



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Seminar on the National Programme for the Integration

**Capacity Development Programme is organizing a one day seminar on the National Programme for the Integration (NPI), which will be held on Monday, October 22nd at the restaurant «Ribnica» in Podgorica, starting at 8:30 a.m.**

Participants in the seminar will be the leaders of the newly formed Groups for European Integration, i.e. members of the relevant Ministries of the Government of Montenegro and representatives of the Secretariat for European Integration. At the seminar, the experts from the Governments of FYR Macedonia and Slovenia will share with the representatives of the governmental institutions their comparative experiences and best practices in creating the NPI. The lecturers will be Mr. Dragan Tilev, State Councillor in the Department for European Affairs of the Government of FYR Macedonia and Mr. Andrej Engelman, Secretary in the Department for European Affairs of the Government of Slovenia.

**The seminar will be opened by Ms. Gordana Đurović, PhD, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration of the Government of Montenegro and Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro.**

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The Government of Montenegro, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI) first established the CDP in September 2003. The realization of the new phase of this programme started in February this year. The CDP Supervisory Board is chaired by Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration. The main role of the CDP is to contribute to the efforts of the Government of Montenegro to develop its institutional and administrative capacities for the European integration process.

The CDP, in cooperation with the Twinning Project participated in preparation of a documentation basis for bringing the necessary Government's decisions on establishing of new coordination structures for the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, and a documentation basis for the decisions on initiation of the work on the National Programme for the European Integration (NPI). With this seminar, the CDP is continuing a set of activities to support the Government of Montenegro in creation of the NPI. Through additional expert analysis of some chapters of the Acquis, the CDP is providing support to the Groups for European Integration (GEI) in creation of the third NPI chapter. Because of this, the CDP is engaging national and international experts. The task of the experts is to provide concrete recommendations to the GEI and the Ministries in terms of deeper knowledge about the content and the structure of the respective chapter and its subchapters within Acquis, as well as in terms of priorities set by the EU in the process of harmonization of the national legislative in regard to the experiences from the earlier EU accession processes.

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