



Dear readers,

This is the twelfth Bulletin on the Government of Montenegro Performance, which is prepared and distributed by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) in cooperation with the PR Office of the Government.

The present Bulletin is giving the most important information concerning the Government of Montenegro performance between the 1st and the 15th October 2010, as well as the announcements of the most significant events to take place in the next two weeks.

In the previous fifteen days, the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Croatia entered into the Agreement for the Mutual Extradition of their respective citizens. In addition to that, the process of adjustment of this issue undertaken with the Republic of Serbia was brought to the end and the Minister of Justice has been empowered by the Government to enter, with his Serbian counterpart, into the document that will bind both countries to extradite their respective citizens. The foregoing Agreements represent grounds for strengthening regional cooperation in the fields of justice and fight against organized crime, and they are a strong message to criminal offenders that the borders between Montenegro and its neighboring countries are not barriers any more for a successful fight against crime.

You can find out more about the Government performance in this Bulletin issue again, via our regular headings: Calendar, Government and Citizens, Legislative Activity of the Government, Public Discussions, History and Announcements.

We stay open for all your advices and suggestions.

*Sincerely,
Dragan Koprivica,
Executive Director, CDT*

Calendar

October 1st

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović**, Minister of EU Integrations Prof. Gordana Đurović, PhD, Minister of Culture Mr. **Branislav Mićunović**, Minister of Interior Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** talked, in separate meetings, to the Council of Europe Director General of Democracy and Political Affairs Mr. **Jean Louis Lorán**.
- Minister of EU Integrations and National IPA Coordinator Prof. **Gordana Đurović**, PhD opened the Second Public Discussion on the Strategic Conformity Framework (SCF).
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** received the General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria Mr. **Johanes Kirle**, who stayed in Montenegro during the opening of new offices for the Austrian Embassy in Podgorica.
- Minister of Interior Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** hosted a visit by the Ambassador of France to Montenegro H.E. Madam **Dominique Gazuy**.
- The 17th Session of the Sub-Team of the Coordination Body for Preparation and Monitoring of Tourism Season was held.
- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. **Gordana Đurović**, PhD, took part in the 6th Meeting of the National Council on European Integration (NCEI), which was held in the Parliament of Montenegro.
- The Extradition Agreement was entered into by and between Montenegro and the Republic of Croatia.
- To mark the Day of Security Services, Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** received Minister of Interior Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović**, Director of the Police Directorate Mr. **Veselin Veljović** and Director of Police Academy Mr. **Živko Šipčić**.



October 2nd

- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** met, in Amman, with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jordan Mr. **Nasser Judeh**.

October 3rd

- During the visit to Palestine, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** was received by Prime Minister of Palestina Mr. **Salam Fayyad**.

October 4th

- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** met, in Palestine, with his counterpart Mr. **Riad Malki**.
- Minister of Defense, Mr. **Boro Vučinić** received Captain **Rade Ćurčić** to mark his assignment to the duty of Military Observer to United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).
- Agreement on Cooperation in the Area of Protection against Natural and Man Induced Disasters was entered into by and between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia.



October 5th

- Minister of Interior Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** took part in the Regional Ministerial Conference held in Belgrade.
- The Seminar on the Negotiation Process and Structures was held.

October 6th

- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Mr. **Suad Numanović**, MD, took part in the 61st Session of the UNHCR Executive Committee.
- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. **Gordana Đurović**, PhD, hosted a visit by the newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ireland to Montenegro H.E. Mr. **John Deady**.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** received the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Montenegro H.E. Mr. **Jernej Videtič**.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** hosted separate visits by the newly appointed Ambassadors of the Islamic Republic of Iran H.E. Mr. **Abolghasem Delfi**, the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. **Eldar Gumbat Oglu Hasanov**, and the Republic of India, H.E. Mr. **Dinkar Khullar** respectively, during which he congratulated to their appointments to the duties and expressed his confidence that their incumbencies would contribute to a further strengthening of the relations between Montenegro and their respective countries.

October 7th

- The Agreement on Border Crossings for International Trade was entered into by and between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** hosted a visit by the newly appointed Ambassador of Ireland H.E. Mr. **John Deady**, with whom he entered into the Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxations between Montenegro and Ireland.
- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. **Gordana Đurović**, PhD, received the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungaria Mr. **Zolt Nemet**.
- The Agreement on Social Security was entered into by and between Montenegro and Switzerland Confederation.

October 8th

- Minister of EU Integrations Prof. **Gordana Đurović**, PhD, talked to the UN System Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Mr. **Alexander Avanesov**.
- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** stayed in official visit to the Republic of Slovenia.
- Minister of Defense, Mr. **Boro Vučinić** hosted a visit by the Ambassador of Republic of Slovakia to Montenegro H.E. Mr. **František Lipka**.

October 10th

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** stayed in official visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

October 11th

- Minister of Defense, Mr. **Boro Vučinić** took part in the South-Eastern Europe Defense Ministerial (SEDM) Process in Tirana.



- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** stayed in official visit to Norway.

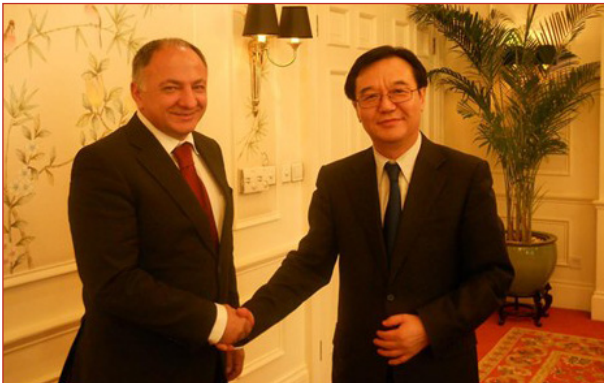
October 12th

- Deputy Prime Minister of the Government and Minister of Finance Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, Council Chairman of the Central Bank of Montenegro Mr. **Ljubiša Krgović** took part in annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Mr. **Suad Numanović**, MD, opened formally and took part in the work of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Social Security Coordination and Social Security Reform, which was held in the Splendid Hotel in Budva.

October 13th

- Deputy Prime Minister Mr. **Vujica Lazović** took part in the 3rd Meeting of Intergovernmental Commission on Economic and Trade Cooperation between Montenegro and People's Republic of China held in Beijing.



- Development Cooperation Protocol was entered into by and between the Federal Republic of Germany and Montenegro.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** hosted a visit by the Ambassador of the Republic of Greece H.E. Mr. **Georgis Avgustis**.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro Mr. **Milan Roćen** hosted a visit by the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, **Hafsa Abdulla Mohamed Sharif Alulam**.

October 14th

- Strategic Meeting of the Government of Montenegro and the UN Integrated Programme was held on the theme of defining the programme priorities of cooperation for the period 2012-2016, as a part of the Phase II of the Integrated Programme "Delivering as One".

Government and citizens

October 1st

- Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Mr. **Suad Numanović**, MD, posjetio "Grabovac" Nursing Home, Public Institution, in Risan.

October 6th

- Minister of Interior Affairs and Public Administration Mr. **Ivan Brajović** attended the commencement the Action titled "National Month of Road Safety"

Public discussions

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY...

Proposal Law on Sports

Organizer: Ministry of Education and Science

Text of the Proposal Law on Sports is available at:

<http://www.gov.me/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rId=61570&rType=2>

The Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance

Duration: 6-20 October 2010

Organizer: Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare

Text of the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance is available at:

<http://www.gov.me/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rId=61251&rType=2>

Draft National Strategic Document on the Suppression of HIV/AIDS

Duration: 1-15 October 2010

Organizer: Ministry of Health

Text of the Draft National Strategic Document is available at:

<http://cms.gov.sntcg.com/ResourceManager/FileDownload.aspx?rId=60983&rType=2>

- Minister of Defense Mr. **Boro Vučinić** and Minister of Defense of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. **Selmo Cikotić** signed the Memorandum of Defense Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

October 7th

- Minister of Education and Science Mr. **Slavoljub Stjepović** and the Head of the NGO Caritas Foundation Luxembourg Mission to Montenegro Mr. **Ervin Mandžukić** signed, in "Panto Mališić" High School in Berane, the Agreement on Cooperation between the Ministry of Education and Science and Caritas Foundation Luxembourg in the Project on the Reconstruction of School Buildings – Stage VII.
- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** placed the foundation stone, marking hereby the commencement of the bridge construction across the Port Milena channel in Ulcinj.

October 10th

- Promotion of Montenegro during the "Barcolana" in Trieste.

October 12th

- The Agreement on the Execution of Reconstruction, Extension and Overbuilding Works on the Health Center Building in Bijelo Polje was entered into.

October 13th

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro Mr. **Milo Đukanović** sent out the telegram of congratulations to the Football Association of Montenegro, i.e. to the Coach Mr. **Zlatko Kranjčar** and the players, accentuating the importance of their success to the Group G of the Euro 2012



European Championship qualifying so far, and thanked them for everything they did to the satisfaction of the sports fans and citizens of Montenegro.

History

AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP, TRADE AND NAVIGATION ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND HIS HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF MONTENEGRO

Cetinje, January 21st 1882

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Highness the Prince of Montenegro, wishing to place on a favorable basis the trade operations of both the States, decided to enter into the Agreement of Friendship, Trade and Navigation for the purpose and they have appointed, for that reason, their respective plenipotentiaries as follows:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland appointed Mr. Upliem Kirby Green, a Cavalier (Knight) of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, as Her Chargé d' Affaires to the Montenegrin Court; and

His Highness the Prince of Montenegro appointed Duke Stanko Radonić, a Cavalier of the Most Distinguished First-Degree Order of Danilo, as His Minister of Foreign Affairs,

who, after notifying each other of their respective accreditations and after finding them as good and proper, consented to and agreed on the following Articles:

Article 1

The British citizens, who are either temporarily or permanently in Montenegro, and the citizens of Montenegro, who are either temporarily or permanently in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall enjoy in the said territories the same rights with respect to their respective occupations and places of their respective trades and industries, and they shall not be subject to any tribute or tax of general or municipal or local character

that is bigger than that paid for the same purpose by the very indigenous people or citizens of any other Most Favored Power.

The British citizens in Montenegro and the Montenegrin citizens in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland shall be subject to the same treatment to which indigenous people or members of any most favored nation are subject to in relation to procurement, maintenance and usage of real estates, as well as to any levy thereon; an access to courts during claiming and defending their respective rights; a search of their respective houses, flats, factories storehouses or shops.

In addition to that, they shall be exempt from providing soldiers with overnight stays, as well as of any liability for conscription, be it ground forces or navy or national guard or ceremonial troops. Likewise, they shall be exempt from any tribute in money or goods, which has been levied either as payments for overnight stays of soldiers or for their personal service; and, after all, they shall be exempt from forced loans, charges and requisitions, as well as from all services in courts or municipal authorities except from lay judge service which is required by the law.



Međunarodni ugovori Crne Gore 1878-1918, Zbornik dokumenata sa komentarom, ed. G. Perazić, R. Raspopović, Podgorica 1992, 180-187 [International Agreements of Montenegro between 1878 and 1918, Collection of Documents and Comments, ed. G. Perazić, R. Raspopović, Podgorica, 1992, pp. 180-187]



From October 1st to October 15th, the Government of Montenegro held two ordinary sessions.

In the session held on **October 7th**, which was chaired by Prime Minister Mr. **Milo Đukanović**, the Government of Montenegro approved, i.e. adopted:

1. Proposal Misdemeanor Law,
2. Regulation on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulation on the Requirements for Deferring Collection of Tax and Non Tax Debts,
3. Information of Activities Under the Project on the Construction of Submarine Power Transmission Interconnection Cable Between EES of Montenegro and Italy and the Accompanying Reports,
4. Proposal Law on the Ratification of Several International and Bilateral Agreements on Environment and Social Security.

Proposal Misdemeanor Law should ensure a more effective, cost-effective and simplified misdemeanor procedure accompanied by the respect for fair and just trial related standards prescribed under the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. Among numerous innovations brought by this Law, particular importance is ascribed to prescribing new sanctions, such as community service, and then to the introduction of misdemeanor citations and developing the Register of Fines.

Regulation on Amendments and Supplements to the Regulation on the Requirements for Deferring Collection of Tax and Non-Tax Debts has extended the grounds for deferring tax debts of a tax payer who provided a bank guarantee stating the amount equal to the deferred debt or who presented the proof of the existence of receivables from third persons, as well as the document on the assignment of receivables to the amount equaling the debt. In addition, the deferral or installment payments of tax liabilities shall be ensured to those entrepreneurs and legal persons whose annual turnover is less than €18,000 and who apply for the deferment of their debts payment for the first time in a current year.



In the session held on **October 14th**, which was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister of the Government Mr. **Igor Lukšić**, PhD, the Government of Montenegro adopted, i.e. approved:

1. Information of the Progress of Montenegro in Euro-Atlantic Integration Process after the Call for Membership Action Plan (MAP),
2. Proposal Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Weapons,
3. Information on the Completion of Negotiations with the Republic of Serbia for Entering into the Agreement on Amendments and Supplements to the Extradition Agreement,
4. Decision on the Distribution of a Part of the 2010 Revenues from Games of Chance,
5. Plan of Converting Informal Settlements into Formal Ones and Buildings Regulation, with Particular Emphasis on Seismic Risks.

The Government adopted the **Information of the Progress of Montenegro in Euro-Atlantic Integration Process after the Call for Membership Action Plan (MAP)**. It is stressed in the session that the official commencement of the new and more important stage in the Euro-Atlantic Integrations awaits Montenegro upon the presentation of the First Annual National Programme to the NATO Headquarters in Brussels. The forthcoming time will be marked by the implementation of proprieties provided for under the Annual National Programme, as well as by the continuation of political and military and defense programs implementation together with NATO. A very intensive pace of activities of the previous period has pointed out to a dynamic progress that Montenegro achieves on its Euro-Atlantic Integrations road, as well as to the existence of political will and commitment to fulfill completely and effectively the undertaken obligations and reforms implementation, which will be of a particular importance during the forthcoming and more demanding stage of integrations.

The Government considered and adopted the **Information on the Completion of Negotiations with the Republic of Serbia for Entering into the Agreement on Amendments and Supplements to the Extradition Agreement**. For the purpose of both a further improvement in cooperation of the two states and a more effective fight against the most serious crimes, the adjusted Agreement created the legal grounds for extradition of their respective citizens due to organized criminal offences, crimes against humanity, corruption and money laundering, for which, according to the respective laws of the signatory states, four-year imprisonment or more severe sanction has been prescribed, as well as due to other serious criminal offences for which five-year imprisonment has been prescribed as the shortest one.



Announcements...

October 18th

- Commencement of 1000+ stanova ("1.000+ Flats") Project. The Project is being implemented by the Government of Montenegro via the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection in partnership with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) and Montenegrin banks, the primary aim of which is to solve citizens' housing issues.
- Marking the 3rd European Day against Human Trafficking
- Meeting of the representatives of Ministry of Health, Fund for Health Insurance, Public Health Institute and the Clinical Center of Montenegro, in which the presentation of Mother & Baby Health communication material will be delivered. Ministry of Health developed, in cooperation with UNICEF, a set of Mother & Baby Health communication material that will be disseminated to Reproductive Health Counseling Units in Health Centers and to Maternity Wards throughout Montenegro.
- Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare is organizing a Round Table concerning the Public Discussion on the Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance

October 18th - 19th

- Head of the Office for Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings Mr. **Zoran Ulama** will take part in the Conference titled "Towards a multidisciplinary approach to prevention of trafficking in human beings, prosecution of traffickers and protection of victims", which is being arranged by the EU to mark October 18th, i.e. the EU Anti-trafficking Day. The Conference will be held in Brussels.
- Minister of Human and Minority Rights Mr. **Ferhat Dinosh** will take part in the work of the Conference marking the Roma Decade, in Strasbourg.

October 19th

- Minister of Health Mr. **Miodrag Radunović** will place the foundation stone to mark the commencement of reconstructing, extending and overbuilding of the Health Center in Bijelo Polje.
- IPA Conference with the employers of Montenegro will be held. The Conference shall be presided by Minister of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Telecommunications Mr. **Andrija Lompar**.

October 20th

- Minister of Defense, Mr. **Boro Vučinić** will take part in the 20th Anniversary of the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Center (RACVIAC), to be held in Zagreb.
- Regional Conference titled "Regional Cooperation and Adriatic Sea Coastguard Development", will be held in Budva.

October 21st

- Deputy Prime Minister Mr. **Igor Lukšić** will take part in the Conference titled "Enhancing Public Procurements in Montenegro: Roles and Responsibilities of Key Institutions".

October 22nd

- Chief of General Staff of the Army of Montenegro Vice Admiral **Dragan Samardžić** will participate in the 8th Venice Regional Seapower Symposium for the Navies of the Mediterranean and Black Sea Countries, to be held in Venice.
- Opening of the reconstructed part of the Health Center in Mojkovac.
- Minister of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Telecommunications Mr. **Andrija Lompar** and Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Mr. **Suad Numanović**, MD, will be in an official visit to Macedonia, where they will sign the Agreement in the areas of Education and Science and the Social Security Agreement.
- Foreign Ministerial Meetings of Višegrad Group and Partners from the Western Balkan Region will be held in Bratislava.
- Meeting of Minister of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Telecommunications Mr. **Andrija Lompar** and Chinese businesspersons will be held.

October 23rd

- Arranged by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the UN System in Montenegro, the United Nations Day will be celebrated and the reception marking it will be hosted in "Gorica" Villa.

October 26th

- Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, in cooperation with UNICEF Mission to Montenegro, is arranging one-day seminar on the theme of the rights of the child.

October 26th - 28th

- Representatives of Ministry for Human and Minority Rights will stay in a study visit to Croatian institutions and organizations dealing with minority issues.



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