



ORAŠJE DECLARATION 2026

International Conference

“EUROPE AT THE BORDERS OF THE UNION: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA BETWEEN INTEGRATION, CONNECTIVITY AND NEW DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES”

Orašje, 19–21 June 2026

We, the participants of the International Conference **“Europe at the Borders of the Union: Bosnia and Herzegovina Between Integration, Connectivity and New Development Opportunities”**—representatives of public authorities, international organizations, the diplomatic corps, academia, the business community, civil society organizations, and national Pan-European unions from across Europe—gathered in Orašje from **19 to 21 June 2026**, guided by the fundamental values of peace, freedom, democracy, the rule of law, human dignity, and European cooperation, hereby adopt the following

DECLARATION

1.

We reaffirm that the European and Euro-Atlantic path of Bosnia and Herzegovina constitutes its foremost strategic commitment and the key framework for preserving peace, stability, democratic development, and economic prosperity. We are convinced that the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina lies within the community of European and Euro-Atlantic nations united by the shared values of freedom, democracy, solidarity, and respect for human rights.

2.

We call upon all political and social stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue contributing, through dialogue, mutual respect, and responsible action, to the realization of the country's European perspective, the strengthening of its institutions, the rule of law, and social cohesion. European integration must remain a common objective that transcends political differences and short-term interests.



3.

We welcome the continued support of the European Union, the Member States of the European Union, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the international community for the European and Euro-Atlantic perspective of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We particularly emphasize the important role of the Office of the High Representative (OHR), the European Union, EUFOR, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe, and other international organizations whose engagement contributes to preserving peace, stability, security, and the democratic development of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

4.

We emphasize the importance of transport, energy, digital, and economic connectivity as one of the key prerequisites for the development of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its stronger integration into European economic and development processes. We particularly underline the significance of cross-border cooperation as an instrument of European integration, the strengthening of local communities, and the creation of a common European area of cooperation and prosperity.

5.

We reaffirm our commitment to the Pan-European vision of a united Europe as a space of peace, security, cooperation, and mutual respect, and we call upon European and international institutions to continue providing strong support for the European Union's enlargement policy. We believe that the completion of European unification, including Bosnia and Herzegovina and the countries of the Western Balkans, represents one of Europe's most important political and civilizational tasks in the twenty-first century.

Adopted in Orašje on 20 June 2026.