



**Ministry of Finance of Montenegro
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Joint Media Advisory

What: Representatives of the Ministry of Finance of Montenegro, the Royal Netherlands Embassy and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will sign two official documents on cooperation: Agreement for the implementation of a Joint Project "Strengthening capacities of the Ministry of Finance to efficiently plan, analyze and manage the public finances in support to the country's aspirations for sustainable development and EU integration", and the corresponding Project Document.

Official signatories of the Agreement for the Project implementation will be:

H.E. Mr. Ronald J. P. M. van Dartel, Ambassador of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Belgrade
Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro

Official signatories of the Project Document will be:

H.E. Mr. Igor Lukšić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in the Government of Montenegro
H.E. Mr. Ronald J. P. M. van Dartel, Ambassador of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Belgrade
Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro

When: **Monday, 16 March, 11:00 a.m.**

Where: **Vila Gorica, Podgorica**

Statements will be given after the signing ceremony.

We kindly ask media outlets to send their credential requests to the Government of Montenegro PR Bureau at tel. +382 20 242 566.

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The Project of Strengthening capacities of the Ministry of Finance complements the ongoing efforts of the Ministry to reform and strengthen the public finance sector. It is expected to contribute to modernising the financial system and its harmonization with EU standards, thus better serving development goals such as sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. The project's support will be focused but not limited to : 1) Economic and Fiscal Program; 2) Budget; 3) Tax and Custom; 4) Public Finance indicators; 5) Insurance.

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