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The International Workshop on Energy Efficiency in Buildings

What: The Ministry for Economic Development, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Government of Norway and the Energy Saving International AS (ENSI) are organizing an international workshop on 'Energy Efficiency in Buildings - Meeting the requirements of EU directive on energy performance of buildings, status, needs, and possibilities for Montenegro.'

The Ministry for Economic Development has declared a part of 2008 as the Energy Efficiency Year in Montenegro. In compliance with the country's strategic goal of EU integration, Montenegro will have to meet a number of EU regulations and directives in the area of energy efficiency. The Norwegian Government through its implementing partner ENSI has began a training and certification program for first national expert-energy auditors in the country. UNDP, through its pilot initiative Private Sector Partnership for Sustainable Development, will draw on this nascent national expertise pool of energy auditors to produce reports for Hypo Alpe Adria Bank and ProMonte that would highlight the potential for energy savings within their premises and investment scheme for achieving those.

The workshop will be opened by:

H.E. Mr. Branimir Gvozdenović, Minister for Economic Development
Mr. Alexander Avanesov, Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro
Mr. Orjan Tiegen of ENSI

When: Thursday, 17 July 2008, 09.30 am
Where: Hotel Podgorica, Podgorica

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