



*Dear readers,*

This is the fifth issue of the Bulletin on the Government of Montenegro Performance. In the framework of the project "Open Government", the Bulletin is prepared and distributed by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) in cooperation with the General Secretariat respectively the PR Office of the Government.

Our regular headings: Calendar, Government and Citizens, Legislative Activities of the Government, Public Discussions, History and Announcements will provide you more detailed information on the Government performance.

During the period referred to in the Bulletin, numerous important events took place, such as the anniversary of the Independence Day, a very important Interpol Conference, local elections which had a significance of a parliamentary ones ...

Nevertheless, we would like to point out to a historical success of Nikšić's alpinists who, for the first time seen and in the most beautiful manner, congratulated their Country the Independence Day. Đorđije, Drago and Marko – well done.

We would like to invite again all those wishing to receive the Bulletins in their e-mail Inboxes to apply to us in order to make us possible include their e-mail addresses in our circular lists.

We are thanking you once again for sending your compliments and suggestions and we are looking forward to receiving them in the forthcoming period as well.

*Sincerely,  
Dragan Koprivica,  
Executive Director, CDT*

## Calendar



*May 16<sup>th</sup>*

- Prime Minister Mr. Milo Đukanović spoke at the ceremonial academy held in celebration of 65 years of victory over fascism.
- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. Igor Lukšić took part at the 19th Annual Session of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development held in Zagreb. On that occasion he met with Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) Dario Scannapieco, the Director of the Business Group of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Peter Reininger and the Vice-President of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) Yoshihito Morita.



*May 17<sup>th</sup>*

- Prime Minister of Montenegro, Mr. Milo Đukanović officially opened the mine "Šuplja stijena" in Šule (Pljevlja).
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Milan Roćen received the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu. Roćen informed his interlocutor on the activities of Montenegro in the context of post-accession cooperation and its satisfaction with the ratings of the PACE Monitoring Committee report on the implementation of obligations Montenegro has assumed by becoming member to the CoE.
- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Mr. Suad Numanović received Ambassador of France to Montenegro, H.E. Madam Dominique Gazuy-Fromaget. Discussions related to bilateral cooperation between Montenegro and France in the areas of social welfare, implementation of the Agreement on Youth Mobility signed between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of France, as well as on the continuation of that project.

*May 18<sup>th</sup>*

- Minister of European Integration and National Coordinator for IPA Funds Mrs. Gordana Đurović spoke at the opening of the Regional Conference on Decentralized Management of IPA Funds, held in Tirana.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Prime Minister of Montenegro, Mr. Milo Đukanović talked to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu.
- Minister of European Integration, Mrs. Gordana Đurović took part in the Conference “Let’s Talk European” in Belgrade.
- The Delegation of Montenegro, headed by the Head of Sustainable Development Office Mr. Ljubiša Perović took part in the work of the preliminary conference on organizing the Third World Summit on Sustainable Development, in the UN headquarters in New York from May 17<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, Mr. Ivan Brajović received the representatives of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, the Head of the Department for Central, East and South East Europe, Dr. Klaus Fiesinger and the Head of the Project for Serbia and Montenegro, Lutz Kober. Minister of Tourism Predrag Nenezović spoke as guest of honor at the business lunch of the American Chamber of Commerce in Montenegro.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Negotiations on the Agreement on Safety Procedures for Exchange and Protection of Classified Information between Montenegro and the European Union successfully concluded in Brussels. The negotiating teams were headed by the Director of the Directorate for Security of Classified Information Savo Vučinić and Deputy Director General at the Directorate for Security, Communications and Information Systems David Galloway.
- Deputy Prime Minister Svetozar Marović and Director of the Police Directorate Veselin Veljović officially opened the newly constructed building of the Podgorica Territorial Unit of the Police Directorate.
- Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia H. E. Madam Veronika Erte received by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Milan Roćen.
- Prime Minister of Montenegro Milo Đukanović made a reception on the occasion of 21<sup>st</sup> May – Independence Day of Montenegro.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Montenegro’s application for a credit arrangement, for support to the project of credits to families who have no own home (1000+) was approved at the session of the Administrative Board of the CoE Bank for Development (CEB) in Paris. The value of approved funds is 25 mil Euro.
- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, Mr. Ivan Brajović signed in Sofia, with colleague ministers of Serbia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldavia, Romania and Bulgaria, and the Director of the Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces, a Memorandum of Understanding and on Support.
- Prime Minister of Montenegro, Mr. Milo Đukanović officially opened the reconstructed building of the Public Health Institute.



**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Ivan Brajović received a delegation of the OSCE and the UNDP, headed by the heads of mission of these organizations in Podgorica, Ms Paraschiva Badescu and Alexander Avanesov. During the discussions, attention was focused on activities in the area of control and decrease of small arms and light weapons in Montenegro.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Igor Lukšić participated at the conference “Consolidation of Public Finances as a Priority” organized by the Faculty of International Economics, Finance and Business in cooperation with the Hayek Institute in Vienna, in the framework of the event “Free Market Road Show”. The event has an international character and, beside Podgorica, it is also organized in Bratislava, Prague, Vienna, Belgrade, Budapest, Skopje, Zurich, Paris, London, Brussels, Berlin and Frankfurt.
- A meeting of the Subcommittee for Internal Market and Competition between the European Commission and Montenegro was held in Brussels, in which the issues discussed include consumer protection and public health, public procurement, intellectual property rights, rights of establishment and freedom to provide services, corporate law, accounting and auditing, competition and state aid, with emphasis on key activities implemented in the period after submission of the response to questions from the EU questionnaire to the European Commission in December 2009.
- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, Mr. Ivan Brajović received the delegation of Ukraine, which was composed of the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs Leonid Winter, Director of Interpol NCB Ukraine Vasil Nevolja and Ambassador of Ukraine in Montenegro Okšana Sljusarenko.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

- The 39<sup>th</sup> European Regional Interpol Conference, hosted by Montenegro, was held in Bečići. The conference was opened by Prime Minister of Montenegro Milo Đukanović and President of Interpol Khoo Boon Hui.

- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Ivan Brajović received the President of Interpol Khoo Boon Hui. The meeting was attended by the Head of Montenegrin Interpol Dejan Đurović. Mr. Boon conveyed to Minister Brajović the gratitude of Interpol members for the reception and organization of such a demanding meeting. Commenting on the overall situation in Montenegro, Mr. Boon said that he shared the perception of European Union representatives on Montenegro as a safe destination and hospitable people of great economic and touristic capacity.
- Director of the Police Directorate Veselin Veljović with his staff met the President of Interpol Khoo Boon Hui in Budva.
- Memorandum of Understanding and Establishment of a Safer Communication Link between the Police Directorate of Montenegro and Europol has been signed.
- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and the Minister of Finance Mr. Igor Lukšić and Minister of Spatial Planning and Environment Branimir Gvozdenović took part at the Telenor Business Forum.
- In the framework of the official visit to Cuba, Minister of Foreign Affairs Milan Roćen met with the Cuban Minister for Foreign Trade and Investments Rodrigo Diaz.

May 27<sup>th</sup>

- The Delegation of Montenegro, lead by Minister of Tourism Predrag Nenezić, took part at the Global Summit "Tourism and Travel", held in Beijing, on the topic "Leading World Industry – Reaching New Boundaries".
- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, Mr. Ivan Brajović received the Director General of Public Security of Austria Herbert Anderl. The meeting was attended by the Ambassador of Austria to Montenegro, Martin Pammer, Director of the Police Directorate Veselin Veljović and Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Dragan Pejanović.
- Director of the Police Directorate Veselin Veljović met with Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

- 39<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference of INTERPOL in Budva concluded.




- Minister of Foreign Affairs Milan Roćen took part at the Third Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations, in Rio de Janeiro. The Forum was officially opened by President of Brasil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and speakers at the opening include UN General Secretary Ban Ki Moon, Prime Minister of Turkey Redgep Erdogan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain Miguel Angel Moratinos and Chairman of the Alliance of Civilizations Jorge Sampaio.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Milan Roćen spoke at the Ministerial meeting of the Alliance of Civilizations Group of Friends called "Linking of Cultures and Peace Building" on the activities undertaken in Montenegro within numerous Alliance programs. He informed the participants that Montenegro as chair of the Initiative of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South East Europe and the of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Cultural Heritage, proposed the establishment of regional centers to encourage international connection and management in the field of culture and cultural heritage, for which it obtained support from countries in the region. He particularly emphasized the importance of adoption of a Regional Strategy of the Alliance of Civilizations for South-East Europe and the accompanying Action Plan as the first regional instrument of this Forum, adopted at a meeting in Sarajevo in December last year.
- Presenting Montenegro at the largest world fair EXPO 2010, held in Shanghai in the period from May to October, Minister of Tourism Predrag Nenezić made a presentation of the Master Plan for Sustainable Touristic Development of Kolašin.
- Protocol on Establishing Diplomatic Relations Between Montenegro and Mozambique signed.

May 29<sup>th</sup>

- Following the conclusion of the Third Annual Alliance Forum held in Rio de Janeiro, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Milan Roćen had a separate meeting with Foreign Minister of Brazil and the host of this year's Forum Celso Amorin.

May 30<sup>th</sup>

- Minister for Spatial Planning and Environment Branimir Gvozdenović and Director of NDI/Montenegro Scot Persons, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Milan Roćen received Frantisek Lipka, who handed him on this occasion the letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovakia Miroslav Lajčák, informing him that Frantisek Lipka was appointed Charge d'Affaires, first Head of the Diplomatic Mission of the Republic of Slovakia to Montenegro.
- The Fourth, Final Planning Conference, organized for final adjustment of the exercise "Combined Endeavor 2010" was opened in Bečići.
- The Ministry of Health organized a press conference in honor of May 31<sup>st</sup> – World No Tobacco Day.



## Legislative activities of the Government

From May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Government of Montenegro held two ordinary sessions.

At the session held on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, which was chaired by Prime Minister Mr. Milo Đukanović, the Government of Montenegro adopted:

1. Performance Report of the Ministry of Defense ,
2. 2009 Performance Report of the Directorate for the Protection of Classified Information 3.
3. Concession Plan for the Exploitation of River Sediment (Gravel and Sand) and Bottling, i.e. Packing or Delivering the Water for Commercial Purposes for 2010
4. Plan of the purposes of radio-frequency Spectrum.

Concession Plan for the Exploitation of River Sediment (Gravel and Sand) and Bottling, i.e. Packing or Delivering the Water for Commercial Purposes established the areas and localities where the concession activities may be performed, as well as the deadlines for announcing public invitations for such concessions. In selecting the locations, a care was taken to bring negative effects of the exploitation of river sediments to a possible minimum and to ensure an optimal river watercourse flow and, thereby, to ensure the minimum risk of both flooding the surrounding lands and devastation of river beds. Special attention was given to the concession granting for water bottling, since it is about the usage of waters as being renewable natural resources, via export oriented programs and application of clean technologies, which would ensure creation of new jobs in less developed regions of Montenegro and generation of revenues from concession fees.



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adopted, i.e. approved:

1. Information on Priority Activities of Montenegro after Entering into Force of the Stabilization and Accession Agreement,
2. Proposal Law on Ratifying the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters,
3. Information on the Implementation of the Strategy for Poverty and Social Exclusion Reduction,
4. Memorandum entered into by and between the Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Telecommunication and Greek - Israeli Consortium the "Shikun & Binui - Aktor Concessions" for the construction of the Bar – Boljare road section
5. Decision on Drawing Up the National Study of Location for "Aerodrom - Tivat" (Tivat Airport) - Sector 24,
6. Report on the Announcement of the Public Invitation for the Selection of Investors for Construction of Wind Power Plants and the Možur Locality Land Lease.

Giving special attention to the EU accession process, the Government has adopted the Communication on the Priority Activities of Montenegro after the Entry into Force of the Stabilization and Association Agreement. Considering that the Agreement represents a new phase of Montenegro's EU integration process and an important factor in its further progress, it is necessary to make the necessary preparations for the establishment of a new institutional framework. A Stabilization and Association Council will be formed to this end, which is to monitor the application and implementation of the SAA, a Stabilization and Association Committee to assist the Council's work, seven subcommittees, as well as the Parliamentary Committee for Stabilization and Association.

As part of strengthening regional cooperation, the Government elaborated the Draft Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Kosovo on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters. This Law establishes a legal basis for cooperation between the competent authorities in preventing and investigating violations of the customs, foreign exchange and foreign trade regulations. Its enforcement will among other facilitate cooperation in the examination, further development and implementation of new customs procedures, personnel training and exchange of experts. The new law is to be referred to the Parliament of Montenegro for adoption.

## Government and citizens

May 18<sup>th</sup>

- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Dr. Suad Numanović and Mayor of Danilovgrad Branislav Đuranović signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on the construction of "Children's Group Houses" in the municipality of Danilovgrad. The project "Children's Group Houses" relates to the establishment of a new social welfare service, as a replacement for family life for children with development impairments. The project is implemented and coordinated by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare in cooperation with the municipality of Danilovgrad, with the support of the US Embassy in Montenegro, which allocated funds in the amount of USD 400 000.00.
- Marko Čalasan, youngest Microsoft engineer in the world was received by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Information Society Prof. Dr. Vujica Lazović.

May 20<sup>th</sup>

- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and the Minister of Finance Mr. Igor Lukšić visited the companies that made use of guarantees in the framework of EIB and KfW credit support.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Minister Nenezić attended the IV Thematic Gathering of hoteliers, restaurateurs and agricultural producers in Bar.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

- Minister for Spatial Planning and Environment Branimir Gvozdenović signed contracts on financing projects in the area of environmental protection and spatial planning with representatives of 35 NGOs. The contracts have been signed with NGOs which obtained the funds upon a competition of the Ministry for Spatial Planning and Environment.

May 26<sup>th</sup>

- A public forum was held in Šavnik with the title "Together in Europe, safe in NATO". The gathering was attended by Member of Parliament of Montenegro Valentina Šćepanović, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration in Emergency Situations and Civil Safety Zoran Begović, military analyst from the Republic of Serbia Aleksandar Radić and colonel at the Defense Ministry Zoran Lazarević.

May 28<sup>th</sup>

- Minister of Economy Branko Vujović talked to representatives of the Bauxite Mine company.
- Minister of Defense Boro Vučinić talked to the State Secretary of the Germany Ministry of Defense Thomas Kossendey, at the reception held at the German frigate "Emden", on the occasion of its sailing into the port of Bar.

May 31<sup>st</sup>

- Decision on Establishment of the Council for Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and NGOs, adopted by the Government of April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, presented. In the introductory, the Head of the Office for Cooperation with NGOs Danka Latković, the Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro Clive Rumbold and the Head of the TACSO Office in Montenegro, Goran Djurovic made a speech on the content of the said decision and the importance of cooperation between the public and the civil sector. The organizer of the presentation is TACSO-Office in Montenegro.

## History

*The first major world exhibition was organized in London in 1851. Montenegro was represented at major world fairs only in 1873 in Vienna and in 1905 in Liège.*

### MONTENEGRO AT THE WORLD FAIR IN LIÈGE 1905

"Our homeland is also represented in Liège, Belgium.

... apart from the national costume and a rich collection of various weapons, exhibits in the Montenegrin pavilion include diverse objects representing our contemporary export trade goods, in particular different types of Montenegrin tobacco.

His Excellency the King of Belgium, when visiting the exhibition on April 29<sup>th</sup> and reviewing the various pavilions, stopped in front of the Montenegrin pavilion, where he uttered that he was "particularly pleased that Montenegro is taking part in the exhibition, since this country, despite being small, is becoming more and more important each day". Thence he began to respond on the Montenegrin people in the most flattering words, praising and lifting its virtues, and promised to return again to have a better look at the pavilion.

Afterwards the Belgian Minister of Industry and Construction Mr. Frankot visited the Montenegrin pavilion and carefully reviewed the exhibited items."

*Voice of the Montenegrin, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1905, 3.*



## Announcements...

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- At the invitation of the Spanish Foreign Minister and EU Chairman Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs Milan Roćen will attend the EU – Western Balkans summit. The summit, held in Sarajevo, will bring together foreign ministers of EU Member States and countries of the region, high representatives of the EC and the U.S., Russia and Turkey. It was announced that Catherine Ashton, EU high representative for foreign policy and security, would attend the meeting, as well as Stefan Fuele, Commissioner for Enlargement. During his stay in Sarajevo, Minister Roćen will have a series of bilateral meetings with the summit participants.
- A delegation of the United States Congress, led by Congressman John Tanner currently visiting Montenegro. Apart from talks with Prime Minister Milo Đukanović and Foreign Minister Milan Rocen, a visit to the barracks “Milovan Šaranović” is scheduled as part of the visit. They will also meet with Defence Minister Boro Vučinić and Chief of General Staff of the Army of Montenegro Vice Admiral Dragan Samardžić. Along with Congressman Tanner, the delegation consists of congressmen David Scott from Georgia and Dennis Moore from Kansas.

June 1-4

- Ministry for Spatial Planning and Environment, with its partner, the Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea of the Republic of Italy, will take part at the Conference on European Environmental Policy, organized by the European Commission, under the title “European Green Week”. The conference will be held from June 1 – 4, 2010, in Brussels. The joint efforts on the conservation of the biodiversity and sustainable development will be presented at the Conference. The title of the presentation is “Protection of Biodiversity as a Basis for Economic Development, Role of the Biodiversity on the Road to Sustainable Development: Montenegro”.

June 3-4

- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, Mr. Ivan Brajović is to open Regional Conference “Good Governance, Transparency and Ethics at the Local Level”

which is to be held on June 3 and 4 at hotel Splendid in Bečići. The conference is jointly organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Council of Europe and the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro.

June 4-5

- Minister of Education and Science Slavoljub Stijepovic will lead the Montenegrin delegation at the 23<sup>rd</sup> regular assembly of Ministers of Education and Science organized by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Education and Sports of the Republic of Slovenia, on the topic “Education in Sustainable Democratic Societies - the Role of Teachers”, to be held in Ljubljana from June 4 – 5, 2010.

June 7-8

- Ministry for Spatial Planning and Environment will participate at the investments and property fair, to be held from June 7-11 in Milan, Italy.

May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup>

- Minister of Justice of Montenegro, Mr. Miraš Radović takes part at the International Conference for Review of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, held in the period from May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup> in the capital of Uganda, Kampala.

## Public discussions

### PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY...

#### Working version on the Law on Legal Aid

Duration: April 27<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Organizer: Ministry of Justice

Draft Law can be accessed at:

[http://www.pravda.gov.me/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rid=55391&rType=2&file=NACRT\\_ZAKONA\\_O\\_BESPLATNOJ\\_PRAVNOJ\\_PO\\_MOCI\[1\].doc](http://www.pravda.gov.me/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rid=55391&rType=2&file=NACRT_ZAKONA_O_BESPLATNOJ_PRAVNOJ_PO_MOCI[1].doc)

#### Draft Law on Enforcement Procedure

Duration: May 19<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010.

Organizer: Ministry of Justice

Draft Law available at:

<http://www.pravda.gov.me/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rid=56585&rType=2>



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