



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Presentation of the report “Assessment of the Public Services at the local level”

**What:** The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro and the Dutch development organization SNV, in cooperation with the Center for Entrepreneurship (CEED), will organize a workshop to present the findings of the project “Assessment of the Public Services at the Local Level”, which was carried out in the Municipalities of Bijelo Polje and Žabljak.

The European Commission Delegation to Montenegro will also present its activities at the workshop, as well as the IPA funding possibilities. In addition, the UNDP Montenegro will give a special presentation about the capacity development of the municipalities in the context of the European integration. Both presentations are aimed to provide an overview of the future activities of the donors in the North of Montenegro.

#### The Workshop Agenda:

- 12.30 Welcome speech: *Mr. Francisco Roquette, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Montenegro*
- 12.45 Presentation of the analysis of the capacities of the Municipalities Bijelo Polje and Žabljak in terms of decentralized providing public services: *Ms. Budimka Golubović, CEED Consulting*
- 13.15 Presentation of the European Commission Delegation to Montenegro and the IPA funding: *Mr. Nicola Bertolini, Head of the EC Montenegro Operational Sector*
- 13.30 Development of the municipal capacities in the context of the European integration: *Mr. Borko Vulikić, UNDP Montenegro*
- 14.00 Discussion, conclusions, next steps (1h)

**When:** **Thursday, 5 February 2009, at 12.30pm**

**Where:** **Premises of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CEED), Kralja Nikole 27a/4 floor, Business Center "Čelebić" Podgorica**

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Within the regional project “**Western Balkans on the Path to EU Integration**”, the UNDP Country Office in Montenegro, in cooperation with the Dutch development organization SNV, has conducted a project titled “Assessment of the Public Services at the Local Level” in two Montenegrin Municipalities: Bijelo Polje and Žabljak.

The Municipalities Bijelo Polje and Žabljak were randomly selected and they represent a “small” and a “big” municipality in the North of Montenegro. The Project both encompassed local self-governance services and public companies, in order to assess the problems that they face and to propose possible solutions. Although one of the project goals was to point out the problems faced by the “small” municipalities - specifically in comparison with the “big” ones - regarding communal services, one of basic conclusions of the research is that the Montenegrin municipalities in the North share similar problems.

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