate of exchanged permits amounted to approximately 85%, while after 2023 no significant demand for the use of bilateral permits had been recorded due to the reduced volume of transport activities.

The delegation of Ukraine emphasized the importance of further strengthening cooperation in the field of international road freight transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine, particularly taking into account the need for more efficient international transport and logistics flows.

The delegation of Ukraine put forward an initiative to simplify road freight transport between Ukraine and Bosnia and Herzegovina and proposed introducing a liberalized bilateral and transit transport regime.

The delegation of Ukraine stressed that liberalization would contribute to the reduction of administrative procedures and transport costs, facilitate transport operations and further strengthen trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina agreed with the proposal put forward by the delegation of Ukraine. Following brief discussion, both delegations agreed that bilateral and transit road freight transport between the territories of the two countries shall, as of 1 January 2027, be performed without permits.

The delegations agreed to exchange additional 300 bilateral and transit permits for 2026.

The delegations agreed that the existing permit regime of 100 permits for transport to/from third countries shall remain in force, with the possibility of increasing the quota upon the request of either Contracting Party and in accordance with the needs of carriers. The permits shall be valid until 31 January of the next calendar year.

Both delegations emphasized that, as of 1 January 2026, they had successfully started the implementation of the ECMT Digital System for ECMT permits and expressed their



readiness to continue activities related to the digitalization of international road transport, including the possibility of future digitalization of bilateral permits.

Ad.4.

Other issues

The delegation of Ukraine provided a detailed explanation of the operating principles of the “Electronic Border Crossing Queue” system used for departures from Ukraine and submitted a presentation on the functioning of the system.

The delegation of Ukraine informed that an online resource is available at <https://shlyah.dsbt.gov.ua/lc.html>, through which it is possible, in real time and by vehicle registration number, to verify information concerning the respective vehicle, including the carrier operating the vehicle, as well as the status of the carrier’s licence, its series, number, and date of issuance.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina also informed the delegation of Ukraine about the web portal www.transportnedozvole.gov.ba. The portal has been developed with the aim of fulfilling the obligations of the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding the publication of data available to the Ministry in the field of international and inter-entity road transport of passengers and goods.

It was emphasized that the portal is intended for carriers, drivers, control authorities, as well as for all other entities seeking reliable and accurate information related to international and inter-entity road transport of passengers and goods.

The portal provides, inter alia, information on carriers licensed by the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, registers of bus timetables for international and inter-entity bus services, the list of issued freight transport permits, valid agreements, regulations, current forms and other relevant information.

In order to improve the existing Agreement, the delegation of Ukraine will prepare a draft Protocol amending the Agreement, which will be sent through diplomatic channels.

With the aim of facilitating and improving further communication and exchange of information, the delegations agreed that cooperation shall continue through the following competent authorities:



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The negotiations were held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. Both delegations expressed satisfaction with the results achieved during the meeting and emphasized their readiness to continue and further strengthen cooperation in the field of international road transport.

The delegation of Ukraine invited the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held in Ukraine, at a date to be agreed through diplomatic channels.

This Protocol is concluded in two original copies in the English language.

Sarajevo, 12 May 2026.

For the delegation of Ukraine

For the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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