



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **GTZ and UNDP signing a Memorandum of Understanding to officialize cooperation in energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors**

**What:** Representatives of the German Organization for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Montenegro will sign a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to cooperation in future joint activities in energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors, also fully supported by the European Commission. The cooperation was agreed upon after a number of expert meetings and it refers to the following areas: new legislation, monitoring of the system, future joint projects and rising public awareness.

#### **The MoU will be signed by:**

**Mr. Thomas Waldruff, Country Director of German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)**  
**Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro**

**When: Monday, December 7th 2009, at 11:30am**

**Where: Crna Gora Hotel (Yellow Hall), Podgorica**

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This Memorandum of Understanding represents continuation of the MoU signed in September 2009 between the representatives of GTZ and UNDP, with an aim to support the coordination and collaboration in the area of sustainable development in Montenegro, which, among other things, defined future cooperation and provision of assistance to the Ministry of Economy in domains of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

GTZ's project titled "Energy efficiency in Montenegro" started in April 2008, with an aim to provide technical support to the Government of Montenegro in the area of energy efficiency. Beside the activities related to the support in development of legislation framework in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, GTZ initiated a number of other specific projects such as energy audit of public buildings and training of future energy auditors, a project for raising public awareness of the importance of energy efficiency, etc.. In addition, a significant activity in 2009 was organizing the Regional Conference on Energy Safety and Energy Efficiency which was held in March 2009 in Budva.

Since June 2008, UNDP Montenegro has been implementing the Project for Power sector policy reform to promote small hydro-power development in Montenegro, and ever since, it has been providing full support to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Unit in creating a legislation framework for development of a small hydro-power plants sector in line with the best world practices. Following the experiences and achieved results of this Project, the activities of this kind will in future expand and include other renewable sources of energy too, thus creating the necessary preconditions for increase of energy capacities in Montenegro with full respect for the environmental protection principles.

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