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Strategic Partnership  
for Resilience, Innovation and New Generation

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The SPRING program, jointly developed and implemented by Eda, Mozaik Foundation, and SERDA, aims to catalyze structural transformation in Bosnia and Herzegovina by shifting the country's economic model to high-value, innovation-driven growth.

### Overall Objective

To strengthen the resilience of companies in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and enhance the systemic competitiveness of the BiH economy in the face of increasingly frequent and unpredictable disruptions in EU and Western Balkans markets, while creating decent employment opportunities that motivate young talent and skilled professionals to build their futures in the country.

### Specific Objectives

- Promote advanced competitiveness among export-oriented enterprises by increasing added value and generating attractive employment opportunities for skilled professionals.
- Support the development of a vibrant start-up and spin-off ecosystem, with a strong emphasis on knowledge- and technology-based business services. At the same time, foster systemic reskilling and upskilling across the workforce to ensure future-ready competencies and reinforce the overall competitiveness of the BiH economy.
- Facilitate impactful collaboration with Swedish companies and organizations at both the micro and meso levels, showcasing effective partnership models.
- Design and promote innovative tools and approaches for the systemic support of export-oriented and start-up/spin-off firms in BiH, thereby contributing to inclusive and sustainable economic development.

## Summary: Work Packages, Instruments and Target Groups

Work Packages	Key Instruments	Target Groups
WP1: Support to Smart Start-ups, Spin-offs, and Human Capital Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grant System for Startups and Skills Development</li><li>Technical Assistance</li><li>Networking</li></ul>	Start-ups and spin-offs led by young talents
WP 2: Challenge2Change and Internationalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Challenge Fund</li><li>Internationalisation Support</li><li>Project Academy</li></ul>	Export-oriented companies (SMEs) in S3 industrial sectors
WP 3: Smart and sustainable transition of export-oriented companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>C2CoLab Fund</li><li>Technical Assistance</li><li>Networking</li></ul>	Export-oriented companies (SMEs) in S3 industrial sectors
WP 4: Policy Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vector-theory of change</li><li>Investment Readiness Accelerator</li></ul>	SME policy making and supporting institutions
WP 5: Joint Partner Management of the Project Cycle and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Program Advisory Board</li><li>Innovation &amp; Impact Board</li></ul>	

## Implementation Period:

June 2025 – May 2028

## Implementing Organizations

- Eda – Enterprise Development Agency
- Mozaik Foundation
- SERDA – Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency

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