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Dear readers,

Here is the twenty-ninth edition of the Bulletin "Open Government" prepared by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) and the Bureau of Public Relations of the Government of Montenegro, within the project "Open Institutions" funded by the European Union through the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro.

Within the same project, at the beginning of June, CDT launched the research on the transparency of the Government of Montenegro. After the research, we released publicly the recommendations for increasing the transparency of the executive. One of the recommendations referred to the greater participation of the public in decision-making processes, with the focus on availability of agendas of the Government sessions, along with the documents discussed at the sessions. In addition, we proposed a better normative regulation of the institute of public discussion, as well as paying more organizational and media attention to this institute in practice.

Following our recommendations, the Government adopted a Decision on publishing documents from the sessions of the Government of Montenegro. The implementation of this decision will enable the citizens to get to know with the agenda before the government session, and immediately after the session with the documents that were subject to discussion at that session. CDT believes that the adoption of the Decision represents a significant step forward in increasing the transparency of the Government of Montenegro. In this way, the access to information has been improved, and the citizens are spared of a significant procedure provided for in the Law on Free Access to Information, since a large amount of documents will be automatically published on the website of the Government.

In addition, the Government of Montenegro also established a Proposal for the Law on Political Party Financing, Proposal for the Law on Civil Servants and Employees, Proposal for the Law Amending the Law on State Administration and Proposal for the Law Amending the Law on Inspection Supervision. In addition to the said law proposals, the Government also adopted the new Regulation on the criteria for determining beneficiaries and distribution of the revenue from games of chance.

In this edition of the Bulletin on the work of the Government you can also learn more in our permanent columns: calendar, Government and citizens, legislative activities of the Government, public debates, history and announcements.

*Sincerely,
Dragan Koprivica
CDT Executive Director*

Calendar



1 July

- Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro **Igor Lukšić** held talks with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria **Bojko Borisov**.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Roćen** went in a working visit to Vilnius.

5 July

- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Roćen** held talks with the Chairman of the OSCE and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania **Audronius Ažabalas**.



6 July

- Fourth session of the Coordination Team for Preparation and Monitoring of the Tourist Season held.
- President of the Government of Montenegro **Igor Lukšić** send congratulations to the Prime Minister of the National Republic of China **Ven Djiabao** on the occasion of the fifth anniversary since the establishment of the diplomatic relations between Montenegro and National Republic of China.



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7 July

- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Roćen** and State Secretary for European Integration **Slavica Milačić** held talks with Stefano Sanino, Director-General of the Directorate-General for Enlargement of the European Commission.
- Ministers **Ivan Brajović** and **Suad Numanović** held talks with Director General of the Directorate-General for Enlargement **Stefano Sanino**.

8 July

- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice **Duško Marković** and U.S. Ambassador in Podgorica **Sue Kay Brown** signed the Agreement on Law Enforcement between Government of Montenegro and the United States.



- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** received the Director General of the Directorate for Enlargement **Stefano Sannino**.
- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** participated in an international conference of Heads of States and Governments of the "Croatia Summit 2011". During the summit in Dubrovnik, Prime Minister met with Prime Minister **Jadranka Kosor**, Macedonian Prime Minister **Nikola Gruevski** and the Under Secretary for Political Affairs of the State Department **William Burns**.

11 July

- Montenegrin delegation, headed by the Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism **Predrag Sekulić**, took part in an informal meeting of Ministers of Environment in Sopot, Republic of POLAND.
- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** talked with the Alliance of Civilizations High Representative Sampaio Georges about the objectives of the Alliance based on fostering civilization values, respect for diversity and culture.
- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** received Special Representative of Germany to Afghanistan and Pakistan **Michael Steiner**.

12 July

- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić**, on the occasion of the railway accident in the state Utar Pradeš - India sent a telegram of condolence to the Prime Minister of the Government of India **Manmohan Sing**.
- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić**, on the occasion of sinking of "Bulgaria" Cruise Ship on Volga, sent a telegram of condolence to the Prime Minister of the Russian Government **Vladimir Putin**.

13 July

- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Roćen** went in an official visit to Argentina at the invitation of Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Religious Affairs **Hector Timerman**. During his several-day long stay in Argentina, Minister Roćen met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Religious Affairs Hector Timerman, Minister of Tourism **Enrique Meyer** and representatives of the prominent Council on Foreign Relations (CARI), headed by Vice President **Antonia Gendre**. Minister Roćen also met with descendants of Montenegrin emigrants from Buenos Aires and Madrid; a candidate for the Honorary Consul of Montenegro to Buenos Aires **Juan Carl Laković**; Province Governor **Jorge Kapetanić** and Honorary Consul of Montenegro in Roque Saenz Pena presidency **Drago Andres Mićunović**.



14 July

- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić**, on the occasion of 14 July – the celebration of the National Holiday of the Republic of France, sent the telegram to the Prime Minister of Republic of France **Fransoa Filon**.





In the period from 1 to 15 July, the Government of Montenegro held one regular session.

At the session held on **7 July** chaired by the Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić**, the Government of Montenegro considered, established or adopted as follows:

- Proposal for the Law on Civil Servants and Employees;
- Proposal for the Law Amending the Law on State Administration;
- Proposal for the Law on Political Party Financing;
- Proposal for the Law Amending the Law on Inspection Supervision;
- Regulation on the criteria for determining beneficiaries and the distribution of revenue from games of chance and
- Decision organizing the Public Institution National Museum of Montenegro.

U cilju ispunjavanja preporuka Evropske komisije u oblasti reforme državne uprave, Vlada Crne Gore utvrdila je predloge Zakona o državnim službenicima i namještenicima i zakona o izmjenama i dopunama Zakona o državnoj upravi.

In order to meet the recommendations of the European Commission in the field of public administration reform, the Government of Montenegro adopted the Proposal for the Law on Civil Servants and Employees and the Law Amending the Law on State Administration.

The new Law on Civil Servants and Employees improves normative and legal framework aimed at strengthening the professionalism and de-politicization of public administration, the principles of transparent and merit-based recruitment and advancement. The proposed provisions strengthen mechanisms for a rational human resources management in state organs and establish a greater degree of protection of civil servant and employee's rights, but also a higher degree of their accountability.

Amendments to the Law on State Administration lead to further rationalization of the state administration system, through reduction of the number of organs and the cost for their operation. Among other things, the application of these new provisions will expand the opportunities for participation of NGOs and citizens in general in the decision making process of public administration authorities.

As a part of the set of anti-corruption laws, the Government established the Proposal for the Law on Political Party Financing. In accordance with the GRECO recommendations, the law precisely regulates the rules for the provision of financial resources for regular operation of and the electoral

campaign of political parties. Its adoption will facilitate the transparency of funding and better control of revenues, expenditures and property of political parties.

Government adopted the Regulation on criteria for determining beneficiaries and the distribution of revenue from games of chance. Adoption of the Regulation provides for the pre-conditions for transparent and efficient allocation of resources obtained based on games of chance. Also, this Regulation defines the framework and responsibilities, rights and obligations of the competent Commission.



At the telephone session held on **14 July** chaired by the Prime Minister Igor Lukšić, the Government of Montenegro adopted the Decision on the recognition of the Republic of South Sudan as a sovereign and independent state. On behalf of the Government, citizens of Montenegro, Prime Minister Igor Lukšić sent congratulations to the Prime Minister of Southern Sudan **Salva kiir Majardit** on the occasion of gaining the independence.

History

Based on Articles 1 and 3 of the Decision establishing the Montenegrin Anti-fascist Assembly of National Liberation as the highest organ of the state government of Federal Montenegro, Presidency of the Montenegrin National Assembly adopts the

LAW ESTABLISHING NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE 13 JULY

Article 1

In order to celebrate with dignity the memory of the day of national uprising against the fascist occupiers and their supporters in Montenegro, We hereby proclaim the day of 13 July the national holiday of Federal Montenegro, which will be celebrated each year with the highest honors.

Article 2

The Law shall come to force immediately.

Cetinje, 29 June 1945

Secretary, **Niko Pavić**, handwritten signature
President, **Miloš Rašović**, handwritten signature

Work of Parliament of Montenegro from 1945-1950, eds. Č. Perović, N. Ilić, Podgorica 1986, p. 65.



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Government and citizens

4 July

- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** opened a new complex of residential, retail and recreational facilities at the marina Porto Montenegro in Tivat.

8 July

- In several month long operation entitled "Bar", Montenegrin police arrested 11 people on suspicion of possessing and selling heroin mainly in the area of Podgorica.

9 July

- Advisor to the Prime Minister for Security Integration **Ivan Mašulović** received the winners of the competition Aliante World 2011, organized by the NGO Alfa Centre from Nikšić, with the support of the Government of Montenegro.

11 July

- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** opened a Memorial Park dedicated to all the victims of civil wars conducted in former Yugoslavia in the period 1991 - 2001.

12 July

- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** laid the foundation stone for the building of the Real Estate Directorate and its Branch in Podgorica.

- Directors of the Montenegrin and Serbian police signed a Protocol on Cooperation during the Tourist Season in 2011.
- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** paid a working visit to the municipality of Mojkovac.

13 July

- Prime Minister **Igor Lukšić** delivered a speech at the Solemn Academy on the occasion of 70th anniversary of Montenegrin Anti-fascist 13 July Uprising in Cetinje.



15 July

- Minister of Education and Sport **Slavoljub Stijepović** met with the representatives of the Ypsilon Institute from Slovenia.



Announcements...

18 July

- Minister of Health **Miodrag Radunović** will open a reconstructed coronary department of the General Hospital in Nikšić.

July 19

- Minister of Science **Sanja Vlahović**, Director of the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises **Zoran Vukčević** and President of the Scientific - Technological Park Tecnopolis, based in Valenzana (Bari, Republic of Italy) **Ernesto Longobardi** will sign the Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Innovation in the Commercial Sector.
- Minister of Interior and Public Administration **Ivan Brajović** and Head of the OSCE Mission **Sarunas Adamavicius** will sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Interior and the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

- Photo exhibition "Melina Mercouri and the New Acropolis Museum" in Cetinje will be open.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Roćen** will receive a member of the British Upper House of Parliament and former minister in the Government of Great Britain.

20 July

- Prime Minister of Montenegro **Igor Lukšić** will pay an official visit to Serbia.

22 July

- Prime Minister of Montenegro **Igor Lukšić** will visit the Joint Investigation Team (JIT).
- Session of the Council for Regulatory Reform and Improvement of the Business Environment and the Council for Privatization and Capital Projects will be held.

July 25

- Prime Minister of Montenegro **Igor Lukšić** will visit the Managing Board of the Union of Employers.



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