

**Posavina: Board for Implementation of Economic Reforms  
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## **“Bulldozer” Against Paperwork**

ORASJE – Tuzla, Banja Luka, Mostar, Travnik, Brcko are some of the towns where the Bulldozer Committee, established by the High Representative in BiH, shall be or has already been presented. Benjamin Herzberg presented it in Orasje in front of some 70 businessmen from Orasje, Odzak and Domaljevac-Sabac municipalities, and authority representatives. Bulldozer Committee task is to implement 50 items within economic reforms in the next 150 days. Posavina businessmen emphasized the need to harmonize laws in the whole country. In Posavina, for instance, there are three markets: federal, RS and Brcko District markets. As law regulations are different in the three areas, this mostly damages businessmen from Posavski Canton. For example, in case of gravel extraction from rivers, according to the Federation law a businessman is obliged to pay 1 KM of tax for each spatial meter of gravel, but this law is not valid in the RS and Brcko.

At the gathering in Orasje, they also mentioned trade transactions in the area with three laws. Chairman of the Posavski Canton Chamber of Commerce, Vlado Zuparic, the host of the gathering that took place in “Rivijera” Hotel in Orasje, especially warned about the problem of customs and non-harmonized customs regulations. The Canton Government Chairman, Ivo Vincetic warned about numerous administrative roadblocks for more efficient economic developments. “My basic objection concerns slowness and complexness of administrative procedures, because entrepreneurs lose patience until they collect all documents required for a certain program,” Vincetic said. “We are in an economic war. There is no choice in it, because businessmen must win it,” Benjamin Herzberg concluded in behalf of the Bulldozer Committee.

