



*Montenegro*  
*Ministry for European Integration*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **The second public hearing on the Strategic Coherence Framework (SCF)**

**What:** The Ministry for European Integration, with the support of the Capacity Development Programme (CDP)<sup>1</sup> and the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, organized a second public hearing on the Strategic Coherence Framework (SCF) and Operational Programmes for the III and IV of the IPA components, with the national priorities, as well as the priorities of the European Union.

**The Public Hearing will be opened by:**

**Prof. Dr Gordana Đurović, Minister for European Integration and National IPA Coordinator**  
**Nicola Bertolini, Head of Operations Section of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro**

**When: Friday, 1 October 2010, at 10am**

**Where: Green Hall, Crna Gora Hotel, Podgorica**

**Note:** The Public Hearing will be fully open to the media.

The Strategic Coherence Framework (CSF) is a reference document for the use of EU's financial support towards the accession during the programming period 2011 - 2013. Taking into account the importance of this document for the development of Montenegro, as well as the need for transparency in the process of EU accession, the Ministry for European Integration has addressed a call for the second public hearing to the ministries, municipalities, NGOs and other institutions involved in the process of preparing strategic documents for the use of EU future funds.

Relevant strategic documents and operational programmes will be presented by Rafael Comenge, Mateos Moreno, Leo Quinlan and Nicola Bertolini (the European Union), and Aleksandar Drljević from the Ministry for European Integration.

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Montenegro, with a status of potential candidate for EU membership at this stage of the process of European integration, disposes of the funds from the first two components of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance - IPA (Support for transition and institution building and Cross border cooperation). By gaining a Country Candidate status Montenegro will be eligible to use the remaining three IPA components related to regional development, human resources and rural development. In accordance with the above mentioned, activities were undertaken in terms of introduction of Decentralized Implementation System (DIS), which should enable the transfer of ownership of the management of IPA funds from the European Commission over to the Administration of Montenegro. By establishing these structures preparations are also being done for structural funds, which will be available when Montenegro becomes a full member of the EU.

The Ministry for European Integration started with preparatory activities relating to establishing of the system for effective use of funds that will be available through the IPA Component III - Regional Development and IPA Component IV - Human resources; and the first step towards establishing the legal and institutional framework is the creation of the Strategic Coherence Framework (SCF) and the Operational Programmes for the IPA III and IV components, as well as establishing of necessary structures.

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<sup>1</sup> Capacity Development Programme - CDP was established in September 2003, as partnership between the Government of Montenegro, the Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro. Since February 2007 CDP's key task has been to contribute to the efforts in developing institutional and administrative capacities for the process of European Integration.