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"Ease of doing business" workshop launched

Workshop with the aim of introducing the representatives of state institutions and employers' associations with the methodology of the World Bank's Doing Business Indicators for 2010, organized by the Ministry of Finance, International Finance Corporation (IFC) and capacity development programme was launched today. The workshop will run from October 26 to 30, and within it a presentation of the IFC recommendations for further reforms in the areas covered by Doing Business Report is scheduled. The workshop was opened by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Igor Lukšić.

Igor Lukšić: "We want to send a strong message that this is just one of many activities that we will implement in the upcoming period in order to control the implementation of all activities concerning the removing of barriers, because it has become one of the top priorities of the Government in the coming period."

The purpose of the project is strengthening government capacity to effectively plan, analyze and manage the public finances for the benefit of its citizens, as well as supporting the efforts of Montenegro to take the road of sustainable development and integration into the European Union.

Igor Lukšić: "Recognizing the efforts invested and recording the reforms carried out in certain areas, the World Bank positioned Montenegro higher on the list of countries which are ranked in the Doing Business Report for 2010. According to analysis of the World Bank Montenegro has improved the business environment and improved its position six ranks compared to last year's report. On the basis of reviewed reforms they registered Montenegro's progress in 4 out of 10 regulatory areas".

The Government of the Netherlands financially supported this project, which is consistent with the goal of UNDP aimed at supporting public finance reforms that promote greater accountability and transparency.

Sanja Međedović: "The ultimate goal of the project will include the improvement of institutional and administrative capacity for financial analysis, management, policy development, dialogue and fiscal planning. The project builds on current efforts of the Ministry of Finance to reform and strengthen public finance sector. It is expected to contribute to the modernization of the financial system and its harmonization with European standards in order to provide a better response to development goals such as sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction".

Both national and international experts will participate in this project.

Bojana Bošković: "Our intention was primarily to remove parameters that could potentially limit the business environment or create a barrier to business at the very start of making regulations" .

The project is designed for capacity building, organizing training on new policies, composing manuals and legal documents and developing framework for financial monitoring and reporting.



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