

# ICH Inventorying Processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Organizational system and legal framework for  
safeguarding of ICH in BiH

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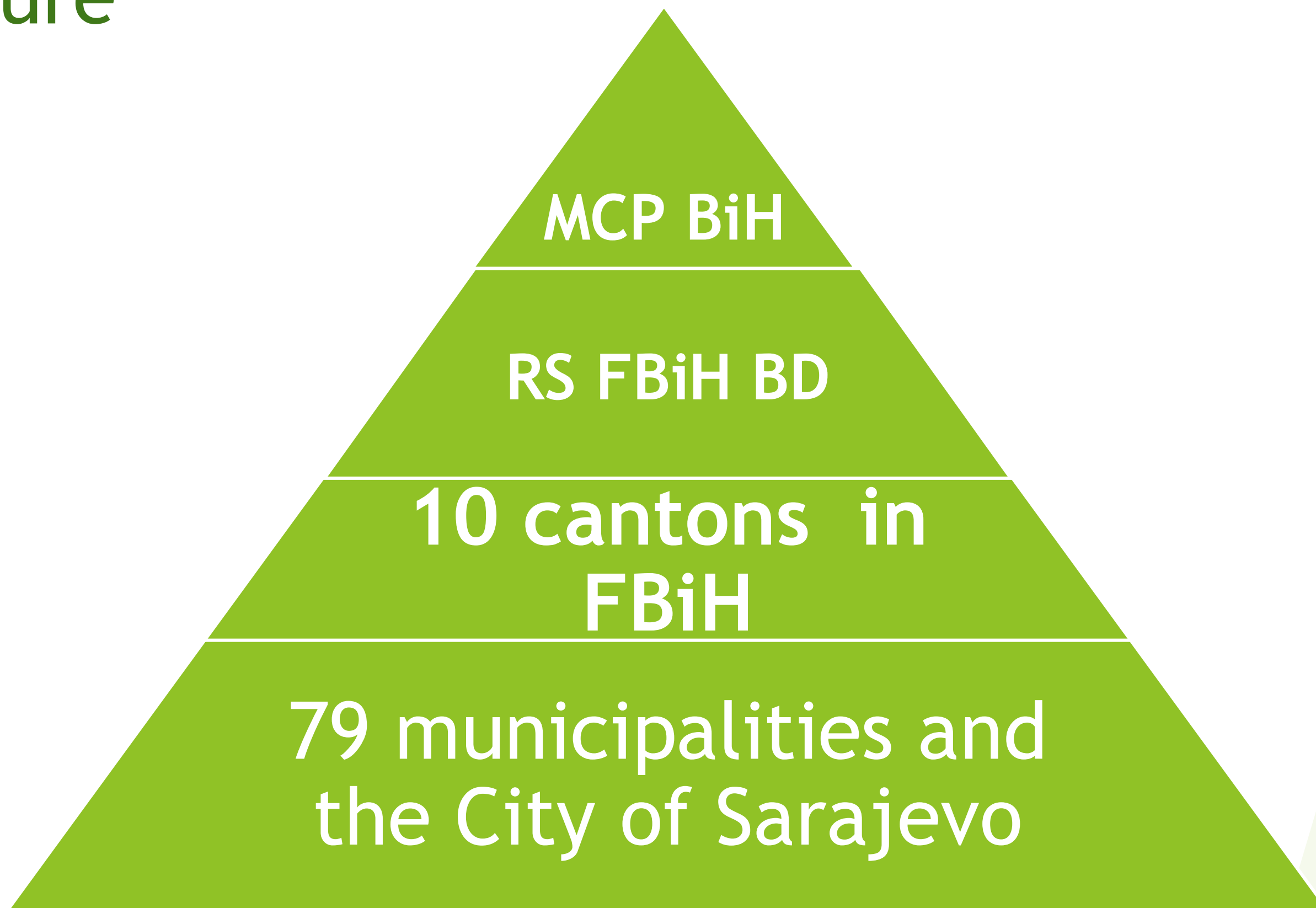
# State administration system in BiH



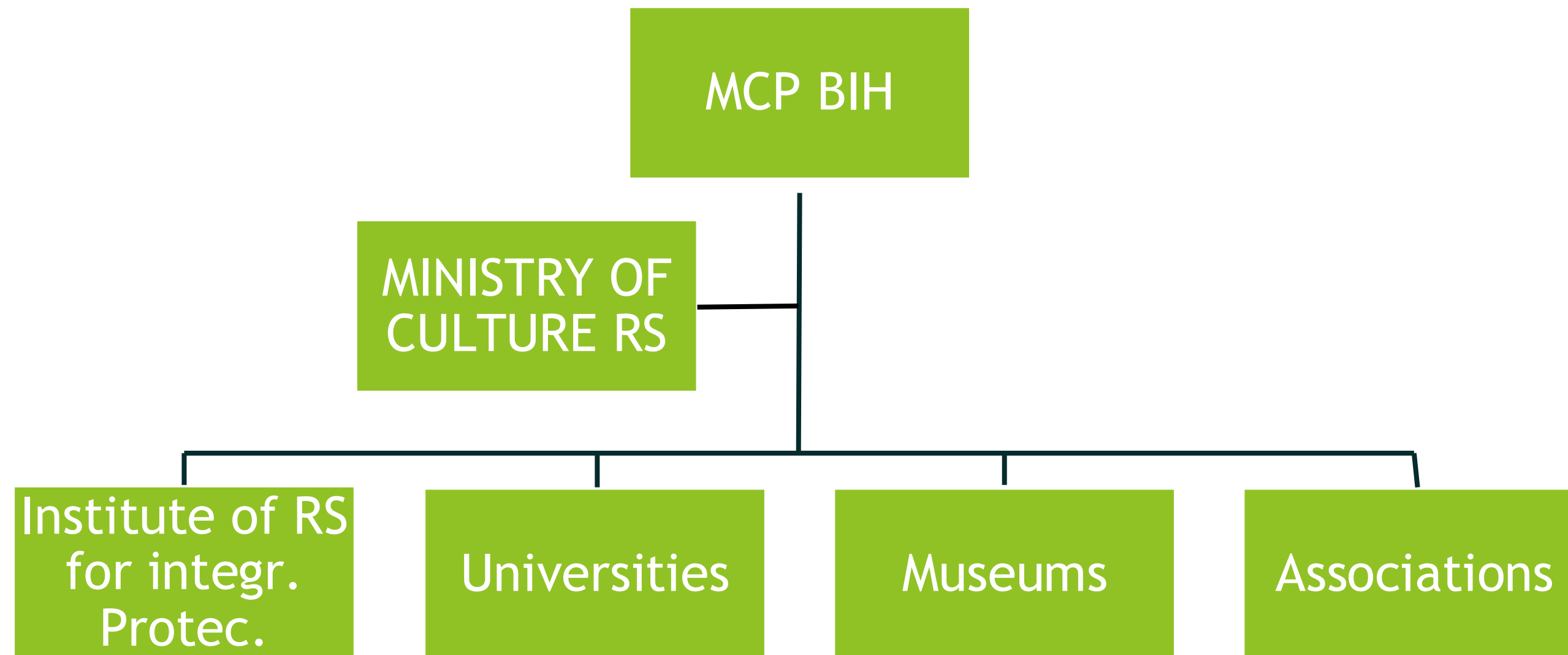
# Two entities and Brčko District

- -The single body responsible for culture in BiH is the BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs and the State Commission for Cooperation of BiH with UNESCO. They act as a coordinating body for the entity ministries of culture and represent BiH towards foreign organizations.
- -According to the Constitution, the entity Republika Srpska (RS) is responsible for culture in its entire territory.
- -The FBiH entity consists of 10 cantons. The cantons and their municipalities are responsible for culture in general, including the ICH.
- -The Federal Ministry of Culture acts as a coordinator, encouraging and controlling processes within the FBiH and providing results to the state Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH.

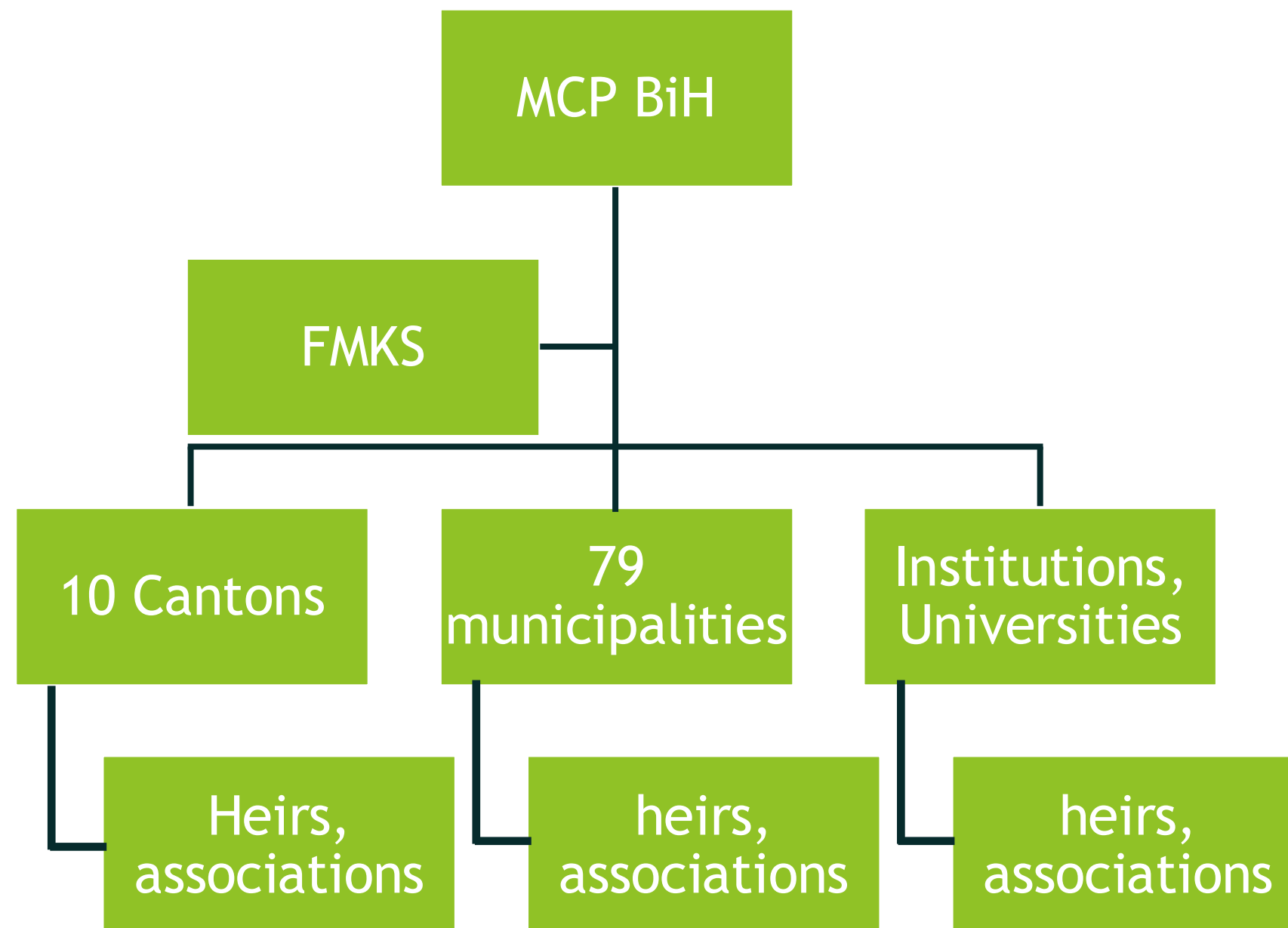
# Structure



# ACTIVITY HOLDERS IN PRACTICE IN RS



# ACTIVITY HOLDERS IN PRACTICE IN FBIH



# Conclusions

- The process of implementing the 2003 Convention in the RS is enabled by an adequate legal framework, the process is taking place more smoothly and the results are visible, more elements on the lists, a better system of care for ICH elements.
- The process in the FBiH is significantly hampered by the complexity of the system, the undercapacity of local administrations, institutions, the lack of legal frameworks in some cantons and clear procedures at the level of the FBiH.
- ICH holders and associations from the FBiH, raised awareness through informal educational processes and, on the other hand, challenged by the large number of ICH elements registered on the lists in the RS, which give the impression of identity and continuity only of the Serbian people in BiH, are themselves initiating the processes of safeguarding and mapping ICH elements, seeking help and engaging experts from institutions.
- As is evident from the BiH report, associations make a major contribution to the preparation of the report.