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Strengthening the inter-municipal cooperation in Montenegro

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Public Administration, the Association of Montenegrin Municipalities and UNDP have organized a round table 'Strengthening the inter-municipal cooperation in Montenegro' in Bijelo Polje. In his opening remarks Minister Ivan Brajović said that there is an obvious disparity between the regions in Montenegro, particularly between the Northern on one hand and Central and Southern on the other. He stated that this programme will support the municipalities to improve their capacities in organizational development and leadership. The mayor of Bijelo Polje Tarzan Milošević said that the Association of Montenegrin Municipalities as a national organization has recognized the importance of strengthening the inter-municipal cooperation and added that people will have a better life with completion of joint projects. His opinion is that a joint approach towards the investors can contribute to the improvement of all the local communities. UNDP played an important role in the process of strengthening the inter-municipal cooperation. Ljupčo Kolev, the mayor of Bosilevo in the FYR Macedonia, also took part in the discussion when he talked about his experience in the cooperation his municipality had with two others in FYR Macedonia.

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At the round table in Podgorica the recommendations from the publication 'Strengthening the inter-municipal cooperation' were confirmed by representatives of the Montenegrin municipalities, important international and NGO organizations. The Minister of Internal Affairs and Public Administration Ivan Brajović said that this is just first of many activities done with UNDP whose goal is to offer more quality and affordable public services. The UNDP resident representatives in Montenegro Alexander Avanesov stressed that the imperative in the process of EU accession is the cooperation of the local communities. Rajko Golubović, the secretary general of the Association of Municipalities of Montenegro, said that the goal is to support the municipalities to collaborate in all the areas where it is clear they will make better results if working together. Ilmiasan Dauti, the representative of the UNDP country office in FYR Macedonia presented the general concept of inter-municipal cooperation illustrated with the Macedonian example, while the mayor of the Macedonian municipality of Bosilevo Ljupčo Kolev spoke about the experience from the collaboration with the municipalities of Novo Selo and Vasilevo. The round table 'Strengthening the inter-municipal cooperation in Montenegro' was held in Bijelo Polje on October 26th 2010 in the organization of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Association of Municipalities of Montenegro and the UNDP. Minister Brajović said in his opening remark that the Government will support municipalities in order to strengthen the capacities in the area of organisational development, improving collaboration on a national level, increasing the participation of the people in doing public work on a local level and developing quality approach in the jobs of the local management. Kristine



Blokhus, the UNDP deputy resident representative in Montenegro, said that the UNDP can play an important role in the inter-municipal cooperation.

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