



Dear readers,

This is the ninth issue of the Bulletin on the Government of Montenegro Performance, which is prepared and distributed, within the framework of "Open Government" Project, through the cooperation between the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) and the PR Office of the Government of Montenegro.

This is the last issue of the Bulletin prior to the forthcoming summer break, when both the staff of the CDT are at their annual leave and the public administration authorities and intuitions, as well as the Government of Montenegro, operate at reduced capacity.

The Government of Montenegro will be at the collective annual leave as of August 2nd to August 27th. However, that does not mean that the Government will be absent completely and that their activities will be absolutely adjourned. There will not be any ordinary session of the Government, but the majority of their services, including also the Public Relation Office, will operate at reduced capacity. Deputy Prime Ministers will carry out the coordination of duties in the Government, in order to respond to a possible urgent request or imperative duties.

The next issue of the Bulletin titled "Open Government" will be published in the middle September, after which we are going to continue to inform you, on two-week basis, of the most important activities of the Government of Montenegro.

Besides, as of September 1st, the CDT will continue their regular activities. Your suggestions as regards our work are welcome as they have been so far.

*Sincerely,
Dragan Koprivica,
Executive Director, CDT*

Calendar



July 19th

- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, met the Minister of Finance of Slovenia Mr. **Franc Križanič**.
- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** talked to the Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Montenegro, H.E. **Maja Dobрева**.

July 20th

- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** and the Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, Ambassador **Paraschiva Badesku** signed the Memorandum of Cooperation.
- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** received, in the farewell visit, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Montenegro, H.E. **Roderick Moore**.



- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. **Milan Roćen** participated in the International Conference on Afghanistan, in Kabul.

July 21st

- The 19th Ordinary Session of the Social Council Presidency was held in Podgorica. In addition to the Presidency members, the Session was attended by Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Coordinator of the Working Group on Drafting Proposal Amendments and Supplements to the General Collective Agreement Mr. **Predrag Stamatović**, Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Welfare and the Working Group Member Mr. **Vladimir Radovanić**, Acing Secretary General of the Association of Trade Unions Mr. **Zoran Masoničić**, Deputy Secretary General of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions Mr. **Vukašin Zogović** and the Secretary General of the Union of Employers Mr. **Vladimir Čurović** were present as well.
- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. Dr **Gordana Đurović** talked to the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro Mr. **Alexander Avnessov**.

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** received the President of the Republic of Malta, H.E. **George Abela**.
- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. Dr **Gordana Đurović** talked to the Resident Representative of the Republic of Malta to the EU, **Richard Cachia Caruana**.
- The Press Conference on the presentation of the results of the First Public Invitation for the Support to the Investments in Agriculture was held in.

July 22nd

- Activities under the Project on Hydro Power Plant on the River Morača were presented to the ambassadors and international organizations in Montenegro.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. **Milan Roćen** and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta Mr. **Tonio Borg** signed the Protocol and Memorandum of Cooperation.



July 23rd

- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. Dr **Gordana Đurović** received the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia H.E. **František Lipka**.

July 25th

- Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** received, in the farewell visit, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Montenegro, H.E. **Roderick Moore**.

July 27th

- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. **Milan Roćen** received today the Ambassador of Ukraine H.E. **Oksana Sljusarenko**.
- The 14th Meeting of the Executive Board of the Union of Municipalities was held.
- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government Mr. **Svetozar Marović** received, in the farewell visit, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Montenegro, H.E. **Roderick Moore**.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. **Milan Roćen** received, in the farewell visit, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Montenegro, H.E. **Roderick Moore**.

July 28th

- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, participated in the Session of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro Assembly.

- Minister of Tourism Mr. **Predrag Nenezić** talked to the Mr. **Alexander Avanesov**, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro and to the UNDP Economy Program Manager Mr. **Tomica Paović**.
- Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy and Financial System Prof. Dr. **Vujica Lazović** received, in the farewell visit, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Montenegro, H.E. **Roderick Moore**.
- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, and the Ambassador of the Republic of France H.E. **Dominique Gazuy** signed, in Podgorica, Agreements on the Consolidation and Service of Montenegro's debts to the Republic of France, within the framework of the Paris Club of Creditors.
- Minister of Defense Mr. **Boro Vučinić** received, in the farewell visit, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Montenegro, H.E. **Roderick Moore**.

July 30th

- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare and President of the Social Council Dr. **Suad Numanović** signed the Memorandum of Cooperation with the aim to increase the employment possibility and the employment of disabled persons.

Public discussions

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY...

Draft National Programme for Culture Development

Duration: July 2nd August 1st 2010

Organizer: Ministry of Culture

Draft National Programme for Culture Development is available at:

<http://www.ministarstvokulture.gov.me/vijesti/98014/Javna-rasprava-o-Nacrtu-Nacionalnog-programa-razvoja-kulture.html>.

Concession Document on Granting Concessions for Taking Over, Gathering and Processing Specific Types of Waste in Montenegro, Which Are Applied to Used Up Batteries and Car Batteries, Worn Out Tires, Old Vehicles, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Worn Out Packaging

Duration: July 29th – August 18th 2010

Organizer: Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection

Concession Document on Granting Concessions for Taking Over, Gathering and Processing Specific Types of Waste in Montenegro is available at:

<http://www.gov.me/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rId=59642&rType=2>.

Reform of Local self-Government in Montenegro

Organizer: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Public Administration

Draft Agenda on Public Administration Reform is available at:

<http://www.predsipol.gov.me/potpredsjednik/projekti/97841/AGENDA.html>.



From July 16th to July 31st, the Government of Montenegro held two ordinary sessions.

At the session held on **July 22nd**, which was chaired by Prime Minister Mr. **Milo Đukanović**, the Government of Montenegro approved, i.e. adopted:

1. Proposal Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on General Administrative Procedure,
2. Proposal Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on National Security Agency,
3. Decision on the Network of Health Institutions of Montenegro, and
4. Regulations on the Criteria for Identifying the Beneficiaries and the Method of Distributing a Part of Income from Lottery.

The proposed amendments to the **Law on General Administrative Procedure** ensure the conformity of the Law with the contemporary standards on which the Common European Administrative Procedure relies. The new legal solutions strengthen the principle of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness in the administrative procedure by introducing the single contact and coordination point for citizens and administrative authorities, and shorten deadlines of and simplify the very procedure if several authorities are involved in their solving. The establishment of the new positive function procedure is proposed thereby as well, when it is provided for by a separate law – which means that it shall be considered that a request is approved if the authority in charge has not made a decision upon a correct request within the prescribed deadline.

The Government approved also the **Proposal Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on National Security Agency**. The proposed amendments bring the Law in conformity with certain fundamental laws' parts governing the scope and method of National Security Agency's operation. In addition, the lessons learned during the five-year enforcement of the Law on National Security Agency has shown the need to amend, i.e. supplement, certain solutions in order to improve the legal framework relevant to the field of national security interests protection, which offers legislative premises for a better treatment of contemporary security threats and challenges at national, regional and a broader level. The Government has concluded that the said amendments ensured the respect for human rights and freedoms as established under the Constitution of Montenegro and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and, simultaneously, constituted a balance between the respect for human rights of individuals and the rights of democratic society to protect the national security interests.

At the session held on **July 29th**, which was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, the Government of Montenegro approved, adopted, i.e. enacted:

1. Proposal Law on the Ombudsman of Montenegro,
2. Proposal Law on the Descendants of the Petrović Njegoš Dynasty,
3. Proposal Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Financing Local Self-Government,
4. Proposal Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Real Property Tax,
5. Law on Housing and the Maintenance of Residential Buildings,
6. Proposal Law on Forests,
7. Report on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy for Euro-Atlantic Integrations, with the Action Plan for the period July 1st – December 31st 2010,
8. Analysis of Montenegro Economic Policy Realization in the First Half of 2010,
9. Strategy for Fighting Corruption and Organized Crime for the Period Between 2010 and 2014, and
10. Strategy for Regional Development of Montenegro.

The Government of Montenegro approved the **Proposal Law on the Ombudsman of Montenegro**. According to the Constitution of Montenegro, the new Law establishes the national mechanism for the prevention of torture and protection against all forms of discrimination. The proposed solutions accepted the standards prescribed under the Paris Principles and the Venice Commission Recommendations, and particularly the key criterions that are to provide the Ombudsman Institution with autonomy, independence from the Government, pluralism, a broad mandate based on the universal human rights principles, an adequate power for examination, and appropriate resources.

Starting from the interests of the State to preserve and affirm the role and importance of the Petrović Njegoš Dynasty to national, social and cultural development of Montenegro, as well as an exceptional value of the historical and cultural heritage and tradition, the Government approved the **Proposal Law on the Status of the Descendants of the Petrović Njegoš Dynasty**. In line with the contemporary social relations, this Law establishes their status and role in the preserving and affirming the Dynasty tradition.

For the purpose of improving financial status of municipalities, the Government approved also the **Proposal Laws on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Financing Local Self-Government and on Real Property Tax** respectively. The amended legal solutions shall ensure, via an increase in the municipal revenues and a better fiscal discipline, the long-term financial sources stability and regular servicing of legally prescribed liabilities to municipalities. In addition, it was proposed to abolish the tax levies that had had an insignificant net effect on municipal revenues, releasing thereby the private sector from fiscal burden and improving additionally the business environment of local self-government.

Government and citizens

July 18th

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** sent the Congratulation Card to the residents, Councilors of the Municipal Council and Mayor of the Municipality of Andrijevisa on the occasion of July 17th - The Day of Andrijevisa.

July 19th

- Media conference was arranged on the holding of the 4th Summer School for Emigrant Children.
- Within the framework of the regular visits to municipalities, Minister of Tourism of Montenegro Mr. **Predrag Nenezić** and his associates stayed in a working visit to the Municipality of Žabljak. In the meeting with the Mayor of the Municipality Mr. **Isailo Šljivančanin** and his associates, discussions were held on the current and planned projects for the sustainable tourism development in Žabljak, as well as on the issues and challenges that the Municipality faces.



July 20th

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** sent the Congratulation Card to the residents, Councilors of the Municipal Council and Mayor of the Municipality of Berane on the occasion of July 21st – The Day of the Municipality of Berane.

July 21st

- Media Conference was held on the Status of the Project on Hydro Power Plants on the River Morača.
- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** sent the Congratulation Card on the occasion of July 22nd – The Day of the Municipality of Šavnik.

July 23rd

- Media Conference was held on the Report by the Commission for the External Extra Evaluation of Professional Work Quality in the “Vaso Čuković” Specialized Hospital in Risan.

July 26th

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** sent the Congratulation Card to the young Montenegrin athlete Ms. **Marija Vuković**.

July 28th

- Minister of Health Mr. **Miodrag Radunović** held a Working Breakfast with the media representatives.

July 29th

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** sent the Congratulation Card to the residents, Councilors of the Municipal Council and the Mayor of the Municipality of Plav, on the occasion of The Day of Plav.

History

WOMEN AND GOVERNMENTS

Since the establishment of the first Government of the People's Republic of Montenegro in April 1945, not a single woman has been its leader. As of 1953, the official name of the Government was Executive Council, and ministers had the titles of the Republic Secretaries. That function was performed by Mrs. **Vukosava Mićunović** and Mrs. **Olga Perović**.

Mrs. Ana Mišurović was appointed the Minister of Environmental Protection in 1994, whereas Mrs. **Branislava Liješević** was appointed the Minister of Culture in 1997 and Mrs. **Slavica Milačić** was appointed the Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and the European Integrations in 2002. The latter function was performed by Dr **Gordana Đurović** as of 2004. Dr **Vesna Kilibarda** was the Minister of Culture from 2002 to 2006.

The only women in the Government of Montenegro is Dr Gordana Đurović, the Minister for European Integrations (since June 10, 2009). She used to be the Deputy Prime Minister for the European Integrations from November 2006 to June 2009.



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