



**Innovative approach in the implementation
of parliamentary oversight of the defense
sector through project EXPLODE**

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Through the project **EXPLODE** we established mechanism of parliamentary oversight that contributes to:

- Increase the transparency of action
- Improving the quality of decisions made
- Improving the quality of implementation of decisions and implementation activities
- Improving cooperation between the Ministry of Defence, the Parliament and the relevant Parliamentary Committees, and the UNDP / OSCE

Parliamentary oversight in the implementation of project tasks

Project EXPLODE represents the first case in UNDP, and possibly in other projects implemented with the support of the international community, that we have direct parliamentary oversight in the implementation of project tasks

Key things that allow this activity are:

1. The design of the management structure
2. The principle of participation in decision-making
3. The ex ante parliamentary oversight, therefore monitoring during defining action plans, and before the implementation of activities
4. Planned and structured reporting (ex post parliamentary oversight)

The design of the management structure

- Daily management of the project - the project team, budget, processes -

The project manager is responsible for executing the project UNDP and the Project Board or project EXPLODE which submits quarterly reports and action plans

Project Board to parliamentary oversight of the implementation of the project

Project Board representatives:

- The Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- EU
- UNDP
- OSCE
- The Joint Committee for Defense and Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina PA,
- Coordinating Committee for the Control of Small Arms

The advantages of this management structure

- The ex ante parliamentary oversight (supervision before implementing activities or preventive surveillance)
- Platform for discussion and agreement on the implementation of activities between the project partners (MoD / Commission / CO for SALW / UNDP / OSCE)

Decision-making

- The final decision to implement the project activities issued by the Minister of Defence
- Without the Minister's decision and orders of the Chief of Joint Staff and subordinate commands,
- Project EXPLODE can not be implemented
This management structure enables us to implement the model of participation in decision-making

Of participation in decision-making

- This means that when it comes to making signature to the Minister or the Chief of the Joint Staff, the activity of this decision is based on:
 - a) professional requirements
 - b) that the principles of civil parliamentary oversight on the defense sector
 - c) that is transparent and thoroughly investigated from different aspects

Reporting

- Project Board Project EXPLODE meets every three months
- Project Manager EXPLODE submit a report to the Project Board on the activities carried out in the past three months
- In this way ensures the 'ex post' parliamentary oversight or supervision of the activities carried out

Conclusion

Parliamentary oversight of the implementation of Project activities EXPLODE is one of the most significant innovations in defining the management structure of UNDP's projects in the field of defense and security