



Parliament of Montenegro

**Action Plan for Strengthening Legislative and Oversight Role
of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015
Implementation Report**

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Introduction

Semi-annual Implementation Report on Action Plan for Strengthening Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015 provides a summary of the implementation of measures and activities with regard to the Plan for the period ending 30 June 2015. The Report is structured as a table with the description of activities implemented in the reporting period, performance indicators and status or degree of implementation.

The Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the 2015 Action Plan at its 115th meeting held on 16 March. As in previous years, the purpose of the Plan is to further contribute to a planned, systematic and coordinated action of all participants in the work of the Parliament and, consequently to a more efficient exercise of its constitutionally stipulated powers. Additionally, the findings of the European Commission set out in the 2014 Progress Report on Montenegro were taken into account in drafting this paper, thus making it the plan for implementation of the European Commission's recommendations as well.

Action Plan for Strengthening Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015 contains 66 activities and measures, with explanations, stakeholders, implementation deadlines and performance indicators, which are grouped in three parts for a better overview. The first part including 24 measures is related to strengthening of the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament of Montenegro, through drafting and adoption of acts, frequent use of oversight mechanisms, and work of the Parliament and its working bodies. The second segment comprises 22 activities and measures aimed at strengthening the administrative and expert capacities under the responsibility of the Service of the Parliament. The third part, with 20 measures, is dedicated to the activities intended to further improve openness and transparency of the Parliament towards the citizens and civil society.

The last measure of the Parliament's Action Plan stipulates that the Parliamentary Service is due to prepare semi-annual and annual reports on the implementation of the Action Plan for Strengthening Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Summary

Out of a total of 66 activities and measures contained in the Action Plan for Strengthening Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2015, 12 measures were due by the end of June, whereas 31 measures have been envisaged for continuous implementation.

In the reporting period, out of 12 termed measures, nine have been fully implemented, while the remaining three are ongoing. Out of 31 measures to be implemented continuously during the year, implementation was not recorded in the reporting period for two measures, which are related to the consideration of the draft negotiating positions and organizing of public debates by the Committee on European Integration, having in mind that the Government did not submit any draft negotiating positions in the first half of the year.

Overall, taking into account time-limited and continuous activities envisaged to be implemented in the first semester, 39 out of 43 planned measures and activities have been implemented as planned.

In addition, implementation has begun for a number of measures and activities that have been envisaged in the Action Plan for the third and fourth quarter, but their follow-up was not included in this report.

The Report provides below a table overview of the implementation of the Action Plan in the first half of 2015, showing implementation by deadlines and defined performance indicators and marking the measures that are due by the end of the first semester and measures to be carried out continuously.

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Semi-annual Implementation Report

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| STRENGTHENING LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ROLE | |
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| 1. | <p>Activity/measure: Adopt the plan for a greater recognition of the gender aspects through the work of the Parliament.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Collegium of the President of the Parliament Gender Equality Committee</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: III quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Plan adopted Number of female MPs Number of female MPs in delegations to international organizations and bodies</p> |
| 2. | <p>Activity/measure: Draw up draft law on the Parliament of Montenegro.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Working group set up Experience of other parliaments considered Draft law prepared</p> |

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| 3. | Activity/measure: Monitor adherence to the Code of Ethics for Members of the Parliament of Montenegro. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Records are kept of all activities conducted to follow up implementation and monitor adherence to the Code Annual performance report prepared and considered |
| | Implementation: <p>In line with the Code of Ethics for Members of the Parliament ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro", no. 52/14), supervision over the implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code is the responsibility of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms. Deputy Chair of the Committee convenes the meeting of the Committee and proposes agenda with acts related to the violation of the Code. The Committee keeps a record of all activities and prepares annual performance report. The Parliament can consider the report of the Committee once a year.</p> <p>In accordance with the powers laid down in the Code of Ethics, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms determined the form of a solemn declaration at the 49th meeting, held on 13 May 2015. The Chair of the Committee sent the solemn declaration forms for signing to the heads of MPs groups in the Parliament so as to ensure that the formal conditions for the start of implementation of the Code of Ethics were in place. In accordance with Art. 25, 26 and 27 of the Code, an MP signs the solemn declaration after taking office thus expressing his/her readiness to act in accordance with the provisions of the Code, while an MP with an ongoing mandate signs the solemn declaration upon the entry into force of this Code.</p> <p>In cooperation of the Parliament and Institute Alternative, a conference "The Ethics of MPs: from standard to practice" was held on 17 April within the project "Analytical monitoring of the oversight function of the Parliament", which the IA has been conducting with the support of the Open Society Institute from Budapest. The conference was attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, as well as representatives of the MPs Groups of the Parliament and the civil sector. The discussion focused on issues raised during the process of harmonizing the text of the Code, the question of adequate regulation of supervision of its implementation, possible introduction of fines for violation of the Code, but also question of sanctioning MPs who do not attend meetings of the working bodies and plenary sessions. It was concluded that organizing such panel discussion was important in order to raise public awareness about the Code of Ethics for MPs.</p> <p>In cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Montenegro and ODIHR experts, a workshop - one day training is planned in September for members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms that will provide information about the application of the codes of ethics in other parliaments and concrete examples presented by experts and MPs from the parliaments of other countries, as provided in the 2015 Work Plan of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms.</p> |

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| 4. | <p>Activity/measure: Working bodies will continuously, and at least once in six months, hold a meeting where representatives of competent ministries will be invited and, where necessary, representatives of other state administration bodies, with the aim of considering implementation of policies and enforcement of laws within their competences.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: All competent committees</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of committees meetings held Number of representatives of the Government and state administration at the meetings</p> |
| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration, at its 76th meeting of 21 January 2015, conducted a consultative discussion on the Proposal for the Law on Courts, Proposal for the Law on Judicial Council and rights and duties of judges and Proposal for the Law on Constitutional Court of Montenegro. With the aim of obtaining expert opinion on the proposed legislation, the Committee invited, in line with Article 73 of the Rules of Procedures of the Parliament of Montenegro, President and members of the Judicial Council and representatives of the Constitutional Court in addition to representatives of the proposer.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by the Minister of Justice with two associates in the capacity of the proposer. President and two members of the Judicial Council participated in the discussion, as well as president of the Criminal Offence Council and representatives of the Association of Judges of Montenegro.</p> <p>At its 77th meeting of 23 January, the Committee conducted a consultative discussion on the Proposal for the Law on State Prosecutor's Office and the Proposal for the Law on Special State Prosecutor's Office. With the aim of obtaining expert opinion on the proposed legislation, the Committee invited, in line with Article 73 of the Rules of Procedures of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Supreme State Prosecutor and members of the Prosecutorial Council in addition to representatives of the proposer.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by the Minister of Justice with two associates in the capacity of the proposer. President and three members of the Prosecutorial Council, elected by the Parliament, participated in the discussion.</p> <p>At its 82nd meeting of 4 March, the Committee considered by-laws of the Commission for the Prevention of Conflicts of Interest. The meeting of the Committee was attended by the President of the Commission and chair and one member of the working group as representatives of the Commission for the prevention of conflicts of interest.</p> <p>At its 92nd meeting of 4 June, the Committee held a consultative hearing on the Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code, which was submitted by the Government of Montenegro. With the aim of obtaining expert opinion on the proposed legislation, the Committee invited, in line with Article 73 of the Rules of Procedures of the Parliament of Montenegro, members of the working group for drafting the Law, namely: President of the</p> |

Administrative Court of Montenegro, Supreme Court judge, Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor, a professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Montenegro, two lawyers, Head of the Police Administration's Department for Planning, Development and Analysis and one representative of NGOs.

Moreover, the meeting was attended by representatives of state bodies, including: the Minister of Justice, Supreme State Prosecutor, Special Prosecutor for the fight against organized crime and one representative of the Bar Association of Montenegro.

The **Security and Defence Committee**, at its 35th meeting of 27 February, considered the information in connection with organized crime, usury and other issues related to security, in the presence of the Minister of the Interior, Supreme State Prosecutor, representatives of the Supreme Court and Coordinator of the National Security Agency. The meeting was closed to the public, and the Committee adopted eight conclusions by the majority vote based on the discussions held.

At its 37th meeting of 23 March, which was also closed to the public, the Committee held a consultative hearing of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration on the Progress Report of Montenegro regarding the implementation of the Membership Action Plan (2013-2014).

At its 38th meeting, the Committee held a consultative hearing on "Consideration of the situation in the field of security in air traffic and airspace". The meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs, Montenegro Airlines company, Airports of Montenegro AD, Civil Aviation Agency of Montenegro and Serbia and Montenegro Air Traffic Services SMATSA LLC Beograd. Following the conducted hearings, the Committee adopted five conclusions by the majority vote. In addition, pursuant to article 9, paragraph 2, of the Law on Parliamentary Oversight in the Field of Security and Defence, the Committee members, at the 38th meeting, unanimously adopted the Decision on holding a control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor, Minister of the Interior and the acting director of the National Security Agency on unsolved murders in Montenegro.

At its 39th meeting of 29 May 2015, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, item 3, of the Law on Parliamentary Oversight in the Field of Security and Defence, the Committee reviewed the Performance and Status Report on administrative domains within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defence in 2014 and the 2014 Status Report of the Army of Montenegro. In the presence of Minister of Defence and Chief of Staff of the Army of Montenegro, the Committee was informed about the work results of the competent institutions in the reporting period, with special focus on issues of normative and legal nature, defence planning, international defence cooperation, budget, resources, the Army of Montenegro, inspection, military and security affairs, etc. After the hearing was conducted and after it was concluded that the results and the overall progress achieved in the defence system were a good basis for the continuation of the defence reform process and acquisition of the necessary capabilities and standards required to take on the obligations of full membership in NATO and the European Union, the Committee accepted these reports by the majority vote and adopted eight conclusions.

At its 40th meeting of 29 May 2015, which was closed to the public, the Committee considered the Report on the participation of members of the Army of Montenegro in the international forces, peacekeeping missions and other activities abroad in 2014, in accordance with Article 7, item 7, of the Law on Parliamentary Oversight in the Field of Security and Defence. Following the discussion, which, among other things, focused on the preparation of the contingents for participation in the international forces, results and financial expenditure, the Committee accepted the Report by the majority vote and adopted four conclusions.

The **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants**, at its 42nd meeting of 30 January, held a control hearing of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Minister of the Interior on the newly-arisen dispute with Bosnia and Herzegovina on the delineation

in the area Sutorine. Apart from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Minister of the Interior, the meeting was attended by the Director General for Consular Affairs and President of the Commission for territorial delineation between Montenegro and neighbouring countries.

The **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget**, at its 99th meeting, considered and proposed to the Parliament to adopt the 2014 Performance Report of the Financial Stability Council. The report, among other things, contained the assessment of financial stability and identified the risks that could threaten the stability of the system in 2014.

At its 101st meeting, the Committee held a control hearing of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Minister of Finance, Minister of Economy, Chair of the Concessions Commission, Director of the Inspection Directorate, Director of the Tax Administration, Director of the Forest Administration and Director of the Water Administration, on the topic "Implementation of policies and laws in the field of concessions, with emphasis on the implementation of the conclusions that the Montenegrin Parliament adopted regarding the consideration of the 2013 Performance Report of the Concessions Commission" ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro" no. 31/14). The control hearing enabled to perceive the extent to which the conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro and recommendations of the State Audit Institution were implemented to improve the situation in this area. Furthermore, given that the Draft Law on Public-Private Partnership was determined and put to public debate by 4 April 2015, the Committee gained access to the suggested solutions. The Committee indicated that it would propose conclusions to the Parliament regarding this hearing.

At its 102nd meeting, the Committee considered the Annual Report of the Central Bank of Montenegro for 2014 with the Price Stability Report for 2014, Report on the stability of the financial system in 2014 and Annual financial report of the Central Bank with the opinion of the independent external auditor for 2014, which are submitted to the Parliament by CBM in accordance with the Law on the Central Bank of Montenegro. The Committee proposed to the Parliament to adopt the 2014 Performance Report of CBM, while it was informed about the other three reports in accordance with the Law. Through these reports, the Committee was informed about the macroeconomic environment and the situation in the Montenegrin economy, realization of the policy of the Central Bank in 2014, macroeconomic forecasts for 2015, as well as the policy of CBM in the current year. When considering these reports, the Committee also gained insight into the 2014 Performance Report of the Banking Ombudsman, which was submitted to the Committee at the initiative of the Banking Ombudsman (there is no requirement to submitted this report to the Parliament).

At its 104th meeting, the Committee considered and decided to propose to the Parliament to adopt the Financial Report and Performance Report of the Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices in 2014. The Committee was informed about the activities of the Agency implemented in 2014 in the framework of its legally defined competences, its functioning and achievement of the planned objectives, activities on the preparation of legislation in the field of drugs and medical devices, and its international cooperation and cooperation with institutions in Montenegro. The Committee also proposed to the Parliament to adopt the Report on Financial Operations and Performance Report of the Agency for Electronic Media in 2014, which, inter alia, outlined the activities for the implementation of the adopted by-laws and the implementation of investments that would provide monitoring and analysis of the recorded program content of electronic media in Montenegro.

At the joint meeting with the Committee on European Integration of 11 May 2015, the Committee held a consultative hearing on "Efficiency of the use of IPA funds and the performance of the Audit Authority responsible for the audit of EU funds". The committees indicated the possibility of giving opinions and positions regarding the hearing held.

The **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms**, at its 47th meeting of 5 March 2015, in the expanded composition, considered the Annual Report of the National Mechanism for Prevention of Torture in 2013, which was submitted to the Parliament by the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro. The Committee endorsed the Annual Report and proposed to the Parliament to accept it with the Proposal for Conclusion with four items. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the Information on the representation of minorities and other minority national communities in state authorities and state administration bodies, which was submitted to the Committee by the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, in line with the Conclusion made by the Government at its meeting held on 29 January 2015. The Committee submitted the report on the consideration of the said Information, with three-item conclusion, to the Collegium of the President of the Parliament and the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights.

At its 49th meeting of 13 May, the Committee considered the Report on the protection of personal data and access to information for 2014, which was submitted to the Parliament by the Agency for protection of personal data and free access to information. The Committee endorsed the report and proposed to the Parliament to accept it with the Proposal for Conclusion with 12 items.

At its 51st meeting of 10 June, the Committee considered the Performance Report of the Protector for Human Rights and Freedoms in 2014. The Committee proposed to the Parliament to accept the report.

The Report on the development and protection of the rights of minorities and other minority national groups in 2014 was considered by the Committee at its 54th meeting held on 24 June. The Committee proposed to the Parliament to accept the report.

By deliberating on the above reports, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms monitors the situation and functioning of the institutions in the areas related to human rights and freedoms, within its control role pursuant to Article 162 of the Rules of Procedures of the Parliament.

The above meetings were attended by 17 representatives of the Government and state administration bodies.

The Committee organized its 50th meeting in cooperation with UNICEF Montenegro. The meeting was held on "The importance of investment in pre-school education for all children in Montenegro", on 19 May 2015.

With the aim of monitoring the human rights situation in some institutions, the Committee continually visits these institutions, and in the reporting period, the Committee visited the Special Hospital for Psychiatry "Dobrota" in Kotor and the Children's Foster Home "Mladost" in Bijela, on 2 March. Subsequently, in cooperation with UNICEF Montenegro, the Committee held a public debate on "The rights of the child - foster care", on 2 March 2015, in Herceg Novi, to contribute to the promotion of foster care when it was noted that the campaign "Every Child Needs a Family" had already yielded positive results in raising public awareness on the placement of children in foster families.

In accordance with Article 67, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Montenegrin Parliament, the Committee regularly invited representatives of the competent state bodies and institutions, and in the expanded composition, dealt with a wide spectrum of human rights issues. Moreover, the meetings of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms were attended, upon invitation, by representatives of international organizations based in Montenegro and representatives of non-governmental organizations dealing with human rights and freedoms matters.

By conducting all these activities, holding meetings, visits to relevant institutions, meetings of the Chair and members of the Committee with representatives of relevant state authorities, international organizations and NGOs, the Committee is continuously engaged in monitoring the implementation of policies of the competent authorities in the field of human rights.

The **Gender Equality Committee**, at its 41st meeting of 18 February, was presented with the Study on investment in early education of children in Montenegro, which was published by the Ministry of Education and UNICEF Montenegro. The study elaborated on the situation in pre-school institutions in Montenegro, as well as the coverage of pre-school children with this type of education. The idea for starting a school for responsible parenthood was presented during the meeting, and the importance of monitoring the gender aspect in the field of early education of children in Montenegro was emphasized. The meeting was attended by the Head of the Directorate for the protection of high-risk groups in the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, directors of the public pre-school institutions, representatives of UNICEF, coordinators for gender equality issues in the state institutions and representatives of non-governmental sector.

The Committee held its 43rd meeting on 23 February on the topic - Application of the Protocol on the treatment, prevention and protection against domestic violence, with special emphasis on sexual violence. In accordance with the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence, the Protocol on treatment, prevention and protection against domestic violence was signed, which would establish procedures and institutional cooperation in relation to domestic violence and violence against women. The Head of the Department for combating juvenile delinquency and domestic violence of the Security Centre Nikšić, Chair of the Regional body for misdemeanour in Podgorica, Deputy Basic State Prosecutor in Nikšić and President of the Basic Court in Podgorica discussed about the implementation of the Protocol. The results of the monitoring of the institutions in cases of sexual offenses for the period 2010-2014 were presented by the representative of NGO Women's Alliance for Development. The goal of the monitoring was to contribute to the visibility of sexual violence in Montenegro, gain insight into extent to which sexual violence was reported to the authorities, detect weaknesses in the protection system, particularly judicial protection and contribute to proposing the new legislative solutions that would ensure a more effective protection of victims.

At its 45th meeting of 7 April, the Committee considered the 2014 Implementation Report of the Strategy for improvement of the situation of the Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro 2012-2016 and the 2015 Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy for improvement of the situation of the Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro 2012-2016, adopted by the Government of Montenegro at the beginning of the year. Director General of the Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights in the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights informed the members of the Committee that the Strategy was implemented through one-year action plans specifying the priority measures and activities to be implemented during a year, stakeholders and responsibilities, method of monitoring the implementation of projects, and obligation of informing the Government once a year. The Strategy has ten priority areas where action should be taken to reach a higher degree of integration of the Roma and Egyptian population in Montenegrin society. The area of violence against women and domestic violence was for the first time recognized in this Strategy. The Committee expressed its readiness to cooperate with the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights for the implementation of specific activities defined by the 2015 Action Plan.

At its 46th meeting held on 7 April, the Committee traditionally marked the International Roma Day by holding the meeting on "Domestic violence in the Roma and Egyptian communities in Montenegro", aimed at outlining the problems of the Roma and Egyptian population and seeing how public policy answered the challenge of improving the situation of this population in Montenegro, as well as understanding and involving all relevant stakeholders in finding solutions to combat arranged marriages. The Committee continued to promote anti-discrimination policy and activities that give impetus to the improvement of the overall situation of the Roma and Egyptian communities, respect for human rights and freedoms and in particular the creation of conditions

for better placement and protection of children and women in the Roma and Egyptian population. Members of NGO "Centre for Roma Initiatives" from Nikšić organized a forum - theatre performance entitled "Arranged marriages above the law", which was arranged in collaboration with the Gender Equality Committee, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, International Police Association - IPA, and with the support of OAK Foundation. This performance engaged seven Roma and Egyptian high school and university students. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Protector for Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, Head of the Office for Combating Human Trafficking, Director General of the Directorate for the promotion and protection of minority rights in the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Head of the Department for Gender Equality in the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Adviser to the President of Montenegro, coordinators for gender equality issues in the ministries and institutions, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, UNICEF program coordinator, representative of the EU Delegation and representatives of NGOs dealing with the situation of Roma women in Montenegro.

At its 47th meeting held on 20 April, the Committee considered the 2014 Performance Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms. The Committee considered the Report as interested committee within its competence and proposed the lead committee to recommend the Parliament to accept the Report. The Protector informed the Committee members about the part of the Report related to gender equality, noting that the report was improved in terms of statistics through the implementation of the Law on Gender Equality. The data on gender-based discrimination, discrimination against persons with disabilities, age-based discrimination, mobbing, violence and other forms of child abuse, were discussed at the meeting.

At its 50th meeting of 25 May, the Committee considered the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for achieving gender equality in Montenegro (APAGE 2013-2017) in 2014, with the Program for implementation of APAGE for 2015- 2016, which the Government adopted in March this year. The report provides information on the implementation of measures from nine areas of the Plan for achieving gender equality in Montenegro (APAGE 2013-2017), which was drafted on the basis of information received from the ministries and administrative bodies recognized as stakeholders. In the reporting period for 2014, about 70% of the planned measures were implemented and results achieved in the defined areas. Certain measures of APAGE are also measures envisaged in the Action Plans for chapters 19 and 23, and their implementation would comply with the obligations that are part of the negotiating process. The Report with the Program was presented to the MPs by the Head of the Department for Gender Equality within the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights.

The Committee organized the fourth session of the Women's Parliament, on the eve of the International Women's Day, in order to promote women's human rights in Montenegro and the need for greater participation of women in political and public life, with the aim of gaining an overview of the situation in the field of gender equality and identification of areas where it was necessary to invest additional efforts for the achievement of significant results, through dialogue between the Parliament, the Government and civil society. Members and representatives of the Government of Montenegro responded to questions of representatives of women associations of the parliamentary parties and representatives of trade unions, local governments and NGOs. The session was dedicated to the gender aspects in chapters 19, 23 and 24.

At the 49th meeting held on 27 January 2015, the **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport** reviewed the Study on cooperation with scientists from the diaspora, which the Government considered at the meeting of 27 November 2014, the Report on implementation of the Strategy of cooperation with the diaspora and Action Plan for the period 2011-2014, which the Government considered at its meeting of 15 January 2015, and Information on the implementation of the project Innovative and Entrepreneurship Centre "Technopolis" Nikšić, which the Government considered at the meeting of 18 December 2014. The meeting was attended by two representatives of the Ministry of Science and Head of the Department for economic partnership, status and legal issues in the Administration for Diaspora.

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| | <p>At its 50th meeting of 4 February, the Committee considered the 2014 Report on implementation of the Action plan for the implementation of the National Programme for the Development of Culture 2011-2015 and the 2015 Action Plan and the Report on implementation of capital projects in the field of culture in 2014, both of which the Government considered at the meeting of 15 January 2015. The meeting was attended by the Director General of the Directorate for Cultural and Artistic Creativity and the General Director of the Directorate for Cultural Heritage.</p> <p>The Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatisation Process, at its 20th meeting held on 22 April, discussed the privatisation process of the company PKB Herceg Novi AD Zelenika. Representatives of the Ministry of Economy participated in the meeting.</p> <p>At its 21st meeting of 12 June, the Commission discussed the current course of the privatisation process of the Institute "Dr Simo Milosevic" AD Igalo. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Privatisation Council, representative of the Ministry of Health and representatives of the Institute.</p> <p>At their second joint meeting of 15 May 2015, the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and the Anti-corruption Committee held a consultative hearing on the introduction of a new criminal offence "illicit enrichment of public officials" in accordance with Article 20 of the UN Convention against Corruption. On this occasion, the meeting was attended by the Minister of Justice, Supreme State Prosecutor, Special State Prosecutor, President of the Judicial Council, Director of the Commission for the Prevention of Conflict of Interest and representatives of three NGOs.</p> <p>The Security and Defence Committee and the Committee on European Integration held a joint meeting, on 11 May 2015, to conduct a consultative hearing on "Efficiency of the use of IPA funds and the performance of the Audit Authority responsible for the audit of EU funds". The committees indicated that there was a possibility of giving opinion and positions regarding the hearing held.</p> <p>The Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport and the Gender Equality Committee held the third joint meeting on 5 June on "Women and Sports and School Sports", whose aim was to provide support and contribution of the Parliament and its competent committees to the promotion of sports as a sphere of great importance requiring constant investment. The meeting was attended by acting Director General of the Directorate for pre-school and primary education and education of persons with special educational needs, Advisor for international relations and professional sport in the Directorate for Youth and Sport and the rapporteur for the Gender Equality Committee EPAS of the Council of Europe.</p> <p>The Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare held a joint meeting, on 2 March 2015, on the Importance of investing in early education of children - Presentation of the Study on investment in early education of children, which was published by UNICEF in Montenegro in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Activity/measure: Working bodies will regularly consider implementation of conclusions previously adopted by the Parliament, including implementation of opinions and positions adopted by the working bodies.</p> <hr/> <p>Responsibility of: All competent committees</p> <hr/> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <hr/> <p>Performance indicators: Number of conclusions adopted by the Parliament</p> |

Number of conclusions considered

Implementation:

Out of 26 conclusion that the Parliament adopted in 2014, 21 conclusions were under responsibility of the **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget**. In the first semester, the Committee considered the implementation of 10 conclusions, including five conclusions that had been adopted regarding the consideration of the 2013 Performance Report of the Concessions Commission ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro" no. 31/14) and five conclusions that had been adopted regarding the control hearing on obtaining information about bankruptcy proceedings in the sea salt company Solana "Bajo Sekulić" from Ulcinj ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", no. 31/14).

In relation to the implementation of the conclusions for the Concessions Commission, the Committee noted that the conclusion I was implemented by holding a control hearing, the conclusion II was in the implementation phase, as the Draft Law on Public-Private Partnership was determined to regulate concessions and provide higher quality of oversight in this area, the conclusion III relating to the follow-up of the recommendations of the State Audit Institution was implemented to a large extent, while the conclusion IV relating to the obligation of the Government to report to the Parliament on the implementation of recommendations regarding the concessions and the conclusion V relating to the obligation of the Concessions Commission to submit the report to the Parliament were not carried out.

As for the implementation of the conclusions relating to Solana "Bajo Sekulić" from Ulcinj, the Committee noted that the conclusion I relating to the supply of electricity was in the final phase of implementation, the conclusion II relating to the request for 'linking' of years of service and payment of outstanding earnings was in the initial phase of implementation, while the conclusion III seeking to ensure the conditions for the resumption of production, the conclusion IV referring to the request for adequate sale of state property or the property of the Municipality in order to provide funds for the production of salt and the conclusion V relating to the return of part of the shares capital to state ownership were not implemented.

The Committee also re-examined the implementation of the Parliament's conclusions adopted in 2012 and 2013, specifically four acts containing 18 conclusions that were related to the KAP. Given that dissimilar views and opinions were expressed during the discussion, the Committee did not decide as to what extent the parliamentary conclusions on the KAP had been implemented.

During the consideration of the above conclusions, the Committee proposed and the Parliament adopted on 14 April 2015, two additional conclusions. The first conclusion reiterated the request for the Government to provide all necessary conditions for full compliance with legal requirements and obligations provided for in the collective agreement to employees in the KAP and Bauxite Mines, and settlement of existing liabilities incurred in law-based labour rights (conclusion IV of 30 April 2013, which was reiterated in the Parliament's conclusion of 27 December 2013, was not implemented). The other conclusion determined the need to hold a control hearing of the bankruptcy trustee of the KAP and the competent minister.

The control hearing will be an opportunity to try to determine the position of the Committee on the implementation of all parliamentary conclusions relating to the KAP, bearing in mind that the first three sets of conclusions were related to the period before the bankruptcy of the KAP and the other two for the period following 8 July 2013, after the bankruptcy proceedings were opened for the debtor Aluminium Plant Podgorica AD

The control hearing will take place in the second half of the year.

At its 99th meeting, while considering the 2014 Performance Report of the Financial Stability Council, the Committee examined the implementation of the conclusion II from November 2013, which the Parliament of Montenegro adopted regarding the consideration of the 2012 Performance Report of the Financial Stability Council ("Off. Gazette of Montenegro", no. 56/13) requesting the Council to submit the Report on risks to the fiscal sector in 2014, in accordance with Article 11 paragraph 2 of the Law on Financial Stability Council, and noted that the Analysis of fiscal risks in 2014 was submitted along with the Report. It was underlined that it was necessary to submit a separate report as defined by the parliamentary decision. The separate report was submitted to the Parliament on 20 May 2015.

The **Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning**, at its 45th meeting held on 28 May 2015, reviewed the implementation of four conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro of 27 December 2014 ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", number 1/15), which were related to the state of the environment in the Municipality of Pljevlja, and which invited the relevant authorities to take all necessary steps for the protection and improvement of environment, in all its segments, in accordance with the law. In its report, the Committee assessed that the competent authorities carried out their duties and obligations, of which they regularly informed the lead committee.

The Committee will continue to follow up the implementation of the conclusions.

The **Security and Defence Committee**, at the 39th meeting dedicated to the consideration of the Performance and Status Report on administrative domains within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defence in 2014 and the 2014 Status Report of the Army of Montenegro, paid special attention to the implementation of five conclusions adopted at 25th meeting, held on 13 October 2014, in which the Performance and Status Report on administrative domains within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defence in 2013 and the 2013 Status Report of the Army of Montenegro were discussed, with regard to issues of destruction of surplus weapons and military equipment, the establishment of a sustainable surveillance system of the sea and air space, harmonizing the formation and organizational structure of the Army of Montenegro with the principles of organization of the armed forces of NATO member states, building integrity in the defence sector, and compliance with the protection at work regulations.

At its 40th meeting dedicated to the consideration of the Report on the participation of members of the Army of Montenegro in the international forces, peacekeeping missions and other activities abroad in 2014, the Committee discussed about the implementation of three conclusions adopted at the 25th meeting during consideration of the report for 2013.

The **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms**, at its 49th meeting of 13 May, when considering the Report on the state of protection of personal data and access to information for 2014, dealt with the monitoring of the implementation of the conclusions adopted by the Parliament regarding the consideration of the Report on the protection of personal data in Montenegro for 2013 and the Report on access to information in Montenegro for 2013.

The **Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatisation Process**, at its 19th meeting held on 16 February, considered the implementation of the conclusions (42) it had adopted in 2014. The Commission decided to resend requests to the institutions that did not furnish any feedback. At the same meeting, the Commission issued seven conclusions with regard to the control of the privatisation process of the company "MMK Standard" AD Nikšić.

6. Activity/measure:
Pursuant to Article 75 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, once during the ordinary session of the Parliament, working bodies will reach a decision on holding a control hearing at the request of one third of committee's members, with a single item on the Agenda.

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| | <p>Responsibility of: All competent working bodies</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: July December</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of control hearings held in line with Article 75 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro Number of draft conclusions and other control hearings-related acts Total number of control hearings</p> |
| 7. | <p>Activity/measure: Pursuant to Article 85 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, a proposal for act submitted by MPs of the parliamentary minority will be included in the Parliament's agenda.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Collegium of the President of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of considered proposals for acts submitted by members of the parliamentary minority</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Pursuant to Article 85 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, in the reporting period, draft agenda of the Parliament sessions included the Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Care, which was submitted by MPs of the parliamentary minority. The proposal for law was discussed at the second sitting of the first regular (spring) session, on 1 April 2015.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Activity/measure: Establish Sub-Committee on Budget of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: III quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Sub-Committee set up Number of meetings held</p> |

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| 9. | Activity/measure: Consider draft negotiating positions by chapters at the meetings of the Committee on European Integration with lead committees, provide opinions and suggestions, and, where needed, hold meetings to obtain information on preparation of negotiating positions from the Government's negotiating structures. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Number of negotiating positions considered Number of meetings dedicated to consideration of negotiating positions Number of meetings dedicated to preparation of negotiating positions Number of opinions adopted Number of members of lead committees attending the meetings |
| | Implementation: Committee on European Integration has not received any draft negotiating position in the first half of 2015. |
| 10. | Activity/measure: At least once in a six-month period, the Committee on European Integration will organize meetings where progress in accession negotiation will be considered and invite, where needed, interested members of lead committees. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration |
| | Timescale: Once in six months |
| | Performance indicators: Number of meetings Number of negotiating chapters considered Number of opinions adopted |
| | Implementation: At its 33 rd meeting held on 16 February, the Committee on European Integration considered the Report on Negotiating Chapter 16 - Taxation and Report on Negotiating Chapter 29 - Customs Union. The Committee adopted two positive opinions and forwarded them to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. The meeting was not attended by members of the lead committees. |

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| 11. | <p>Activity/measure: In cooperation with lead committees, the Committee on European Integration will organize thematic forums for certain negotiating chapters in the form of public debates, roundtables, etc., where expert and other interested public will have an opportunity to express opinions and suggestions prior to establishing negotiating positions and consideration by the Committee.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of thematic forums Number of chapters considered Number of participants</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Bearing in mind that the public debates on the negotiating chapters are held prior to the consideration of the draft negotiating positions, the debates were not organized in the reporting period since no draft negotiating positions were delivered to the Committee. A public debate is planned in July.</p> |
| 12. | <p>Activity/measure: Monitor implementation of the Montenegro's EU Accession Programme for the period 2015-2018, as well as action plans for negotiating chapters, at least once in six months.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration, in cooperation with lead committees</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of meetings dedicated to implementation of the Montenegro's EU Accession Programme for the period 2015-2018 and action plans for negotiating chapters Number of opinions adopted</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: At its 35th meeting held on 27 March, the Committee on European Integration considered the Action Plan for Chapter 23 - Judiciary and Fundamental Rights and the Action Plan for Chapter 24 - Justice, Freedom and Security. At its 37th meeting held on June 8, the Committee on European Integration considered the Montenegro's EU Accession Programme for the period 2015-2018 and the First quarterly report on implementation of obligations arising from the Montenegro's EU Accession Programme for the period 2015-2018.</p> |

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| 13. | Activity/measure: Monitor the process of planning and implementation of IPA funded programs and other available EU funds, at least once a year. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Number of meetings dedicated to planning and implementation of EU funded programs Number of opinions adopted |
| | Implementation: At the first joint meeting with the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget held on 11 May, the Committee on European Integration organized a consultative hearing "Efficiency of the use of IPA funds and the performance of the Audit Authority responsible for the audit of EU funds". The committees considered the Information on EU support programs to Montenegro for 2014 and 2014 Performance Report of the Audit Authority, and conducted discussions on the possibilities for resolving the problems faced by municipalities in terms of providing funds for pre-financing and co-financing of projects. |
| 14. | Activity/measure: The Parliament of Montenegro will consider semi-annual reports on the course of European integration, during ordinary sessions, at the sittings attended by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration Parliament |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Number of meetings Number of reports considered Number of opinions adopted |
| | Implementation: At its 36 th meeting held on 2 April, the Committee on European Integration considered the Second semi-annual report on the overall activities in the process of Montenegro's integration into the European Union for the period July - December 2014. The Committee adopted the opinion proposing the Montenegrin Parliament to adopt the conclusion accepting the report stated. The Second semi-annual report on the overall activities in the process of Montenegro's integration into the European Union for the period July - December 2014 was on the agenda of the fifth sitting of the first regular session of the Parliament. |

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| 15. | Activity/measure: Committee on European Integration will regularly consider reports on implementation of obligations arising from SAA and reports on overall activities within the stabilization and association process submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Number of meetings Number of reports considered Number of opinions adopted |
| | Implementation: At its 34 th meeting held on 13 March, the Committee on European Integration considered the Fourth quarterly report on the overall activities in the process of Montenegro's integration into the European Union for the period October - December 2014. At its 37 th meeting held on 8 June, the Committee on European Integration considered the Fifth quarterly report on the overall activities in the process of Montenegro's integration into the European Union for the period January - March 2015. |
| 16. | Activity/measure: Committee on European Integration will consider Implementation Report on 2014 Action Plan and 2015 Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy on informing the public on the Montenegro's accession to the European Union 2014-2018. |
| | Responsibility of: Committee on European Integration |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Report and Action Plan considered Number of opinions adopted |
| | Implementation: At its 34 th meeting held on 13 March, the Committee on European Integration considered the Implementation Report on 2014 Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy on informing the public on the Montenegro's accession to the European Union 2014-2018, as well as the 2015 Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy on informing the public on the Montenegro's accession to the European Union 2014-2018. |

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| 17. | Activity/measure: Adopt 2015 Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament, including the legislation harmonization plan with the EU acquis and the plan for consideration of reports submitted to the Parliament by certain bodies, in accordance with the law. |
| | Responsibility of: Collegium of the President of the Parliament (draft prepared by the Secretary General's Office) |
| | Timescale: I quarter |
| | Performance indicators: Draft plan prepared Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament adopted Service monitors implementation of the Plan |
| | Implementation: At the 115 th meeting held on 16 March, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the 2015 Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro, which includes a plan for harmonization of legislation with the EU acquis and plan for consideration of reports submitted to the Parliament by certain bodies, in accordance with the law. The Legislative Work Plan provides an overview of proposals for laws, whose consideration is planned during 2015. This document includes 180 proposals for laws, out of which 31 were envisaged for alignment with the EU law. The Legislative Work Plan is also available on the Parliament's website at http://www.skupstina.me/images/dokumenti/akcioni-plan/plan_zakonodavnog_rada_za_2015.godinu.pdf . |
| 18. | Activity/measure: Prepare table overview with data on the Parliament's legislative work for the period ending with the spring session, as well as the Information on Legislative Work of the Parliament for 2015. |
| | Responsibility of: Secretary General's Office |
| | Timescale: September |
| | Performance indicators: Table overview with data on legislative work of the Parliament for the period ending with the spring session prepared Information on Legislative Work of the Parliament for 2015 prepared (I quarter of 2016) |
| 19. | Activity/measure: Adopt Calendar of Activities for the period from 1 January to 31 July and from 1 September to 31 December. |

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| | <p>Responsibility of: Collegium of the President of the Parliament (draft prepared by the Secretary General's Office)</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: March September</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Draft calendars prepared Calendars of activities adopted</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: At the 115th meeting held on 16 March, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament adopted the Calendar of Activities for the period 1 January – 31 July 2015. The Calendar specifies the dates for holding the sittings of the Parliament, meetings of working bodies as well as MP's days, intended for the work of MPs in MPs Groups and with citizens. The calendar is available on the website of the Parliament at: http://www.skupstina.me/index.php/me/kalendar-zasijedanja.</p> |
| 20. | <p>Activity/measure: Adopt annual work plans of the working bodies for 2015 and annual performance reports for 2014.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: All working bodies¹</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: I quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Working bodies adopted annual work plans for 2015 Working bodies adopted annual performance reports for 2014</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: All working bodies of the Parliament adopted annual Work Plans for 2015, except for the Constitutional Committee owing to its specific competences. In addition, the Security and Defence Committee adopted the Parliamentary Oversight Plan for 2015 in line with the provisions of the Law on Parliamentary Oversight in the Field of Security and Defence. Working bodies adopted the annual performance reports for 2014, except for the Constitutional Committee.</p> |

¹ Apart from the Legislative and Constitutional committees, having in mind their specific competencies

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| 21. | Activity/measure: Prepare text of draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro. |
| | Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament |
| | Timescale: IV quarter |
| | Performance indicators: Team for preparation of the text of draft amendments set up Draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure prepared |
| 22. | Activity/measure: Establish procedures for ensuring greater interaction between the work of parliamentary delegations to the international parliamentary assemblies and other bodies and the work of the Parliament. |
| | Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament |
| | Timescale: III quarter |
| | Performance indicators: Experience of other parliaments analysed Procedures established |
| 23. | Activity/measure: Establish procedures for ensuring better coordination of international activities at the Parliamentary Service level. |
| | Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament |
| | Timescale: I quarter |
| | Performance indicators: Procedures established |
| | Implementation: Draft rules on conducting international activities of the Parliament were prepared, and their adoption is pending consideration by the Collegium of the President of the Parliaments in the future. |
| 24. | Activity/measure: Provide specialised trainings for MPs and the Service on EU law and policies, particularly related to negotiating chapters 23 and 24. |

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| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of trainings organised Number of training participants</p> <p>Implementation:</p> <p>In the reporting period, members of the Parliament and employees of the Parliamentary Service had the opportunity to participate in various training programs, such as study visits, seminars and workshops, organized in collaboration with national and international partners.</p> <p>The Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament organized the first joint inter-parliamentary conference "Towards independent and modern judicial systems in the enlargement countries" that took place from 18 to 19 June in Budva. Participants of the conference were MPs from Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia, MEPs, representatives of the European Commission, the EU Delegation to Montenegro and the Council of Europe, as well as representatives of NGOs.</p> <p>Delegation of the Anti-corruption Committee, consisting of the Chair, Deputy Chair and three members of the Committee, as well as Secretary of the Committee, participated in a study visit in the European Commission and the European Parliament from 2 to 3 March. Two MPs participated in the seminar on "Transnational security challenges in the 21st century and the role of parliaments", organized by the George Marshall Centre, at the 88th Rose-Roth seminar, organized by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the seminar on "Balance between freedom of expression and the right to privacy", organized by the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.</p> <p>From 1 January to 30 June 2015, the staff of the Parliamentary Service attended 37 trainings with 118 participants, including study visits to the German parliament and Italy, study program in the Canadian Parliament and the program on terrorism and security studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.</p> <p>At the seminars and trainings, employees discussed the topics related to the negotiating chapters 23 and 24, such as non-discrimination, protection of personal data, ethics in public administration, protection of human rights and freedoms and other.</p> |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CAPACITIES | |
| 25. | <p>Activity/measure: Provide adequate expert support through preparation of quality reports, minutes and other material from the sittings of the Parliament and meetings of the working bodies.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Sector for Support to Legislative and Oversight Function</p> |

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| | <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> <p>Performance indicators: Drafting instructions for reports and minutes, including publishing procedures, adopted Uniformity reached and quality of reports and minutes from the meetings of working bodies improved</p> |
| 26. | <p>Activity/measure: Following the pace of referral of acts to working bodies, draft briefings with overview of compliance with the EU law and with the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) submitted by the Government along with certain proposals for laws.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Sector for Support to Legislative and Oversight Function</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of briefings Number of briefings containing RIA</p> <p>Implementation:</p> <p>For the purposes of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, 15 briefings were prepared for proposals for laws submitted by the Government of Montenegro. RIA was included in three briefings.</p> <p>Briefings that contained RIA were prepared for Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Electoral Rolls, Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs and Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Broadcasting Services of Montenegro.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Security and Defence Committee, briefings were prepared for two proposals for laws: Proposal for Law on Weapons and Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Classified Information.</p> <p>RIA was submitted with the Proposal for Law on Weapons.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, 23 briefings were prepared in the period January - June for the same number of proposals for laws, with the overview of compliance with the EU law.</p> <p>RIA was not submitted with the proposals for law.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, 16 briefings were prepared (the Committee considered 30 proposals for law, 18 of which were submitted by the Government). Out of 18 Government's proposals for law, one was not considered because the meeting was delayed to July, and two were considered in accordance with Article 137, paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament. MPs submitted 14 proposals for law, one of which was not considered because the meeting was delayed to July. RIA was submitted with three briefings.</p> |

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| | <p>For the purposes of the Gender Equality Committee, two briefings were prepared regarding the consideration of the Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Gender Equality and 2014 Performance Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning, 17 briefings were prepared, 13 of which contained RIA.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport, five briefings were prepared.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Administrative Committee, five briefings were prepared for 24 agenda items. Briefings of the Administrative Committee do not contain an overview of compliance with the EU law, nor regulatory impact assessment that the Government submits with certain proposals for law.</p> |
| 27. | <p>Activity/measure: Effectively monitor alignment of Montenegrin legislation with the acquis.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Sector for Support to Legislative and Oversight Function</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of tables of concordance reviewed Number of database entries of proposals for laws with CELEX</p> |
| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>Service of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration reviewed the tables of concordance for 15 proposals for laws proposed by the Government of Montenegro. Alignment with the EU acquis was conducted for nine proposals for law.</p> <p>Service of the Security and Defence Committee reviewed the tables of concordance for two proposals for laws.</p> <p>Service of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants reviewed the tables of concordance for 23 proposals for laws.</p> <p>Service of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget reviewed six tables of concordance (out of 17 considered proposals for laws proposed by the Government, two were considered in accordance with Article 137 paragraph 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, while nine tables of concordance were not completed because they did not required alignment with the EU acquis).</p> <p>Service of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms reviewed the table of concordance for one proposal for law.</p> <p>Service of the Committee for Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning reviewed 16 tables of concordance, out of which five did not include the EU law.</p> <p>Service of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport reviewed the table of concordance for one proposal for law.</p> |

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| | <p>Service of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare reviewed one table of concordance with the Proposal for Law on Amendments to the Law on Voluntary Work (submitted by the Government of Montenegro). Following the review of the table of concordance, the inconsistency of Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Proposal for Law with the same articles contained in the table of concordance was pointed out to the proposer of the law.</p> <p>The database is regularly updated and as of June 30 it contained data for 739 proposals for laws, with 1504 CELEX numbers, and 1519 files in the screening database. Data for 68 proposals for laws with 117 CELEX numbers were entered in the reporting period, from January 1 to June 30.</p> |
| 28. | <p>Activity/measure: Prepare research papers in a timely and quality manner, in accordance with users' requests.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Parliamentary Institute (Research Centre)</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of requests for research papers Percentage of requests fulfilled</p> <p>Implementation: From the beginning of January to the end of June, the Research Centre prepared 12 research papers, which is about 50 percent more compared to the previous year. All papers, containing 339 pages, were prepared at the request of users (MPs and Secretary General of the Parliament). Some of the topics explored in the papers were related to: review of information about criminal offenses in European countries and Canada; enforced execution on salaries, pensions and other regular financial income of judgment debtor - legal solutions in Croatia and Serbia; financial support for families with children - legal solutions in Croatia and Serbia; a comparative review of legislation on residential tax or set of tax laws in the countries of the region, etc.</p> |
| 29. | <p>Activity/measure: Provide responses to requests submitted through the ECPRD network.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Parliamentary Institute (Research Centre)</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of responses to requests submitted through the ECPRD network Percentage of responses provided (percentage of responses posted is in line with or above average in the ECPRD network)</p> |

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| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The Research Centre prepared and sent responses, in the form of brief information in English, to 44 ECPRD requests from January to the end of June. The Research Centre prepared and posted responses to 90% of the ECPRD questionnaires sent to the Parliament of Montenegro. In comparison, average response rate in the ECPRD network is 70-80% to the requests received.</p> |
| 30. | <p>Activity/measure:</p> <p>Establish cooperation with Montenegro's universities to develop joint research papers.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of:</p> <p>Parliamentary Institute (Research Centre)</p> |
| | <p>Timescale:</p> <p>Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators:</p> <p>Number of joint research papers Percentage of requests fulfilled</p> |
| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The Parliamentary Service intends to propose cooperation to the Montenegrin higher education institutions on specific educational and research activities. To this end, the Parliamentary Institute drafted a concept for cooperation that would be presented to the universities and other institutions of higher education. According to this concept, the cooperation would take place within the framework of two components: the development of joint research papers on matters within the legislative and oversight agenda of the Parliament and implementation of the fellowship programme for university students in the Parliament. The Parliamentary Service is also interested in other forms of cooperation for which universities/faculties express their interests, provided that those fall within its competences and that they are complementary to its work. Cooperation would be based on the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by representatives of the Parliament and interested universities/faculties.</p> |
| 31. | <p>Activity/measure:</p> <p>Prepare summaries of research papers in English.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of:</p> <p>Parliamentary Institute (Research Centre)</p> |
| | <p>Timescale:</p> <p>Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators:</p> <p>Number of translated summaries of research papers Percentage of summaries available in English compared to the total number of research papers</p> |

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| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>In the first half of 2015, ten summaries of research papers, prepared during 2010 and 2011, were translated in English. The summaries include background information on the research papers and are available on the website of the Parliament.</p> |
| 32. | <p>Activity/measure: Enable connectivity and provide conditions for inter-library dialogue and cooperation through COBISS.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Parliamentary Institute (Research Centre)</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: License for shared cataloguing of library material obtained Library automation process initiated</p> <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The license for shared cataloguing (A license, for monograph publications, COBISS2) was issued in January 2015 in the Central National Library "Đurđe Crnojević" in Cetinje, before the Commission for issuing licenses for shared cataloguing, in COBISS Centre of Montenegro. The courses <i>Use of programme equipment of COBISS3/Downloading records and fund (1-3. VI 2015)</i> and <i>Transition to COBISS3/Cataloguing (22-23. VI 2015)</i> were attended by the parliamentary staff, as they were a precondition for the transition to and licensing of COBISS3. The test base, where five records for monographs must be created, is expected to be installed for the transition to COBISS3. In this way, license supplement for COBISS3 will be automatically acquired, after which, immediate work in the system and the formation of the electronic catalogue of the library of the Parliament will begin.</p> |
| 33. | <p>Activity/measure: Prepare conceptual design for permanent provision of adequate premises for the needs of the Parliament of Montenegro.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Parliament Directorate of Public Works</p> <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> <p>Performance indicators: Location study prepared Conceptual design prepared</p> |
| 34. | <p>Activity/measure: Draft IT Development Strategy.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |

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| | Section for Information and Communication Technologies |
| | Timescale: III quarter |
| | Performance indicators: IT Development Strategy prepared |
| 35. | Activity/measure: Improve ICT infrastructure in the Parliament of Montenegro. |
| | Responsibility of: Section for Information and Communication Technologies |
| | Timescale: Continuous |
| | Performance indicators: Space adapted and new equipment installed in the Data Centre New communication equipment procured, installed and configured |
| | Implementation: Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network prepared the Terms of Reference for the implementation of the first phase of the project aimed at strengthening information and communication systems, as well as the digitization of the legislative and other processes in the Parliament. The first phase of the project includes, among other things, the purchase of equipment and hardware for the server room (data centre) and the delivery of other equipment necessary to upgrade information and communication infrastructure. After the Delegation of the EU approved the terms of reference and provided funds for the first project phase, the tender was announced and the contractor was selected. In June, the contractor was introduced to the job, and completion of works on establishing the data centre, procurement, installation and configuration of the new communication equipment is envisaged for September this year. |
| 36. | Activity/measure: Draft Internal Communication Strategy. |
| | Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament |
| | Timescale: III quarter |
| | Performance indicators: Internal Communication Strategy in the Parliament of Montenegro drafted |
| 37. | Activity/measure: Revise Human Resources Strategy. |
| | Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament |

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| | <p>Timescale: I quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Strategy revised Percentage of implemented activities against the plan</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Instead of revising the existing Human Resources Development Strategy and with the aim to further develop human resources, drafting of a new document begun in early 2015, including the definition of a new vision and mission of the Parliament. In this regard, the New Human Resources Development Strategy for the period 2015-2017 was adopted in March 2015.</p> |
| 38. | <p>Activity/measure: Adopt Special Training and Development Programme and Training Plan for 2015.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Human Resources Management Bureau</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: I quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Special Training and Development Programme adopted Training Plan for 2015 adopted</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Special Training and Development Programme and Training Plan for 2015 were adopted in March 2015.</p> |
| 39. | <p>Activity/measure: Implement Training Plan for 2015.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Human Resources Management Bureau</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of trainings implemented Number of participants</p> |

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| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>Employees of the Parliamentary Service attended 37 trainings, with 118 participants, from 1 January to 30 June 2015. This number includes two trainings out of nine in 2015 Training Plan that were organized for 11 participants.</p> <p>The number also comprises three trainings from 2014 Training Plan, which were not implemented in 2014 due to heavy workload and intense legislative activity of the Parliament. The trainings were attended by 51 participants.</p> |
| 40. | <p>Activity/measure: Amend the Rulebook on organization and systematization of the Service of the Parliament, based on the workload analysis.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Workload analysis conducted Amendments to the Rulebook on organization and systematization of the Service of the Parliament adopted</p> |
| 41. | <p>Activity/measure: Adopt Human Resources Plan of the Parliamentary Service.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: I quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Draft Human Resources Plan prepared Human Resources Plan adopted</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Human Resources Plan for 2015 was adopted in January 2015.</p> |
| 42. | <p>Activity/measure: Implement Human Resources Plan of the Parliamentary Service.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Human Resources Management Bureau</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |

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| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of vacancies announced Number of testing and appraisal procedures for vacancies in the Parliamentary Service conducted Number of new staff</p> <p>Implementation: In the period from 1 January to 30 June, the Parliament of Montenegro conducted ten testing procedures for vacancies that had been announced on 12 November 2014, namely: one internal job vacancy within the state authority, one internal job vacancy among state authorities, and eight public vacancies. Total number of employees required for these vacancies was 11.</p> <p>Following the completed testing procedure, the decision was made on the selection of ten candidates (for one vacancy there were no candidates who passed all tests, therefore the selection was not possible), who started their employment with the Parliament.</p> <p>Also in the same period, two internal vacancies were announced within the state authority (for one vacancy there were no candidates who met the requirements) as well as one internal vacancy among state authorities.</p> |
| 43. | <p>Activity/measure: Draft handbooks.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of handbooks drafted Number of handbooks distributed/received</p> <p>Implementation: Preparations for the development of the handbooks for employees continued in the period from 1 January to 30 June 2015. The handbooks, which will be adopted by the end of 2015, will be used as a form of training tailored for specific target groups.</p> |
| 44. | <p>Activity/measure: Draft Book of Welcome for new employees in the Parliamentary Service.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> <p>Performance indicators: Book of Welcome for new employees in the Parliamentary Service drafted.</p> |

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| 45. | <p>Activity/measure: Draft Book of Welcome for MPs.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> <p>Performance indicators: Book of Welcome for MPs drafted</p> |
| 46. | <p>Activity/measure: Analyse and, where required, amend regulations and other documents governing the work of the Parliamentary Service, based on the current practice, for further improvement.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of conducted analyses of regulations and other acts Number of amended regulations and other acts</p> <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The Office Operation Rules and Classification Plan were analysed in the reporting period, and segments that need to be updated and/or changed were identified in order to further improve documents management. Amendments to the Rules and the Plan will be prepared by the end of the year to allow their implementation from the beginning of the following calendar year.</p> <p>The Internal Order Rules of the Parliament are under consideration, so that changes to this internal act could be proposed.</p> <p>Also, an internal memo - List of protocol tasks for high-level official visits and international conferences was prepared during this period, as a tool for ensuring maximum efficiency of protocol activities.</p> |
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| 47. | <p>Activity/measure: Establish procedures for acting of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms and the Anti-Corruption Committee on petitions submitted by citizens and civil society, with TAIEX expert support.</p> |

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| | <p>Responsibility of: Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Anticorruption Committee Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: III quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Procedures established Procedures disclosed to the public</p> |
| 48. | <p>Activity/measure: Improve procedures for addressing of citizens to the Parliament of Montenegro.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: III quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Procedures improved Procedures disclosed to the public Number of addresses</p> |
| 49. | <p>Activity/measure: Develop concept paper as a basis of multimedia design for the Parliament's meeting rooms.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Section for Recording and Broadcasting of Sittings</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: II quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Concept paper developed</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Section for Recording and Broadcasting of Sittings is preparing a concept paper that will be followed by the preparation of the multimedia design for meeting rooms of the Parliament, which should allow, among other things, direct broadcasting of the working bodies' meetings. At this stage, the document includes a description of the existing technical infrastructure and functions that the future system should provide when it comes to audio, video and conferencing systems. The Section will develop a detailed description of work of the committee as well as other events that are held in the meeting rooms in terms of technical infrastructure. The document will also include a clear layout of spatial capacities and potential appearance of the meeting rooms.</p> |

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| 50. | <p>Activity/measure: Continue to enable representatives of interested public to participate in the work of the working bodies.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Working bodies</p> <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> <p>Performance indicators: Number of attendances and participation of civil society representatives in the work of working bodies</p> <p>Implementation:</p> <p>A total of 12 representatives of the civil sector participated in the meetings of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, while nine representatives of the civil sector attended the Committee's meetings.</p> <p>Two representatives of the civil sector participated in the meetings of the Security and Defence Committee. Representatives of the civil sector attended three meetings of the Committee, which were open to public.</p> <p>The meetings of the Committee on European Integration were attended by eight representatives of the civil sector, whereas one representative of the civil sector actively participated in the work of the Committee.</p> <p>A total of 10 representatives of the civil sector took part in the work at the meetings of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.</p> <p>A total of 16 representatives of the civil sector, who regularly follow the Committee meetings, participated in the work of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms. One representative of NGO "Centre for Civic Education", at their request and upon the approval of the Chair of the Committee, took part in the work of the Committee at its 51st meeting held on 10 June, and one representative of NGO "Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro" participated in the Committee's 53rd meeting held on 11 June 2015. In addition, a representative of NGO "Centre for Civic Education", at their request and upon the approval of the Chair of the Committee, attended the 47th meeting of the Committee, which was held on 5 March 2015.</p> <p>The meetings of the Gender Equality Committee were attended by 51 representatives of the civil society. Invitation to attend Committee meetings is regularly sent to the representatives of the civil sector representing the Roma and Egyptian population in Montenegro</p> <p>The meetings of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports were attended by one representative of the civil sector.</p> <p>A total of five representatives of the civil sector attended and participated in the meetings of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.</p> <p>In the reporting period, five representatives of the civil sector participated in the meetings of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatisation Process.</p> |
| 51. | <p>Activity/measure: Provide access for persons with disabilities to the Parliament building by installing appropriate platform.</p> |

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| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament Directorate of Public Works</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Tender procedure for the selection of contractors conducted by DPW Installation of platform completed</p> |
| 52. | <p>Activity/measure: Further improve conditions to enable persons with disabilities, particularly persons with hearing impairment, to follow and participate in the parliamentary work.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Required technical and financial resources assessed Experience of other parliaments analysed Activity plan prepared</p> |
| 53. | <p>Activity/measure: Organise the “Children’s Parliament”.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Department for Public Relations and Protocol</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: December</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: “Children’s Parliament” held Number of participants</p> |
| 54. | <p>Activity/measure: Organise the “Women’s Parliament”.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Gender Equality Committee Department for Public Relations and Protocol</p> |

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| | <p>Timescale: March</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: “Women’s Parliament” held Number of participants</p> |
| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The fourth session of the "Women's Parliament" was held on Friday, 6 March 2015. On that occasion, members of the Government replied to 24 questions of representatives of women associations of the parliamentary parties and civil society. The sitting was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps, international organizations and local governments, MPs and heads of MPs Groups.</p> <p>This session of "Women's Parliament" was attended by 110 participants.</p> |
| 55. | <p>Activity/measure: Organise the “Entrepreneurship Parliament”.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament Chamber of Economy of Montenegro</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: “Entrepreneurship Parliament” held Number of participants</p> |
| 56. | <p>Activity/measure: Continue to implement Democracy Workshops “Barbara Prammer” project and introduce the first mobile workshop.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Parliamentary Institute (Research Centre)</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of workshops held Number of students involved in the project Number of guests First mobile workshop held</p> |

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| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>In the period January - June 2015, 119 workshops were conducted and attended by 3005 students and 191 teachers from 59 primary schools throughout Montenegro. During 81 workshops on "Democracy and Parliament", eight workshops on "European Union" and 30 workshops on "Human Rights", 60 children's newspapers, 35 radio reports and 24 TV reports were made. Guests of the Democracy Workshops in the reporting period were the ambassadors, Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro and Head of the Political/Economic Section at U.S. Embassy Podgorica in Podgorica.</p> |
| 57. | <p>Activity/measure:</p> <p>Continue to conduct 'Open Parliament' activities, including visits of citizens, exhibitions, concerts, etc.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of:</p> <p>Department for Public Relations and Protocol</p> |
| | <p>Timescale:</p> <p>Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators:</p> <p>Number of visits Number of visitors Number of media coverage</p> |
| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>During the first half of 2015, seven visits to the Parliament were organized. The Parliament was visited by: representatives of NGO "Active Zone" from Cetinje; two groups of students of "School of Business Skills", student organization of the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Montenegro; representatives of the Student Association for International Cooperation - SAMS; members of the Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students - MAPSS; representatives of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies - ALDA and primary school students from Trpezi, Municipality of Petnjica.</p> <p>Exhibition of young Montenegrin artist Katarina Zlajić was held shortly before the fourth session of the "Women's Parliament". The exhibition contained 15 pieces of unique jewellery and sculptures. A video piece about her creativity was also featured.</p> <p>During the first half of the year, 192 visitors visited the Parliament of Montenegro, and 16 media reports were published.</p> |
| 58. | <p>Activity/measure:</p> <p>Continue to enhance cooperation with the media and citizens and reply to questions of journalists and visitors of the Parliament's website</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of:</p> <p>Department for Public Relations and Protocol</p> |
| | <p>Timescale:</p> <p>Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators:</p> <p>Number of visits to the Parliament's website Number of inquiries by the media</p> |

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| | <p>Number of inquiries by citizens Number of replies to inquiries of the media and citizens</p> <p>Implementation:</p> <p>Department for Public Relations and Protocol has continued to promote cooperation with the media and citizens by responding to the questions of various media houses and inquiries of visitors to the Parliament's website, who were mainly interested in the proposal acts in the first half of the year.</p> <p>From 1 January to 30 June 2015, the website of the Parliament was visited 137,984 times, of which 44,765 were unique visits. The average time spent on the website was five minutes.</p> <p>Additionally, there were 572,361 page views, of which 386,581 were unique visits. The average time spent on a page of the website was close to 2 minutes. Visits to the new website were recorded from 143 countries.</p> <p>During this period, a total of 61 requests were submitted by the media organizations and 18 by the citizens. The Parliament responded to every request.</p> <p>In the period from 1 January to 30 June, the Department for Public Relations and Protocol issued 348 annual press accreditations and 79 daily accreditations. In the same period, 2,516 photos and 2,202 pieces of information were published, out of which number, 675 entries were published in News section and 426 entries in Announcements section. All press releases and announcements are available in English.</p> |
| 59. | <p>Activity/measure: Adopt documents for development of external communication.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> <p>Timescale: IV quarter</p> <p>Performance indicators: Documents for development of external communication adopted Percentage of activities implemented compared to the plan</p> |
| 60. | <p>Activity/measure: Develop mobile application of the Parliament of Montenegro.</p> <p>Responsibility of: Section for Recording and Broadcasting of Sitzings and Section for Information and Communication Technologies</p> <p>Timescale: II quarter</p> <p>Performance indicators: Application developed Number of downloads</p> |

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| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>The Service of the Parliament prepared the documents required for launching the public procurement procedure (including the specification of the software solution) for the development of the parliamentary application for Android and iOS operating systems, followed by a notice for shopping method in early June. The application will be developed after the expiry of deadlines laid down in the public procurement procedure and the time limit envisaged for the development of the application.</p> |
| 61. | <p>Activity/measure: Compile and publish Parliamentary Glossary.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament, in cooperation with OSCE Mission to Montenegro</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: III quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Parliamentary Glossary available on the Parliament's website Parliamentary Glossary printed</p> |
| 62. | <p>Activity/measure: Regularly respond to all requests for free access to information submitted in accordance with the law.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Secretary General's Office</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of requests replied to with regard to the number of requests submitted</p> |
| | <p>Implementation:</p> <p>All requests for free access to information are responded to on a regular basis. From 1 January to 30 June, a total of 26 requests for free access to information were submitted to the Parliament (with 27 items) that were responded to as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - access was granted for 12 requests (access to information was partially restricted for three requests due to protection of privacy, while to one of these three requirements access was partially denied in the interest of protecting the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenders and the execution of official duties); - for two request, information was already available on the Parliament's website (request was replied in a form of a notification); - applicants withdrew two requests; - access was partially allowed for two requests, mostly due to the lack of information requested, while for one of the two requests access was partially restricted due to protection of privacy); |

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| | <p>- access was denied for five requests because the Parliament was not in possession of the information requested.</p> <p>Three requests, submitted after 24 December 2014, were responded to in January 2015, while responses to three requests, which were submitted in late June, are presently being prepared.</p> |
| 63. | <p>Activity/measure: Regularly publish information on the parliamentary activities on the website of the Parliament and in online bulletin “Open Parliament”.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Parliamentary Institute (Education Centre)</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Number of bulletins published</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: From 1 January to 30 June 2015, six bulletins (for the period December 2014 - May 2015) were published and distributed. "Open Parliament" is an electronic publication about the work of the Parliament of Montenegro, which provides information on the most important parliamentary activities on a monthly basis. The newsletter is published on the Parliament’s website in Montenegrin and English, and sent electronically to nearly 900 domestic and international addresses, including embassies in Montenegro and MEPs.</p> |
| 64. | <p>Activity/measure: Publish all information on the budget and expenditures, and present it in a simple and understandable manner.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Service of the Parliament</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: Continuous</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Information regularly published Information presented in a clear manner with illustrations and graphs Number of visits to financial data webpage</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: All data concerning the procedure for adopting the state budget are published on the Parliament’s website, including all documents from the proposal for the law on budget and any pertaining amendments in the legislative process, to the text of the adopted law on budget. The same information is available for the procedure of adopting the law on final budget account.</p> |

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| | <p>Part of the website dedicated to finances summarizes information about the budget adoption procedure, annual state budget, and data on annual allocation of state budget resources to the Parliament of Montenegro.</p> <p>In addition, annual reports on the use of resources of the Parliament, which the Secretary General submits to the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, are also regularly published on the website.</p> <p>In connection with the development of a simplified version of the state budget (and proposal for law on annual state budget) that would be more understandable to the general public, discussions were held with potential partners in order to examine the possibility of working together on this issue.</p> |
| 65. | <p>Activity/measure: Prepare and publish 2014 Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Parliamentary Institute (Education Centre)</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: I quarter</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: 2014 Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro prepared. Performance Report in Montenegrin and English available on Parliament's website and in printed form.</p> |
| | <p>Implementation: Annual Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro for 2014 was published on the Parliament's website, in Montenegrin and English. Public procurement procedure for selection of bidders for the design and printing of the document, which is still underway, was launched in the reporting period.</p> |
| 66. | <p>Activity/measure: Report on the implementation of the Plan.</p> |
| | <p>Responsibility of: Secretary General's Office in cooperation with other organizational units</p> |
| | <p>Timescale: III quarter 2015 I quarter 2016</p> |
| | <p>Performance indicators: Reports on the implementation of the Plan prepared</p> |