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Abbreviations

ATM - Average time to maturity

ATR - Average re-fixing time

BAWAG - Labour and Economy Bank and Austrian Postal Savings Bank

GDP - Gross domestic product

CEB - Council of Europe Development Bank

CEXIM bank – Export-import Bank of China

CPU - Contracted accounting currency of the World Bank for obligations
under the Consolidated WBIBRD loan

EBA - ERSTE Bank

EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

EIB - European Investment Bank

EC - European Commission

EXIM BANK Hungary – Export-import bank of Hungary

Eurobonds RS – Republika Srpska bonds issued at the international market

IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development

KEXIM - Export-Import Bank of Korea

KfW - German Development Bank

KWT - Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development

Q1 - First quarter of 2025 (1 January-31 March 2025)

IMF- International Monetary Fund

OFID - OPEC Fund for International Development

RBA - Raiffeisen Bank A.G.

SDR - Special Drawing Rights, calculation unit used by IMF, World Bank and
several other international institutions. SDR is comprised “a basket
of currencies”, i.e. USD (43.38 per cent), EUR (29.31 per cent), CNY
(12.28 per cent), JPY (7.59 per cent) and GBP (7.44 per cent)

SFD - Saudi Fund for Development

UCBA - UniCredit Bank Austria

WBIBRD - World Bank - International Bank for Reconstruction and
Development

WBIDA - World Bank - International Development Association

Introduction

In accordance with the available data¹, the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina prepared the Quarterly Report on External Debt of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the first quarter of 2025, presenting the state and structure of external debt of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the end of this quarter. The Quarterly Report covers the following segments: the state of external debt of Bosnia and Herzegovina over the period and the state of external debt of Bosnia and Herzegovina by external debt state and entity guarantees and external debt risk indicators.

The terms used in the Quarterly Report on External Debt of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with definitions determined in the Law on Borrowing, Debt and Guarantees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Article 3 - Definitions (*Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, 52/05, 103/09 and 90/16), shall have the following meanings:

State debt: debt denominated in domestic currency, the borrower of which is the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of Bosnia and Herzegovina on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

External state debt: state debt created in accordance with an international agreement. Debt created between 2 April 1992 and 14 December 1995 shall not be deemed as the external state debt.

External debt state guarantee: guarantee issued by the state guaranteeing that a loan under an international agreement will be repaid partially or in its entirety in case of the default by the borrower.

Entity debt: debt denominated in domestic currency, the borrower of which is the Ministry of Finance and Treasury, directly or indirectly, on behalf of an Entity.

External debt of Entities: debt of Entities under an international agreement concluded in accordance with the procedures defined by the Law on Borrowing, Debt and Guarantees of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Likewise, for the purpose of preparation of this Report and clarity, the following terms have been used:

BiH external debt: debt including external state debt, external debt of Entities, external debt of local government units and external debt of public enterprises.

External debt of local government units: External debt of local government units, the contracting and servicing of which is done directly between local government units and foreign creditors.

External debt of public enterprises: External debt of public enterprises, recorded in the Register of Legal Entities established by the Institutions of BiH, and managed by the Ministry of Justice of BiH. Contracting and servicing of these loans is done directly between enterprises and the foreign lenders.

Old debt: state debt created prior to 2 April 1992, i.e. the debt assumed by Bosnia and Herzegovina as succeeded international obligations created prior to 2 April 1992, reconstructed and reprogrammed following negotiations with foreign creditors.

New debt: BiH external debt created after 14 December 1995.

External guarantee of BiH: includes external state guarantee and external guarantee of entity.

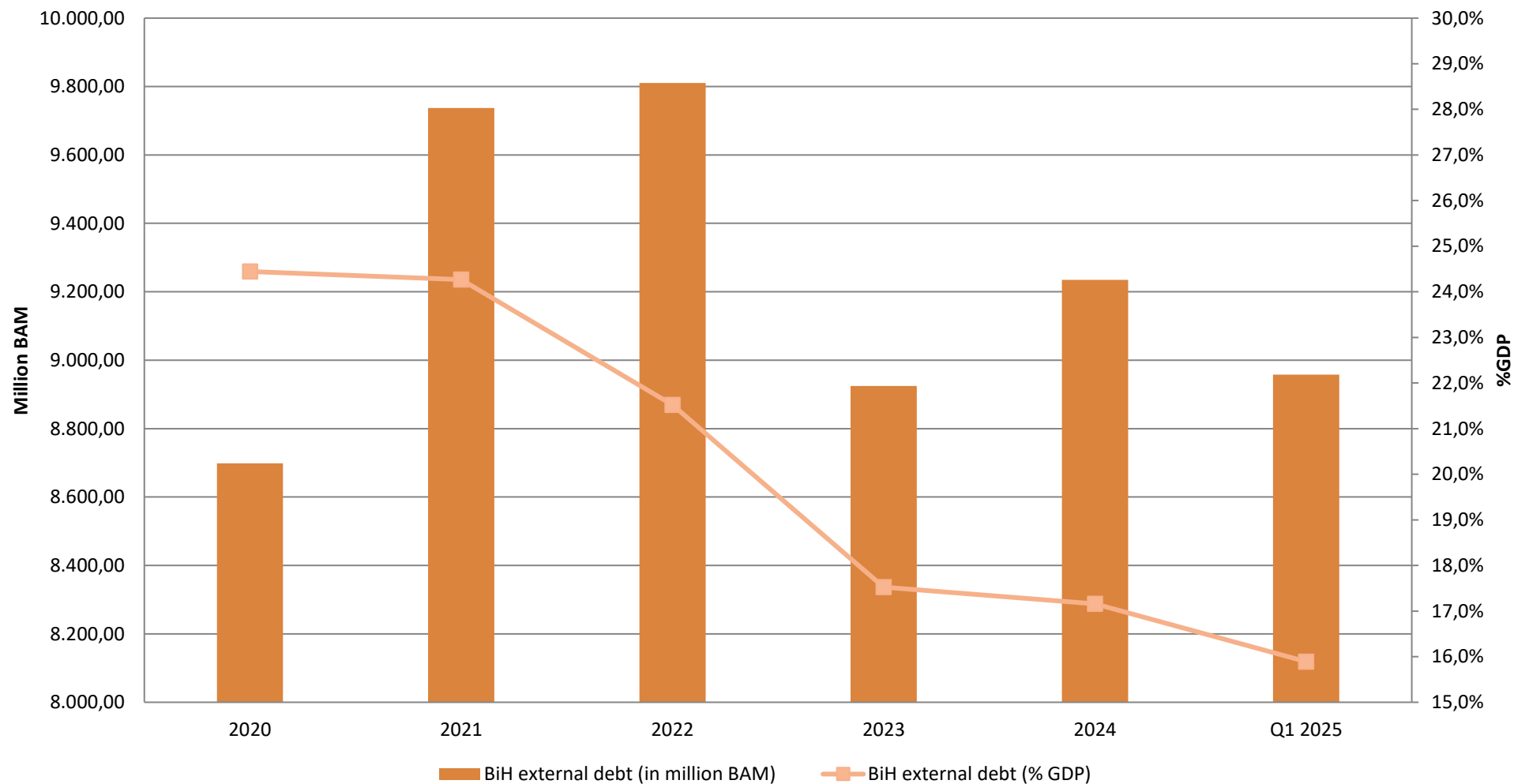
External guarantee of entity: guarantee of the entity on loans payable in foreign currency for which the government of the entity/ministry of finance of the entity is the guarantor on behalf of the entity.

¹ Data on the BiH external debt outstanding for 2024 and Q1 2025 are preliminary.

BiH external debt outstanding (in million BAM)

	2020	2021.	2022.	2023.	2024.	Q1 2025
External state debt						
Republika Srpska	3.141,78	3.197,85	3.042,63	2.774,10	2.643,34	2.554,34
Federation of BiH	4.980,37	5.391,27	5.408,70	5.127,28	5.035,79	4.852,44
Brčko District	51,28	48,14	48,18	45,29	49,94	50,75
Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	66,44	63,49	60,17	46,50	43,41	41,64
Total	8.239,87	8.700,75	8.559,68	7.993,17	7.772,48	7.499,17
External debt of Entities						
Republika Srpska	363,99	946,83	1.158,07	856,87	1.396,66	1.396,66
Federation of BiH	72,65	66,03	58,75	50,46	43,32	38,51
Total	436,64	1.012,86	1.216,82	907,33	1.439,98	1.435,17
External debt of local government units						
Republika Srpska	21,75	23,84	25,34	24,12	22,11	23,14
Total	21,75	23,84	25,34	24,12	22,11	23,14
External debt of public enterprises						
Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	0,00	0,00	8,76	0,00	0,00	0,00
Total	0,00	0,00	8,76	0,00	0,00	0,00
BiH external debt						
Republika Srpska	3.527,52	4.168,52	4.226,04	3.655,09	4.062,11	3.974,14
Federation of BiH	5.053,02	5.457,30	5.467,45	5.177,74	5.079,11	4.890,95
Brčko District	51,28	48,14	48,18	45,29	49,94	50,75
Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	66,44	63,49	68,93	46,50	43,41	41,64
Total	8.698,26	9.737,45	9.810,60	8.924,62	9.234,57	8.957,48

BiH external debt movements and BiH external debt-to-GDP ratio

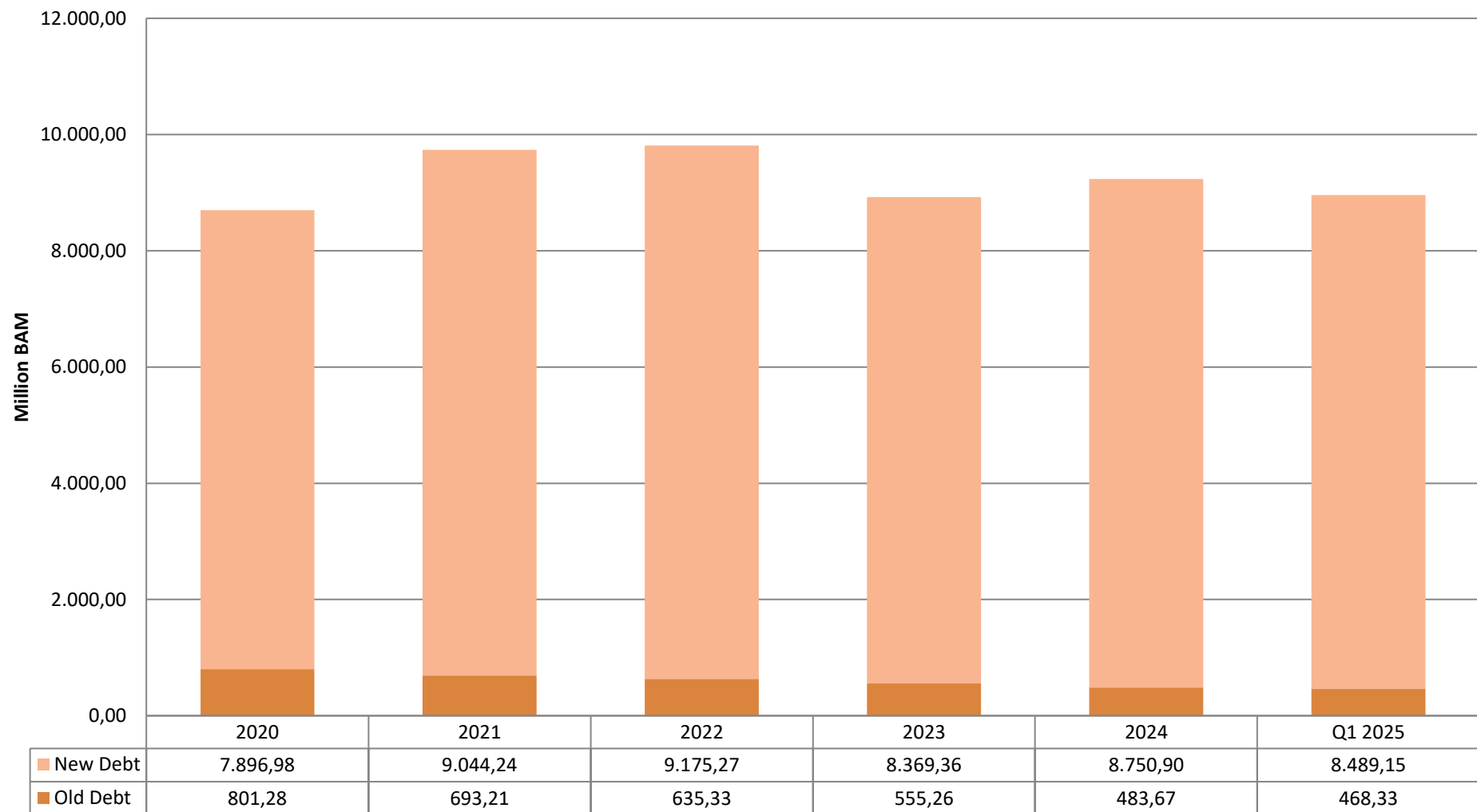


BiH external debt outstanding by creditors (million BAM)

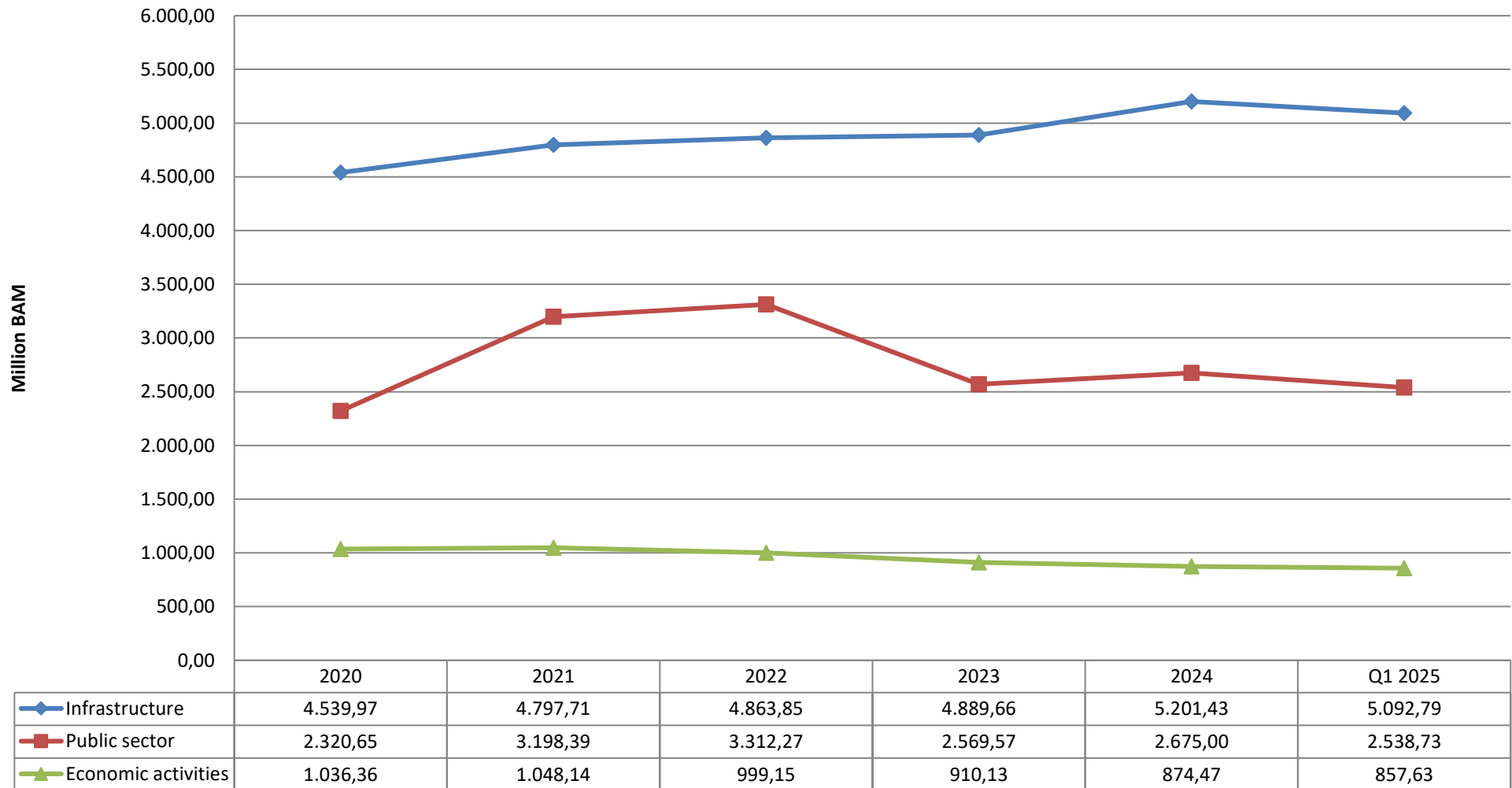
Creditor	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
BAWAG	0,41	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Government of Belgium	2,85	2,43	2,01	1,60	1,18	1,18
CEB	144,73	171,58	172,55	170,12	161,71	159,22
EBA	12,65	10,89	9,13	7,62	6,35	5,71
EBRD	620,62	731,18	817,23	853,76	903,09	877,70
EIB	2.019,54	2.101,67	2.152,73	2.328,08	2.536,30	2.496,16
EC	160,38	381,39	361,83	244,48	244,48	244,48
EXIM BANK Hungary	0,00	0,00	215,14	246,44	219,05	219,05
Government of Spain	85,85	68,58	51,31	34,04	16,77	16,53
IFAD	90,05	93,32	94,00	90,09	88,75	88,48
Government of Japan	212,72	200,33	175,49	148,51	132,16	133,73
Export-Import Bank of Korea	127,59	120,62	105,30	97,24	82,82	82,82
KfW	196,31	209,04	171,04	134,95	99,39	93,51
Kuwait Fund	62,99	62,16	84,85	103,23	117,22	117,26
The London Club	36,38	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
IMF	907,70	923,24	895,90	662,39	305,37	194,10
OFID	202,07	246,75	238,87	211,24	194,34	181,65
The Paris Club	545,24	502,12	478,87	444,56	410,56	407,81
Government of Poland	22,14	19,97	17,80	15,62	13,45	13,45
Republic of Portugal	64,65	59,14	53,64	48,13	43,32	38,50
Raiffeisen Bank A.G.	33,11	25,07	18,68	13,10	10,54	10,09
Saudi Fund for Development	99,82	110,62	132,09	122,93	118,35	117,64
Republic of Serbia	11,19	10,15	9,11	8,06	7,02	7,02
UniCredit Bank Austria	36,64	31,01	24,18	17,66	13,94	12,96
WBIBRD	1.077,95	1.196,58	1.224,27	1.200,02	1.396,27	1.382,75
WBIDA	1.596,10	1.544,28	1.389,25	1.134,00	955,00	898,54
Eurobonds RS	328,58	915,33	915,33	586,75	586,75	586,75
First long-term loan borrowing of Republika Srpska in year 2024 ²	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	374,81	374,81
Second long-term loan borrowing of Republika Srpska in year 2024	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	195,58	195,58
Total BiH external debt	8.698,26	9.737,45	9.810,60	8.924,62	9.234,57	8.957,48

² Considering that the Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH is not familiar with detailed information about the first long-term debt of the Republic of Srpska in 2024, the debt structure was prepared with the assumption that the credit conditions (purpose, interest, original currency, maturity date) of the first long-term debt of the Republic of Srpska in 2024 identical credit conditions for the second long-term debt of the Republic of Srpska in 2024.

BiH external debt outstanding by period of the obligation (million BAM)



External debt (New Debt) by sectors/purpose



BiH external debt currency composition (million BAM)

Currency	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
EUR	5.103,48	6.222,99	6.517,69	6.229,69	7.154,63	7.071,45
USD	492,31	478,18	457,06	388,94	353,92	322,74
SDR	2.456,03	2.418,02	2.232,65	1.749,77	1.213,31	1.049,96
CPU	102,13	84,93	66,16	45,28	26,89	26,93
Other currencies ³	544,31	533,33	537,04	510,94	485,82	486,40
Total	8.698,26	9.737,45	9.810,60	8.924,62	9.234,57	8.957,48

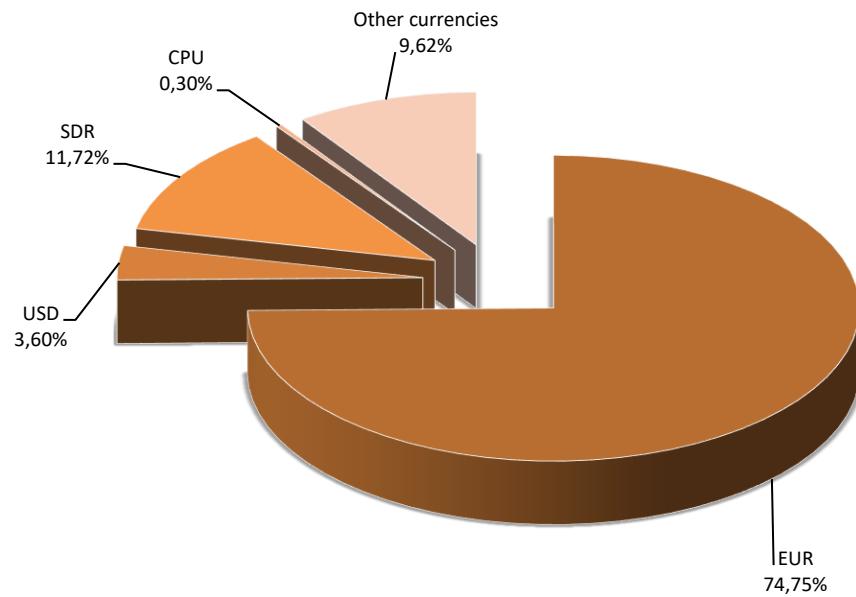
BiH external debt interest rates composition (million BAM)

Interest rate	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
Fixed interest rate	5.424,11	6.321,62	6.362,06	5.520,25	5.702,78	5.590,69
Variable interest rate	3.274,15	3.415,83	3.448,54	3.404,37	3.531,79	3.366,79
Total	8.698,26	9.737,45	9.810,60	8.924,62	9.234,57	8.957,48

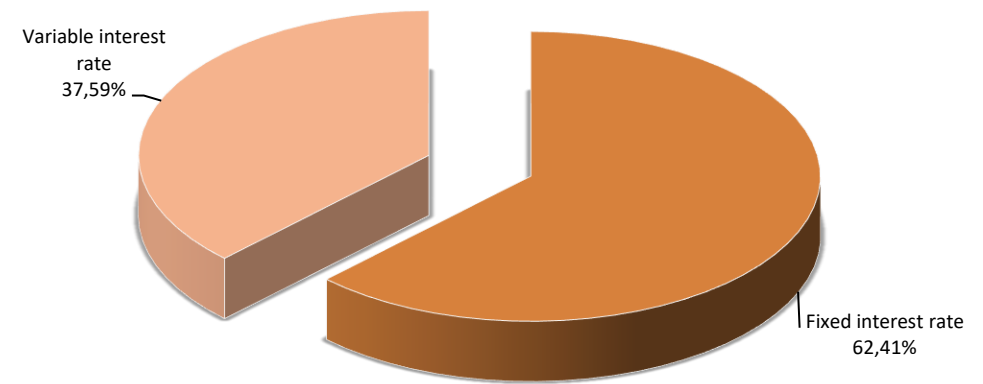
³ Other currencies: JPY, KRW, CHF, KWD, SAR, CAD, SEK, DKK and GBP.

BiH external debt currency and interest rate composition – Q1 2025

BiH external debt currency composition -
31 March 2025



BiH external debt interest rates composition -
31 March 2025



BiH external debt service structure by allocation of obligations (in million BAM)

Debt service	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
External state debt						
Republika Srpska	239,51	241,83	254,23	404,01	435,07	106,64
Federation of BiH	487,27	516,34	534,60	823,42	878,96	230,51
Brčko District	9,23	7,12	7,70	10,91	13,97	4,63
Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	8,52	7,50	5,82	16,87	4,89	2,20
Total	744,53	772,79	802,35	1.255,21	1.332,89	343,98
External debt of Entities						
Republika Srpska	20,33	19,92	47,73	407,18	71,98	19,72
Federation of BiH	4,81	9,41	9,80	8,65	8,72	6,18
Total	25,14	29,33	57,53	415,83	80,70	25,90
External debt of local government units						
Republika Srpska	1,65	3,19	3,72	5,08	4,98	0,00
Total	1,65	3,19	3,72	5,08	4,98	0,00
External debt of public enterprises						
Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	0,00	0,00	0,97	9,38	0,15	0,00
Total	0,00	0,00	0,97	9,38	0,15	0,00
BiH external debt						
Republika Srpska	261,49	264,94	305,68	816,27	512,03	126,36
Federation of BiH	492,08	525,75	544,40	832,07	887,68	236,69
Brčko District	9,23	7,12	7,70	10,91	13,97	4,63
Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina	8,52	7,50	6,79	26,25	5,04	2,20
Total	771,32	805,31	864,57	1.685,50	1.418,72	369,88

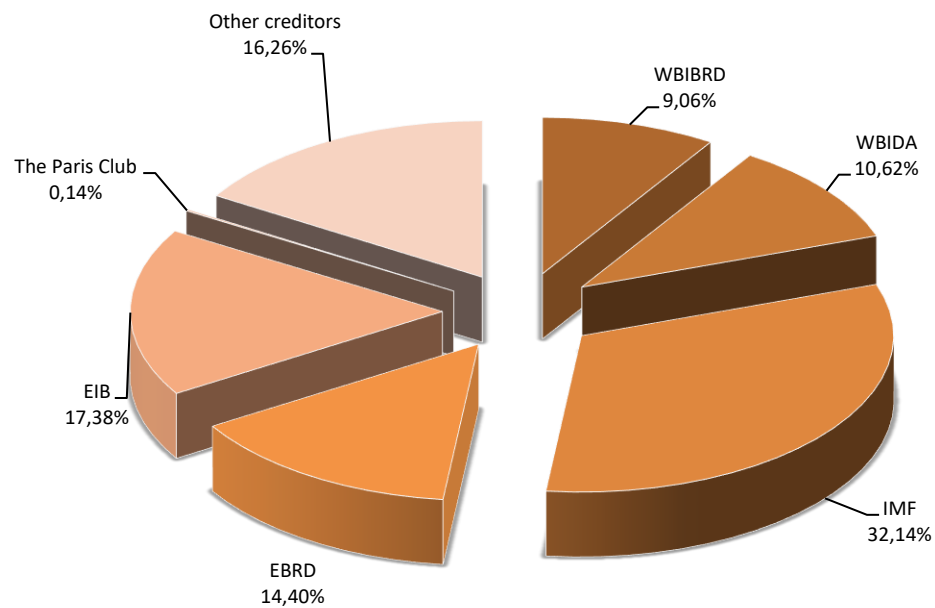
BiH external debt service by creditors and structure of obligations (in million BAM)

Creditor	Debt repayment	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
WBIBRD	Principal	51,87	51,87	59,27	63,87	77,18	20,88
	Interest rate, service and other costs	19,05	16,50	18,38	32,77	42,75	12,62
	Total	70,92	68,37	77,65	96,64	119,93	33,50
WBIDA	Principal	120,65	127,66	185,09	220,40	212,23	36,46
	Interest rate, service and other costs	41,80	15,44	15,63	12,63	11,19	2,81
	Total	162,45	143,10	200,72	233,03	223,42	39,27
IMF	Principal	0,00	24,80	39,91	209,58	368,38	107,53
	Interest rate, service and other costs	12,03	10,62	24,44	73,71	65,83	11,36
	Total	12,03	35,42	64,35	283,29	434,21	118,89
EBRD	Principal	114,14	125,89	114,47	142,61	132,04	40,29
	Interest rate, service and other costs	6,82	15,76	13,02	34,17	47,81	12,99
	Total	120,96	141,65	127,49	176,78	179,85	53,22
EIB	Principal	96,77	97,61	101,55	114,17	112,65	40,13
	Interest rate, service and other costs	21,96	20,45	22,60	51,66	75,67	24,15
	Total	118,73	118,06	124,15	165,83	188,32	64,28
The Paris Club	Principal	46,71	52,23	30,69	33,93	37,57	0,00
	Interest rate, service and other costs	6,72	5,07	3,84	3,81	3,85	0,52
	Total	53,43	57,30	34,53	37,74	41,42	0,52
The London Club	Principal	36,38	36,38	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
	Interest rate, service and other costs	0,31	0,09	0,00	0,14	0,00	0,00
	Total	36,69	36,47	0,00	0,14	0,00	0,00
EC	Principal	23,47	23,47	19,56	117,35	0,00	0,00
	Interest rate, service and other costs	3,52	3,12	3,34	2,96	0,61	0,00
	Total	26,99	26,59	22,90	120,31	0,61	0,00
Other creditors* ⁴	Principal	132,38	140,48	144,57	500,62	167,16	31,63
	Interest rate, service and other costs	36,70	37,80	68,12	70,83	63,72	28,47
	Total	169,08	178,28	212,69	571,45	230,88	60,10
Total		771,28	805,24	864,49	1.685,21	1.418,64	369,84
Commissions and banking costs		0,04	0,07	0,08	0,29	0,08	0,04
Grand total		771,32	805,31	864,57	1.685,50	1.418,72	369,88

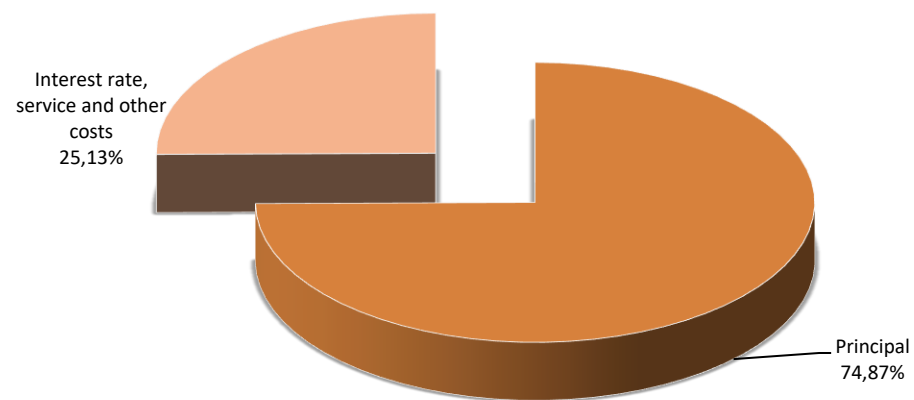
⁴ Other creditors: BAWAG, EBA, KEXIM, KWT, IFAD, KfW, OFID, RBA, CEB, SFD, UCBA, Government of Belgium, Government of Japan, Government of Spain, Government of Poland, Government of Portugal, Government of Serbia; Euro bonds Republika Srpska, first and second long-term loan borrowing of Republika Srpska in year 2024.

BiH external debt service by creditors and structure of obligations for Q1 2025

Debt service by creditors - Q1 2025



Debt service by principal and interest and other costs - Q1 2025



Stock of the external guarantees of BiH (in million BAM)

Creditor	Borrower	Guarantor	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
External state guarantee								
EBRD	A.D. "Vodovod i kanalizacija" Bijeljina	BiH	4,12	3,30	2,47	1,65	0,83	0,41
		Sub guarantee RS						
EBRD	JP "Autoputevi Republike Srpske" Banja Luka (Koridor Vc u RS-u I dio)	BiH	106,47	126,08	116,35	104,71	93,07	87,25
		Sub guarantee RS						
EBRD	JP "Autoputevi Republike Srpske" Banja Luka (Autoput Banja Luka-Doboj I dio)	BiH	216,23	183,59	150,96	118,32	85,69	85,69
		Sub guarantee RS						
EBRD	„Toplana“ A.D. Prijedor	BiH	10,27	9,13	7,99	6,85	5,71	5,71
		Sub guarantee RS						
Total external state guarantee			337,09	322,10	277,77	231,53	185,30	179,06
External guarantee of entity								
CEXIM bank	Hidroelektrana „Dabar“ d.o.o. za proizvodnju i prodaju električne energije Trebinje	Republika Srpska	-	-	-	1,96	58,41	61,78
CEXIM banka	"Hidroelektrana na Drini" a.d. Višegrad	Republika Srpska	-	-	-	-	0,00	0,00
Alta bank Belgrade	A.D. Olimpijski centar "Jahorina" Pale	Republika Srpska	-	-	-	9,01	0,00	0,00
EBRD	Fond za zaštitu životne sredine i energetske efikasnost Republike Srpske	Republika Srpska	-	-	-	0,09	0,09	0,09
Total external guarantee of entity			-	-	-	11,06	58,50	61,87
Grand total external guarantee of BiH			337,09	322,1	277,77	242,59	243,80	240,93

BiH external debt risk indicators

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025
GDP (in million BAM) ⁵	35.584,4	40.126,6	45.593,9	50.931,8	53.816,3	56.568,0
External debt/GDP (%)	24,4%	24,3%	21,5%	17,5%	17,2%	15,8%
ATM for external debt (years)	6,7	6,6	6,3	6,6	6,7	6,6
ATR for external debt (years)	4,5	4,6	4,4	4,3	4,0	3,8
External debt by variable interest rate (%)	37,6%	35,1%	35,2%	38,1%	38,2%	37,6%
External debt in non-EUR foreign currencies (%)	41,3%	36,1%	33,6%	30,2%	22,5%	21,1%

⁵ Source: For year 2020 Agency for Statistics of BiH, Gross domestic product-expenditure approach published 30 September 2024. For period 2021-2024 Agency for Statistics of BiH, Gross domestic product-expenditure approach published 31 March 2025. For year 2025 the Directorate for Economic Planning, Framework budget document, Macroeconomic projections 2026-2028, (Macroeconomic indicators for the period 2023-2028), March 2025.