

Abstract

This thesis aims at the Bosnian diaspora in Ljubljana. The thesis considers three research questions: How do members of the Bosnian diaspora in Ljubljana evaluate their life of the ethnic minority in Slovenia, how do they perceive current events in Bosnia and Herzegovina and whether they are considering their return to the country. To answer questions, the thesis uses the method of qualitative research, namely semi-structured interviews. The research was conducted among members of the Bosnian diaspora aged 18-22. Respondents were not only representatives of the second generation of diaspora, but also young migrants, who came to Slovenia themselves, mostly for the purpose of studies at the university. Theoretical part aims at the context and development in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the past 20 years, emigration from the country and at the theory of the Bosnian diaspora in Slovenia. In the analytical part I am evaluating the research. According to the research, a large proportion of Bosnian migrants experienced some kind of prejudices during their stay in Ljubljana, but they generally agree that the situation in Slovenian society is steadily improving. Most respondents said that they are worried about the current situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and they agree that only the young generation can trigger positive changes in the country. Also, emigration and outflow of young and educated people from Bosnia and Herzegovina are considered to be a significant problem, which is slowing down the positive development of the country. Answering the question of return, respondents created two different groups, which were influenced by their own perception of home – some of them consider Slovenia as their home, while the others still Bosnia and Herzegovina.