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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

The key information on activities of the Parliament of Montenegro from 1 to 30 June is outlined in the June issue of the monthly newsletter "Open Parliament", prepared by the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro.

In June, the Parliament adopted two laws, while the committees considered 22 proposals for law, four proposals for decision and one proposal for a declaration. Furthermore, the committees held several consultative hearings, considered and accepted a series of reports and agreed on certain activities in cooperation with other institutions.

In focus of this month's newsletter is the Summer Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), which was held in Strasbourg from 24 to 28 June. Parliamentarians discussed, inter alia, about early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria, request to open a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary, as well as about government interference with Internet privacy.

The newsletter is published monthly as a part of the "Open Parliament" programme, within which the Parliament endeavours to bring its work closer to Montenegrin citizens. We consider this publication to be very significant as a reliable source of information regarding the work of the Parliament and we hope that you will find it useful.

We hope that you like our new cover page. We remain open to your comments and suggestions, as well as criticism, which can help us bring more quality to our work.

Respectfully,

Service of the Parliament of Montenegro



LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

At the Eight Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013, the following laws were adopted: the Law on Amendments to the Law on Value Added Tax and the Law on Prevention of Illegal Business Operations.

Under the item of the agenda Elections and Appointments, Slavko Stojanović was elected Director of Police Administration.

Prime Minister's Hour

At the Ninth (Special) Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013, within the item of the agenda "Prime Minister's Hour", MPs' questions were answered by Prime Minister of Montenegro Milo Đukanović. The Prime Minister was asked six questions.

Proposals for laws deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.

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- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Prevention of Illegal Business Operations** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget. The law proposal was also considered by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, which proposed to the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, as lead committee, to propose it to the Parliament for adoption.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Memorandum on Legal and Judicial Guarantees against Unlawful Processing of Personal Data** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Protection from Non-Ionising Radiation** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning.
- **Proposal for a Law on Real Property Transfer Tax** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Nature** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Contracts in Road Transport** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Sports** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Social Housing** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning. The law proposal was also considered by the Gender Equality Committee in part of its competence, which proposed to the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning, as lead committee, to propose it to the Parliament for adoption.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Spatial Planning and Construction** was considered by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning. The law proposal did not obtain required majority and the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament not to adopt it.
- **Proposal for a Law on Strike** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms. It was also considered by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, which proposed to the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, as lead committee, to propose it to the Parliament for adoption. The law proposal was also considered by the Legislative Committee, but did not obtain majority of votes.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Consular Convention between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Amendments to the TRIPS Agreement (The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights)** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Prevention of Drug Abuse** was considered by the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports in part of its competence, which proposed to the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, as lead committee, to propose it to the Parliament for adoption.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Value Added Tax** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Electronic Communications** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Convention on International Hydrographic Organisation** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.

Proposals for other acts deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Declaration on Rapid Development of Energy** was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, but it did not obtain majority of votes.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Election of one Member of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Election of one Member of the Gender Equality Committee** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Dismissal from Duty and Election of one Member of the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning** was determined by the Administrative Committee.

Other activities of the working bodies

- At the fourteenth meeting of the **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration**, held on 3 June, MPs considered the 2012 Yearly Report of the Judicial Council on Work of Courts in Montenegro. The Report was explained by Vesna Medenica, President of the Supreme Court and Judicial Council. After the discussion, the Committee decided to postpone declaring on the Report for one of following meetings. At the eighteenth meeting held on 14 June, the Committee supported and decided to propose to the Parliament for adoption the 2012 Yearly Report of the Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro on Work of the State Prosecution and the 2012 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council. Under the discussion about the Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Criminal Code,

which was proposed to the Parliament for adoption, a consultative discussion was held on the topic "The need for criminalisation of acts of unfounded enrichment of public officials", where participants were: acting Supreme State Prosecutor Veselin Vučković, Deputy Executive Director of MANS Dejan Milovac, Deputy Minister of Justice Branka Lakočević and Advisor in the Ministry of Justice Nataša Radonjić. The 2012 Yearly Report of the Judicial Council on Work of Courts in Montenegro did not obtain required majority.

- At the tenth meeting held on 17 June, within the discussion about the candidate for the post of Director of the Police Administration, the **Defence and Security Committee** adopted the Opinion with the proposal to appoint Slavko Stojanović Director of the Police Administration. The Committee also broadened the agenda and brought a Decision on control hearing of the competent state organs with regard to assassination of Duško Jovanović, with the prior submission of information about this case in written form.
- The **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants**, at the ninth meeting held on 6 June, gave a positive opinion on the proposal to appoint Ljubomir Mišurović as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Montenegro in Ukraine, Republic of Armenia and Georgia.
- At the fifth meeting of the **European Integration Committee**, held on 17 June, MPs considered the 31st quarterly report on overall activities within the Stabilisation and Association Process, which was presented by the State Secretary for European Integration and Chief Negotiator for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union, Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović. The course of the negotiation process on Montenegro's accession to the EU so far was also presented at the meeting. It is stated in the report, among else, that with regard to implementation of commitments from the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, representatives of the European Commission pointed out the measurable progress of Montenegro in the area of harmonisation of legislation with the EU regulations, thus encouraging further efforts of Montenegro to continue with started reforms and implementation of adopted legislation. Special attention was focused on successful leading of political dialogue between Montenegro and the European Union. The Committee members expressed special interest with regard to consideration of the Government's draft action plans for chapters 23 and 24. Activities of the Working Group which was formed with the aim to create a draft resolution defining the role of the

Parliament in the European integration process were also mentioned.

- At the twelfth meeting of the **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget** held on 3 June, 2012 Performance Report of the Central Bank of Montenegro was considered. The Committee stated that the Report did not obtain required majority. Also, the Committee got introduced to the Financial Report of the Central Bank of Montenegro for 2012, with the opinion of independent external auditor. The Committee got introduced with the Report on Stability of the Financial System and the Report on Price Stability for 2012 as well, which were submitted for review in accordance with the Law on Central Bank of Montenegro. The Committee became acquainted also with the 2012 Performance Report of the Securities Commission. The Committee did not support the Initiative to hold a control hearing of Minister of Economy, Minister of Finance, Minister of Transport and Maritime Affairs and Minister of Culture on guarantees issued in 2010 and 2011. At the thirteenth meeting held on 10 June, the Committee determined assessments and opinions on the Report of the State Audit Institution on auditing of state guarantees of the Government of Montenegro issued in 2010 and 2011 and decided to inform the Parliament of Montenegro, Government of Montenegro, State Audit Institution and Supreme State Prosecutor. At the fourteenth meeting held on 14 June, the Committee decided to hold a control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor, while the term would be determined later. The Committee also considered the 2012 Report on Work of the Securities Commission and state at the securities market, which did not obtain required majority. Having in mind the current situation in the Black Coal Mine in Berane and failing health of miners in the coal pit "Petnjik", endangered state property and problems of other employees in the company, the Committee asked that the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Economy immediately start solving this problem. At the sixteenth meeting held on 21 June, the Committee decided to hold a control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor on 3 July, on possible existence of illegal actions and breach of state's interests in relation to problems in functioning of the energy system of Montenegro, caused by unauthorised supply of KAP from the European interconnector.
- The **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms**, at the twelfth meeting held on 6 June, considered the Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro as the National Prevention Mechanism on the State in Jail Podgorica and the Report of the Protector of Human Rights and

Freedoms of Montenegro on Abuse of Children through Internet. The Committee unanimously accepted the Report on the State in Jail Podgorica, with the Conclusion, by which it supported the Protector's recommendations submitted to Ministry of Justice and Institute for Execution of Criminal Sanctions. Furthermore, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report on Abuse of Children through Internet, with the Conclusion, by which it supported the Protector's recommendations submitted to competent state organs which are to undertake activities aimed at creating a safer virtual environment in the best interest of the child. At the thirteenth meeting held on 17 June, the Committee members got introduced to the letter of the Agency for Protection of Personal Data and Free Access to Information, which contained specific explanations of the Agency's request to the Committee, which was earlier considered by the Committee, to support the provision of financial conditions for adequate implementation of the Law on Free Access to Information, because the Agency is understaffed. The Committee decided to forward the letter to the Ministry of Finance which is in charge, asking the Ministry to consider the possibility of meeting the Agency's demands, particularly having in mind that its competences are widened due to commitments defined by the Law on Free Access to Information. Also, the Committee got introduced to a letter of the NGO "CEDEM", related to organising a public discussion dedicated to new possibilities and challenges in the social inclusion of Roma community in Montenegro, within the EU accession process. The initiative was assessed as acceptable, but in determining the date of holding the public discussion, calendar of activities of the Committee and the Parliament of Montenegro should be considered.

- At the seventh meeting held on 7 June, the **Gender Equality Committee** considered the 2012 Performance Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro. The Committee decided to support the Report and submit its opinion to the lead committee, to propose it to the Parliament for adoption. At the eighth meeting held on 10 June, topic of the discussion was the Universal Periodic Review on state of human rights in Montenegro, which was presented to MPs by Minister for Human and Minority Rights Suad Numanović. The delegation of Montenegro presented the UPR in Geneva in January 2013, within the second Universal Periodical Review of state of human rights in UN member countries, and on 7 June it presented additional answers to recommendations and commentaries that other

countries had given in January. The Minister informed the Committee that Montenegro had accepted 121 out of 124 recommendations, which is the proof of its dedication to promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms. The final report for Montenegro was adopted on 7 June in Geneva, at the meeting of the Human Rights Council, on the occasion of the final review of the state of human rights in Montenegro. At the ninth meeting held on 17 June, within the public discussion, the Committee considered the Draft Law on Amendments of the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination, which was presented by Deputy Minister for Human and Minority Rights Blanka Radošević-Marović.

- At the fifth meeting of the **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports** held on 5 June, a consultative hearing of Minister of Education Slavoljub Stijepović was held on the topic “Current situation in the preschool upbringing and education, with emphasis on the kindergarten in Golubovci”. During the meeting, the state in preschool upbringing and education in Montenegro was analysed in detail, with special reference to the kindergarten in Golubovci, which will be finished in the beginning of July, as Director of the Directorate of Public Works had announced.



- At the eighth meeting held on 17 June, the **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** considered the Information on problems of workers in the Black Coal Mine in Berane. The Committee assessed that the workers in the Black Coal Mine are in poor health condition and that their lives are in danger. The Committee asked urgent information from the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare on undertaken measures and activities, aimed at overcoming the difficult situation in which those workers are at the moment. Furthermore, the Committee received an invitation to visit the Catholic Spiritual Centre “Sanctae Crucis” in Sukuruć and decided that the Committee members and the staff visit the Center in the following days. With regard to the call from the NGO 4 Life, which

organises a month of fight against drug addiction, in cooperation with the Secretariat for Social Welfare of the Capital and the Office for Prevention of Drug Addiction Podgorica, it was decided that the Committee and the staff would get involved in this action. Furthermore, with regard to the letter of the Red Cross in relation to voluntary donation of blood, Chair of the Committee Zoran Jelić and President of the Trade Union of the Parliament of Montenegro Momir Joksimović agreed that the MPs and the Service of the Parliament will organise a voluntary blood donation. At the ninth meeting held on 19 June, the Committee reached a decision to request once again the urgent information from ministers of finance, economy and labour and welfare, on position of workers in the Black Coal Mine in Berane. With regard to cooperation with the Red Cross of Montenegro, the Committee decided to hold a thematic meeting, after which MPs and employees in the Parliament would donate blood. Representative of the NGO 4 Life presented the plan of activities of this association with the aim to suppress drug addiction, and MPs and staff of the Parliament took a photograph to promote this activity. At the tenth meeting held on 25 June, the Committee received the answer of the Minister of Economy on the difficult situation of workers of the Black Coal Mine in Berane, as well as the answer of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. Also, the Committee decided to visit the Catholic Spiritual Centre “Sanctae Crucis” in Sukuruć on 27 June.

- A joint meeting of the **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports** and the **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** was held on the occasion of 26 June – the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. At the meeting, the Public Health Institute of Montenegro presented the European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs – ESPAD 2011. The ESPAD is being carried out every four years, since 1995, now already in 36 countries, and Montenegro has been a part of this project since 2008. The results of the latest research, carried out in 2011 by the Public Health Institute among 16-year-olds, students of the first and second grade of high school, showed that the abuse of psychoactive substances is significantly lower with Montenegrin high school students than the European average, but they also warn that further increase can be expected. Therefore, preventive activities should be continued with the same intensity as so far, or even with more intensity.
- The fourth meeting of the **Anti-Corruption Committee** was continued on 20 June. After the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Decision on

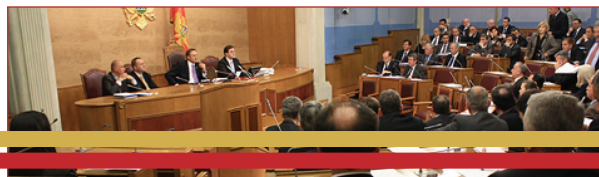
Establishment of the Inquiry Committee for the Purpose of Collecting Information and Facts on the Events Relating to the Work of State Authorities regarding Publishing of Audio Recordings and Transcripts from the Meetings of DPS Authorities and Bodies, the conclusion from the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro held on 18 March 2013 was formally withdrawn. On the same day, at the sixth meeting, an agreement was reached on implementation of the Work Plan of the Committee for 2013.

- **The Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure** held a second continuation of the second meeting on 11 June, where MPs finished discussing about the control of privatisation procedure of the hotel company “Onogošt” Nikšić. Besides MPs, the meeting was attended by representatives of workers and minority shareholders of the “Onogošt”, as well as the former director of the company. Members of the Commission agreed that conclusions about this privatisation need to be prepared, and the Commission will decide on them at the next meeting. At the third meeting held on 20 June, the topic was the control of the privatisation procedure of the Black Coal Mine in Berane, with special regard to the difficult situation in which the workers of this enterprise are found. Members of the Commission became familiarised with the letters of the Ministry of Economy, which stated that the Ministry had agreed with the executive director of the company “Balkan Energy” to postpone payment of concession fees for three months and unblock their account, so that the employer settles remaining obligations towards workers by 21 June. Members of the Commission expressed their belief that the remaining salaries will be paid out and sent a message to the workers to exit the coal pit, so that they stop endangering their health. Also, they agreed to continue discussing about the privatisation of this company at one of the following meetings.
- At the tenth meeting held on 25 June, the **Administrative Committee** positively assessed the Rulebook on Internal Organisation and Systematisation of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest. Also, the Committee initiated the procedure to appoint the President of Senate of the State Audit Institution. With regard to considering candidatures for appointment of one member of the Senate of the State Audit Institution, the Committee decided to hold a control hearing on 9 June, of candidates who had submitted timely and orderly documentation. The Committee also opened for discussion two requests of the Basic State

Prosecution in Nikšić, for approving the criminal procedure. In that regard, the Committee decided first to take a stand on that issue, after which it will declare on it. Furthermore, the Committee considered the request of the NGO “Civil Alliance” for urgent initiation of the procedure for appointment of members of the Managing Board of the Fund for Protection and Realisation of Minority Rights from minority national councils, in accordance with Decision on Establishment of the Fund for Protection and Realisation of Minority Rights. After the discussion, Committee members decided to start the procedure after the election of members of the minority national councils. Upon proposal of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest to start the procedure of the dismissal, suspension or imposition of disciplinary measures to Basri Lika, member of the Managing Board of the Fund for Protection and Realisation of Minority Rights, as a public official who had not submitted the report of his income and property within 30 days from the date of entry into the public office, the Committee decided to inform Basri Lika with this proposal and to reach a decision after receiving the information from him. Upon proposal of Suad Numanović, Minister for Human and Minority Rights, the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament to elect Mersudin Gredić, acting Secretary for Human and Minority Rights, Member of the Managing Board of the Fund for Protection and Realisation of Minority Rights.

- At the fourth meeting of the **Inquiry Committee for the Purpose of Collecting Information and Facts on the Events Relating to the Work of State Authorities regarding Publishing of Audio Recordings and Transcripts from the Meetings of DPS Authorities and Bodies**, held on 20 June, statement was taken from Vukica Jelić, Director of the Employment Bureau of Montenegro. While Daliborka Pejović, State Secretary of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism was giving a statement, the meeting was adjourned, and it was continued on Tuesday, 25 June 2013, when the complete statement was given. The fifth meeting, held on 21 June, was marked with statements by Igor Lukšić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Suad Numanović, Minister for Human and Minority Rights. At the sixth meeting of the Committee, held on 24 June, Dejan Medojević, Mayor of Mojkovac, and Zoran Bošnjak, President of the Municipal Board of Democratic Party of Socialists in Herceg Novi, gave their statements.

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić participated in the 95th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić, upon the invitation of President of the Venice Commission Gianni Buquicchio, participated in the 95th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission on 14 June 2013.

President of the Venice Commission Gianni Buquicchio noted the Parliament of Montenegro as a very positive example of a successful cooperation during over a decade, starting from the work on the current Constitution of Montenegro, including a significant number of very important legal reform projects. He expressed special pleasure with the fact that the Parliament of Montenegro, even regarding the current issue – work on the constitutional amendments in the field of judiciary, complied with the positions and suggestions of the Venice Commission.

President Krivokapić had a separate address under the item of the agenda dedicated to the work of the Constitutional Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro on adoption of constitutional amendments in the field of judiciary. He thanked the Venice Commission on the support and expert assistance so far

and pointed out the significance of the work on constitutional changes within total efforts of Montenegro on achieving high standards of strengthening independence and responsibility of judiciary.

He said that the new constitutional solutions in this field, which would comply with recommendations of the Venice Commission, should contribute to higher trust in the judiciary, so that Montenegro could be ready for the EU negotiations in the key areas of the rule of law.

Krivokapić emphasised the constructive and useful role of all the members of the Constitutional Committee on defining solutions for constitutional amendments, thus demonstrating seriousness and responsibility of all parliamentary political factors for a successful completion of work on this issue. Finally, he expressed expectation that the Venice Commission, through additional suggestions and explanations, which will be shortly addressed to the Parliament of Montenegro, would help to have the work on amendments of the Constitution end successfully with as wide as possible consensus in the Parliament of Montenegro.

Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović visited main producers and processors of aluminium in the region

During the period from 5 to 14 June 2013, Vice President Branko Radulović met with leading figures from the fields of energy, production and processing of aluminium in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia.

Vice President Radulović had a meeting with Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining in the Government of the Republic of Srpska Željko Kovačević on 5 June. On this occasion, it was concluded that there was a series of very important issues from the field of energy where Montenegro and Republic of Srpska should be harmonised politically and professionally at the highest level, and those were priority issues that could enable fast and long-term development, as well as economic benefits. The issue of gas pipeline construction through the Balkans, as one of the most important issues, was also mentioned. It was highlighted during this meeting that the position towards the gas pipeline “Southern Stream” from Russia and the Trans-Adriatic pipeline, which will transport natural gas from Azerbaijan to the West European market, would determine the investments in some parts of the region and the possibility of building a gas plant and gasification of the area.

On Thursday, 6 June, Vice President of the Parliament

of Montenegro Branko Radulović visited the headquarters of the company “Feal” in Široki Brijeg, where he met the company owner Jozo Bogdan and member of the management Ante Musa. This company deals with production of finished products for construction and industry, for railway transport, airline industry, solar energy systems, and shipbuilding on the basis of aluminium processing.

During the meeting it was concluded that the need for the semi-finished aluminium products for the process of pressing is incredibly high, that lack of semi-finished products in the region makes the whole production more expensive and also makes entire production process more difficult. It was emphasised that the Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP) is necessary as a part of the total aluminium processing in the region, while the production of ingots needs to be replaced with semi-finished products, where one of the most significant products would be a homogenised log. It was concluded that the complete aluminium industry in the region must be synchronised, which is currently not the case. It was agreed that Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović, the owner of “Feal” Jozo Bogdan, and a member of the management of “Feal” Ante

Musa would initiate forming of a regional association for aluminium production and processing.

Vice President Radulović visited the plant “Aluminij” in Mostar, on Friday 7 June, where he spoke with the management of the plant - Director of the company Ivo Bradvica, Executive Director for Technical Affairs and Development Željko Boras, and the Executive Director for Economic, Financial and Commercial Affairs Mladen Galić. On this occasion, Vice President Radulović and Director of the “Aluminij” Ivo Bradvica held a press conference.

Members of the meeting concluded that it was necessary to support the initiative for establishing association of producers and processors in the region, that the role of the state must be significant in achieving competitive electricity prices, that the regional cooperation is essential, that there is room for work for both KAP and plant “Aluminij”, as well as that the primary aluminium needs to be processed in the region in order to achieve a multiplication effect and raise the real economy with a high degree of profit through the development of aluminium processing and establishing many SMEs. The management of the plant “Aluminij” from Mostar pointed out that the good cooperation between KAP and the plant from Mostar lasting several years would be at an even higher level and that they would provide all the technical and logistic support in order to have KAP reach the technologic development similar to that of “Aluminij”.

Vice President Radulović also visited the company “TLM-TVP” from Šibenik, on Saturday 8 June, where he spoke with the owner of the company Marko Pejčinovski, chair of the management Tonči Kandido and with a member of the management Miroslav Šupe.

During the meeting it was concluded that it is necessary for KAP to restructure and modernise, and the new owner expressed readiness to take on entire production of modernised KAP in the selection of homogenised logs, blocks and alloys, and also to provide full technical, financial and logistical support for modernization of KAP, under condition of termination of the contract with Russian owners and termination of commercial contract with “Glencore”. It was also pointed out that the current owners and management supported the idea of establishing a regional association of producers and processors of aluminium, and Vice President Radulović announced that the host of its first meeting in the autumn would be Montenegro.

The final visit was to the company “Impol-Seval” in Sevojno, on 14 June, where Vice President Radulović spoke with Director General Ninko Tešić, Executive Director for Economic Affairs Sanja Bosiljčić and Executive Director for Technical Affairs Budimir Bulatović.

During the meeting, it was concluded that aluminium industry had an exceptional perspective both in the region and in the world, that business and technical cooperation between producers and processors of aluminium in the region was necessary and that KAP as a basic producer of aluminium had great perspective. Certainly, KAP needs modernisation and reconstruction in order to become competitive in this field. In addition, it was concluded that “Impol-Seval” would provide full professional and technical support in development of the KAP.

Management of the “Impol-Seval” supported the idea of mutual cooperation and exchange of views, as well as of organisation of the first meeting of leading producers and processors of aluminium in the region which would be held in Montenegro.

Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Meeting of Chairpersons of Communications, Education and Transport Committees of EU Member States and the EP

Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović and Chair of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports Branka Tanasijević participated in the Meeting of Chairpersons of Communications, Education and Transport Committees of EU Member States and the European Parliament, organised within parliamentary dimension of the Irish half-year presidency over the Council of the EU, in Dublin, on 16 and 17 June 2013.

The focus of the meeting was revision of the educational process in a digital age, contemporary transport systems and “Digital Agenda”, within the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

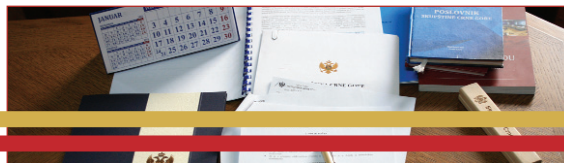
During the first session, the significance of information technologies for the education system, spreading of digitalisation in the educational system, digital networking of schools and creation of “alliances of knowledge” between educational institutions and entrepreneurs were emphasised. It was concluded that the EU would strongly support Members States in

implementation of the digital agenda, with an emphasis that spreading new technologies was not the aim by itself but an additional means for improving knowledge both of teachers and students.

During the second session, the word was about the importance of advanced transport systems in terms of the increase of traffic security, i.e. decrease in the number of victims, about positive influence on decrease of budget expenditures and importance of lower consumption of energy. The progress achieved by Ireland in this field was presented.

The third session was devoted to the “Digital Agenda”, which contains 101 measures, grouped in seven key areas. The Agenda was adopted in 2010, with the aim of strengthening economy in Europe, by using advantages of digital technologies to raise employment and support to the sectors of education and SMEs. Montenegrin representatives participated actively during the session, expressing gratitude to the European Commission for the support in the digitalisation process in Montenegro.

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Summer Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe held in Strasbourg

The Summer Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) was held in Strasbourg on 24-28 June 2013. Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the PACE – Head of the Delegation Zoran Vukčević and members: Draginja Vuksanović, Mladen Bojanić, Predrag Sekulić, Damir Šehović and Snežana Jonica participated in the Session.

The first working day started with the Plenary Session, opened by President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Jean Claude Mignon. After that, parliamentarians debated on religious prosecutions in Iran, situation in Georgia, popular protests and challenges to the freedom of assembly, media and speech, as well as state interference with Internet privacy. Also, the PACE dealt with procedural issues regarding verification of mandates of new members of national delegations. However, the Delegation of Iceland drew special attention, because it did not comply with the conditions defined by the PACE rules regarding representation of members of less represented gender.

The Report on observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria was also on the agenda. It was assessed that the elections had been held in the pluralist context; nevertheless the Assembly was concerned about the public's lack of trust in the electoral process. It was also pointed out that it had been the lowest turnout in the history of the post-Communist Bulgaria, only 51.33 per cent.

In the afternoon session, members of the PACE were addressed by Edward Nalbandian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and the Chair of the Committee of Ministers, who pointed out that during the Armenian presidency over the Committee of Ministers the priorities were fight against hatred, racism, xenophobia and intolerance, and promotion of dialogue and sharing opinions.

The meeting of the Bureau was also held on the first working day, where MP Zoran Vukčević, Head of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro and Vice President of the PACE, participated. Apart from that, members of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in PACE participated in the meetings of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Education, Youth and Sports of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media. Members of Delegation also participated in

the work of the Socialists Group and the Women Working Group of the Socialists Group.

On the second working day, parliamentarians focused on the discussion about the Request for the opening of a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary. In the introductory part, it was emphasised that on 25 April 2013, the Monitoring Committee had proposed opening of the monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary, while on 30 May 2013 the Bureau did not support this request. In the Resolution adopted with 134 votes “for”, 38 “against” and 24 “abstain”, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe decided not to open a monitoring procedure in respect of Hungary, but stated that it would carefully monitor situation and activities which were to be undertaken by the Hungarian authorities regarding the fulfilment of the tasks given to them, due to the fact that serious concerns were expressed on the level of adherence of Hungary to the standards of the Council of Europe.



In addition to this topic, the discussion was held about the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights from Iceland and Lithuania, the situation in the Middle East and the evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco. The PACE elected Róbert Ragnar Spanó from Iceland and Egidijus Kūris from Lithuania as judges of the European Court of Human Rights. They are elected for a nine-year term of office as from 1 November 2013.

After the discussion on the Middle East and conflict between Israel and Palestine, the PACE adopted with 135 votes “for”, one “against” and three “abstain”, the Resolution on the situation in the Middle East, thus inviting Israeli authorities to guarantee equal personal rights for all Israeli citizens, including Arab minorities, and to put to end arrests and detentions of Palestinians. In addition, the PACE invited Israel to stop building of new settlements and the expansion of

existing if those create the so-called “walls of separation”, which need to be replaced with safe borders. Simultaneously, the PACE invited all Palestinian forces to reach a truce between Fatah and Hamas, to organise presidential and parliamentary elections and to abstain from violence against Israeli citizens.

In discussion on the report Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco, it was assessed that, following approval of the status of partner for democracy to the Parliament of Morocco, for the purpose of implementation of reforms in this country, in the past two-year period a significant step on the path to democratic reforms was taken. It was done by adopting the new Constitution establishing the basic principles, such as commitment to human rights, prohibition of all types of discrimination, system of division of powers and strengthening of the state institutions, especially the Parliament.

On the second working day, the meetings of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights were held, as well as the joint meeting of the Contact Network of Parliamentarians for combating sexual violence against children with the Committee on Social Affairs and Committee on Culture. Additionally, the members of Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to PACE attended the reception organised by the Delegation of Slovenia to PACE, on the occasion of 20 years of Slovenia's membership in the Council of Europe.

On the third day of the Summer Session, the PACE considered the following topics: Status of Delegation of Island to PACE, Corruption as a threat to the rule of law, Putting an end to coerced sterilisations and castrations and Equal access to health care.

Within the debate on coerced sterilisation and castration, the PACE urged member states to amend their laws and policies for the purpose of preventing anyone to be coerced to sterilisation or castration in any way or for any reason. It was announced that there was a small but significant number of coerced sterilisations and castrations, and those are mainly directed against transgender people, Roma women and convicted sex offenders. It was emphasised that coerced sterilisation and castration represented serious violations of human rights and human dignity and must not be accepted in the Council of Europe member states.

On the fourth day of the Summer Session, the PACE considered the following topics: Popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech, State interference with the Internet privacy, Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation

and gender identity and Post-monitoring dialogue with the FYR Macedonia.

During the discussion on popular protests and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech, the PACE deplored the recent cases of excessive use of force in Turkey and called on Turkish authorities to ensure that police actions and use of force are proportionate when necessary.

On the fourth working day, the meetings of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, and Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights were held, in which also members of Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to PACE participated.

During the last day of the Summer Session, the PACE considered Draft Protocol No. 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights and the report “Keeping political and criminal responsibility separate”. On the basis of the report by Christopher Chope from the Great Britain, the PACE adopted the Opinion stating that the Draft Protocol No. 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights, which will enter into force once it has been ratified by ten Parties to the Convention, envisages possibility for the highest courts in CoE member states to obtain opinions from the European Court of Human Rights, on questions relating to the interpretation or application of rights and freedoms defined in the Convention and its protocols. Draft Protocol No. 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights will strengthen the link between the European Court of Human Rights and States by creating a platform for judicial dialogue, thereby facilitating the application of the Court's case law by member states' national courts. It was concluded that it would significantly contribute to improvement of the case law and faster resolution of similar cases at national level.

Within the second session of the final day of the PACE Summer Session, there was a discussion about the separation of political and criminal responsibility. Adopting the Resolution 1950 (2013) Keeping political and criminal responsibility separate, the Parliamentary Assembly concluded that politicians should, as a rule, be held criminally liable for acts or omissions in the exercise of their office when they “act for personal gain or violate the fundamental rights of others”, but should not be prosecuted for political decisions, which should be for the ultimate judgment of voters.

Head of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Zoran Vukčević participated at the Bureau meeting, where there was talk about PACE activities in the following period.

FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



REGULATIONS ON TAKING MATRICULATION EXAMS

5 /18 February 1909

According to the order of the Article 61 of the Law on the Organisation of Gymnasiums in the Principality of Montenegro the undersigned Minister of Education and Church Affairs stipulates these Rules on the matriculation exam in gymnasiums:

RULEBOOK ON THE MATRICULATION EXAM in gymnasiums of the Principality of Montenegro

I Task of the matriculation exam

Article 1

The task of the matriculation exam is to determine whether the candidates got the required qualifications for studying at universities or higher technical schools.

Article 2

The matriculation exam should not be just the simple testing of what the candidate learned in high school, nor the candidate shall be required with mechanical knowledge of all the details from the secondary school subjects, but more attention shall be paid to: whether the candidate has acquired adequate extent of the basic knowledge, which is harmonically connected, whether he/she knows how to use that knowledge, and whether he/she demonstrates the required logic in the derivation and reliability and accuracy in presentation of own conclusions.

V Written matriculation exams

Article 38

Written exam is done by candidates under constant supervision of the respective teacher and another member of the board. Besides these two, the manager or his deputy, whenever possible, takes over the supervision of the written exams.

Representative of the Ministry shall also visit written examinations every day.

Article 42

It is most strictly prohibited for candidates to copycat or use forbidden means.

VI Oral matriculation exams

Article 56

Subjects of the oral exam are all languages learned in the eighth grade, Mathematics, History and Physics. Which of these subjects the candidate will take on the exam, shall be decided by the Commission, which shall inform all applicants immediately before the oral examination.

VII Decisions of the examining commission

Article 64

The candidate who passes the exams receives the following grades:

- a) mature with majority of votes,
- b) mature with unanimity
- c) mature with honours.

X Matriculation exam fees

Article 77

Each candidate (high school graduates and external students) pay for the matriculation exam the fee of 25 (twenty five) crowns.

The same tax shall be paid for each repetition of the matriculation exam.

P. No. 4147 from 1908
Cetinje, 5 February 1909

Minister
of Education and Church
Affairs,
J. S. Plamenac
(handwritten signature)

From the Rulebook on the matriculation exam in gymnasiums of the Principality of Montenegro, Cetinje 1909

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1 June

- Regional Conference “Competition Policy” of the Regional Network of Parliamentary Committees for Economy and Finance of the Western Balkan countries, supported by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, was held in Budva, on 1 and 2 June 2013. Representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the event. The Conference was focused on findings of the regional study – competition policy, consideration of possibilities for extending the operations of committees on economy and finance in the direction of strengthening their role in the process, harmonising programmes of all the Western Balkans parliaments which are the members of the network, including aims that should be met by 2015. Findings of the Study on Competition Policy in the Western Balkan countries were presented at the Conference. At the end of the Conference, the conclusions aimed at further promotion and strengthening of cooperation among parliaments of the region were adopted and future activities were agreed as well.

3 June

- On behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro, members of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Žana Filipović and Dritan Abazović took part in the Kosovo – Montenegro Friendship Forum “Radovan Zogović”. The Forum was organised by the Association of Montenegrins

of Kosovo and the initiative was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of Kosovo, Ministry of Culture of Montenegro, British Council and Open Society Foundation of Kosovo. During the first day of the Forum, MPs took part in the panel discussion on the topic: “Cross-Border Cooperation in the Context of European Integration and Good Neighbourly Relations”, and during the second day, the major topic was “Minorities as a Bridge between the Two Countries”. Within the cultural programme of the Forum, MPs attended the opening of exhibition “Empathy – Montenegrin Contemporary Art”. It was concluded that the Forum “Radovan Zogović” represented a good opportunity for further promotion of the status of Montenegrin minority in Kosovo and work of Radovan Zogović, as well as promotion of cultural, economic and overall cooperation between Montenegro and Kosovo.

5 June

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić hosted the management of Association of Montenegrin emigrants living in Bayrampaşa, district of Istanbul. On behalf of the delegation, President of the Association Zahit Martinović – Bujukbajrak thanked Vice President Suljo Mustafić on the reception, emphasizing that Turkey pays a great attention to maintenance and development of relations between the two countries.

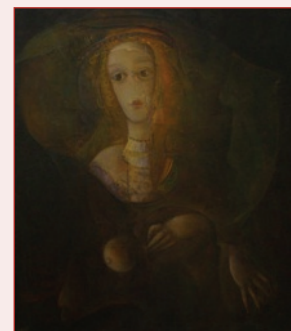
FROM THE PARLIAMENT’S GALLERY

Muharem Muratović, “Trace”

Muharem Muratović belongs to the group of dedicated art researchers of the figurative world, where woman has a central role, although his works may present more characters, often contradictory, but striking and meaningful.

His creative work is recognisable for the early renaissance atmosphere, dark palette and calm composition, which he often forms in combined technique, adding natural materials such as sand to it, which provides his canvases with a necessary dose of (post)modernity.

Muharem Muratović is born in 1950 in Mrkojevići, where he lives and works today.



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Vice President Mustafić stated that the cooperation with our diaspora should be as intensive as possible, both through the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and the government institutions. During the conversation, both sides expressed pleasure over good relations between the two states at all levels, which should be further enhanced, especially in the field of economy and culture.

- In the scope of meetings with leading figures from the field of energy, production and processing of aluminium in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović met with Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining in the Government of the Republic of Srpska Željko Kovačević. On this occasion, it was concluded that there are many very significant issues from the field of energy, where Montenegro and the Republic of Srpska should be harmonised politically and professionally at the highest level, and those were priority issues that could enable fast and long-term development and economic benefits.
- In the period from 5 to 6 June, regular meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly was held in Paris. MP Zoran Vukčević, Head of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the PACE participated in the meeting. The Report on situation in the Middle East, with special reference to relations between Israel and Palestine, was on the agenda. Members of the Committee accepted the Report, as well as the Activity Report of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Evaluation of partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco, situation in Belarus and political transition in Tunis were also discussed. Work on preparation of the Activity Report of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) was also agreed.

6 June

- The constitutive meeting of the Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process was held, where MPs Srđan Milić and Milutin Simović were elected Co-Chairs.
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović visited the headquarters of the company "Feal" in Široki Brijeg. At the meeting with

heads of this company, it was concluded that the complete aluminium industry in the region must be synchronised, which is currently not the case. Additionally, interlocutors agreed that there is room for work and development for any company, whether they deal with production of alumina, primary aluminium or the processing of aluminium. In that regard, they agreed to have the Vice President Radulović, owner of the company "Feal" Jozo Bogdan, and member of management Ante Musa initiate forming of a regional association for aluminum production and processing.

- MPs, members of the MPs Group of Albanian parties (FORCA, DP), HGI and LPCG and members of the MPs Group of the Bosniak Party hosted representatives of the Agricultural Union of Montenegro – Dragoljub Nenezić, President of the Agricultural Union of Montenegro, Ljiljana Knežević, from the Association "Bjelopavlići", Milko Živković, from the Association of Livestock Producers Pljevlja, Almir Adrović, from the Association of Livestock Producers Bijelo Polje, Smail Čunmuljaj, from the Association "Malesia and Zeta" and Željko Dragaš, representative of the Union of Livestock Producers from the North of Montenegro. Representatives of the Agricultural Union of Montenegro presented their problems and stated demands and proposals to MPs for establishment of a parliamentary committee for agriculture as a separate working body. The interpellation was proposed on the topic of agriculture, while one of the proposals was the revision of the budget with increased allocations for agriculture. MPs stated the existing dissatisfaction, expressing willingness to help meet their demands. They emphasised that proposals should be submitted in writing. One of proposals from the MPs was that agriculturists refer an initiative to the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning, so that Agricultural Union representatives attend the Committee meetings.

7 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received H. E. Ilias Fotopoulos, the newly appointed Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Montenegro. President Krivokapić and Ambassador Fotopoulos agreed that Montenegro and Greece have traditionally friendly relations and good

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cooperation. Mr Krivokapić extended his gratitude to H.E. Fotopoulos for the support that Greece, as Montenegro's first contact country with NATO, offered to our country in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration, emphasising the significance of their further assistance in the process of fulfilling our commitments stemming from the MAP. Ambassador Fotopoulos stated that, during his term of office, he would work on further promotion of political relations between Greece and Montenegro.



- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović spoke with the management of the plant "Aluminij" in Mostar – Director Ivo Bradvica, Executive Director for Technical Affairs and Development Željko Boras, and Executive Director for Economic, Financial and Commercial Affairs Mladen Galić. Participants of the meeting concluded that it was necessary to support the initiative for establishing an association of producers and processors in the region. Furthermore, members of the management of the plant "Aluminij" pointed out that good cooperation between the KAP and the plant "Aluminij", lasting several decades, would be at even higher level and that they would provide all the technical and logistic support in order to have KAP reach the technologic development similar to that of the "Aluminij".
- Members of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants held a meeting with representatives of several associations of emigrants from Montenegro. Chair of the Committee Miodrag Vuković pointed out the significance of organising similar events in order to bring closer and connect many Montenegrins in diaspora with the home country. Representatives of the emigrant associations stressed that the human, economic and cultural potentials of diaspora are great, but underused. They placed special emphasis on investment potential of our emigrants, which is still

not being adequately used. During the meeting, there was discussion about the issue of dual citizenship, possibilities of opening consular representations in certain countries, removing business barriers, census of emigrants, creating an accurate database, as well as possibilities of establishing cultural and scientific cooperation between Montenegro and other countries where a significant number of Montenegrin emigrants lives. Members of the Committee informed the guests that activities regarding conception and adoption of the platform for cooperation of the Committee with the emigrants are underway. The platform represents a concrete contribution of this working body of the Parliament of Montenegro in solving various issues and problems which concern emigrants from Montenegro.

- The first democracy workshop on the topic "The European Union" was held, within the project "Democracy Workshops", which the Parliament of Montenegro organises in cooperation with the ERSTE Foundation and the NGO Forum MNE, with the aim to strengthen ties between the Parliament and the youth. At the first EU workshop, guests were MP Slaven Radunović, Chair of the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro and Dragan Mugoša, Press and Media Officer of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro. They spoke about the EU institutions, citizens in the EU and European values with students of Elementary School "Bogdan Kotlica" from Boan, who participated in the workshops for the second time. Guests of the workshop particularly emphasised the importance of learning languages and underlined that students should learn more foreign languages and continually work on improving their education.



8 June

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović visited the company "TLM-TVP"

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in Šibenik, where he spoke with the company owner Marko Pejčinoski, chair of the managing board Tonči Kandido and a member of the board Miroslav Šupe. New owner of the “TLM-TVP” expressed their readiness to take the total production of the modernised KAP, in the selection of homogenised logs, blocks and alloys, as well as to provide full technical, financial and logistic support for the modernisation of KAP, under the condition of termination of the contract with the Russian owners and termination of the commercial contract with “Glencore”. Actual owners and management supported the idea of forming a regional association of aluminium producers and refiners, and Vice President Radulović announced that the first gathering in autumn would be hosted by Montenegro.

10 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić participated in the International Summit for Peace and Reconciliation – A Step Forward, in Banja Luka, where he had introductory words on the topic “Leadership in the 21st century and processes of reconciliation and cooperation”. In his statement, President Krivokapić said: “Parliamentarians must be missionaries of ideas, which take historical time for their realisation. The crisis has shown that today, parliaments do not fulfil their basic role – control of the executive power. The crisis was created as a result of bad political decisions, and not, how they try to present it, as a *force majeure*. Time of easy technocratic decision-making has created the time of crisis. Crisis seeks political leaders of vision and change.” During the summit, President Krivokapić held bilateral meetings with President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska Igor Radojičić, President of the Republic of Srpska Milorad Dodik and President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Nebojša Stefanović.



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met in Podgorica the Head of Unit for Croatia and Montenegro in the European Commission Directorate General for Enlargement Dirk Lange. President Krivokapić informed Mr Lange on conclusions of the Parliament relating to establishment of the Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process, on opening of the parliamentary inquiry regarding the affair “Recording” and on the work on adoption of the constitutional amendments. President Krivokapić emphasised that it was especially important that these decisions were adopted by consensus, which additionally contributed to seriousness of the Parliament’s approach in addressing the challenges that Montenegro must overcome on the path towards the EU membership. Mr Lange voiced pleasure over the actual political progress of the Parliament and expressed expectance that all political subjects would, in the following period, contribute to further development of mutual trust.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić awarded certificates to elementary school students from Montenegro, who participated in the democracy workshops on the topic “Democracy and Parliament” from 20 December 2012 to 5 June 2013, at the ceremony in Vila Gorica.



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Montenegro H.E. Mehmet Niyazi Tanılır. President Krivokapić and Ambassador Tanılır stated that Montenegro and Turkey traditionally have good relations. Ambassador of Turkey praised the efforts of Montenegro on the path towards the EU, particularly the role of the Parliament in that process. President Krivokapić also spoke with the Ambassador of Turkey about possibilities of

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improvement of parliamentary cooperation of the two countries.

- Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović and Committee members: Zoran Jelić, Strahinja Bulajić and Mladen Bojanić held a meeting with members of the Senate of State Audit Institution, on the topic "Realisation of conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro". Members of the State Audit Institution Senate Branislav Radulović and Milan Dabović presented to the Committee members the 2013 Annual Audit Plan of the State Audit Institution, available capacities and schedule of tasks in the State Audit Institution. Additionally, they emphasised that conclusions regarding the Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP) and the role of the State Audit Institution should be determined more precisely, particularly in part of the defined deadlines. Furthermore, participants of the meeting pointed to the importance of a more intensive cooperation of the Committee and the State Audit Institution, with the aim to provide for a better functioning of the public financial system in Montenegro.

14 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić participated in the 95th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission, upon invitation from President of the Venice Commission Gianni Buquicchio. President Krivokapić had a separate address under the item of the agenda dedicated to work of the Constitutional Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro on adoption of constitutional amendments in the field of judiciary. He thanked the Venice Commission on their support and the expert assistance so far and pointed out the significance of work on constitutional amendments, within overall efforts of Montenegro on achieving high standards of strengthening independence and responsibilities of judiciary.
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branko Radulović visited the company "Impol-Seval" in Sevojno, Republic of Serbia, where he spoke with Managing Director of the company Ninko Tešić, Executive Director for Economic Affairs Sanja Bosiljčić and Executive Director for Technical Affairs Budimir Bulatović. During the meeting, they concluded that the aluminium industry in the region and the world had an exceptional perspective, that

business and technical cooperation between producers and refiners of aluminium in the region was necessary and that KAP, as a producer of basic aluminium, had a great perspective. In addition, it was concluded that "Impol-Seval" would provide full professional and technical support to development of the KAP. Management of the "Impol-Seval" supported the idea of mutual cooperation and exchange of ideas, as well as of organisation of the first meeting of main producers and refiners of aluminium in the region, which would be held in Montenegro.

- Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković and Vice Chair of the Committee Ljiljana Đurašković held a meeting with Frank La Rue, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression of the UN Human Rights Council and his associates from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Stee Asbjornsen and Marcelo Daher. The meeting was also attended by Jelena Milačić from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro. Special Rapporteur La Rue praised activities that Montenegro had been undertaking with the aim of informing members of minority nations and other minority national communities and expressed positive attitude towards decriminalisation of defamation, stating that a particular law on civic and legal responsibility for breach of honour and other rights of person should be adopted. At the meeting, it was concluded that right to freedom of opinion and expression represented a precondition for development of democracy, and that Montenegro has been undertaking significant activities in order to completely protect human rights and freedoms of each of its citizens.
- Members of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure Janko Vučinić, Zoran Jelić, Mladen Bojanić, Izet Bralić and Veljko Vasiljević visited miners of the "Black Coal Mine" in Berane, who have been on strike in the coal pit "Petnjik" for 10 days. MPs spoke to the miners, trying to convince them to abort the strike in the mining pit, in order not to endanger their lives. The miners were presented with the plan of the Commission members under which there would be an extraordinary meeting of the Commission, where they would perform control of privatisation of the "Black Coal Mine" in Berane, with presence of the

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miners and representatives of the Government, in order to reach a better and faster solution of this situation. Proposal of the Committee members was rejected, so they will try to find a solution through competent committees to which they belong, in order to be able to provide payment of overdue salaries to the miners of the "Black Coal Mine" in Berane.

16 June

- Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović and Chair of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports Branka Tanasijević participated in the Meeting of Chairpersons of Communications, Education and Transport Committees of the EU Member States and the European Parliament, held within parliamentary dimension of the six-month Irish presidency over the Council of the EU, on 16 and 17 June in Dublin. The focus of the meeting was on revision of the educational process in a digital age, contemporary transport systems, as well as "The Digital Agenda", within the strategy Europe 2020.
- Chair of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration Rifat Rastoder participated in the Second Counselling of Montenegrin Emigrants of the South East Europe, which was held in Ohrid, Macedonia from 16 to 18 June. At the meeting, participants discussed about determining conditions for organising Montenegrin emigrants of the South East Europe, as well as about ways of recognising and establishing communication between institutions of Montenegro and organisations of Montenegrin emigrants.

18 June

- The second meeting of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE was held in the Parliament of Montenegro. Participants were Head of Delegation Zoran Vukčević, members: Draginja Vuksanović and Mladen Bojanić and substitutes: Damir Šehović and Snežana Jonica. The Delegation adopted the Report from the PACE Spring Session and the Plan of Work of the Delegation for 2013. Also, the Delegation was informed about the participation of certain members in the meetings of the PACE working

bodies, held between sessions in April and June. Head of Delegation Zoran Vukčević informed the members about the forthcoming visit of PACE co-rapporteurs to Montenegro, which would be organised from 8 to 10 July 2013. Furthermore, members were acquainted with the items of the agenda for the PACE session in June, and it was decided that the Delegation would agree on the participation platform at the meeting in Strasbourg, before the PACE Plenary Session.

19 June

- Members of the Security and Defence Committee met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia František Lipka. The topic of the meeting was Euro-Atlantic integration within the project "Montenegro on the path towards the Euro-Atlantic family", aimed at offering to citizens of Montenegro a great deal of relevant information on all aspects, both positive and negative, of the Euro-Atlantic integration, in order to help them make an informed decision on Montenegro's NATO membership. This project is implemented by the Slovak Atlantic Commission in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro. Members of the Security and Defence Committee: Mevludin Nuhodžić, Suljo Mustafić, Borislav Banović, Radivoje Nikčević, Luid Škrelja and Zoran Miljanić and the Slovakian Delegation composed of Ambassador František Lipka, President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission Rastislav Káčer, Deputy Director of the Directorate for Security Policy of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Ljubomir Macko and the diplomat from the Slovakian Mission to NATO, in charge of Western Balkans and Montenegro Martin Hrvolov, were present at the meeting.
- At the first meeting of the Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process, methodology and manner of work of the Working Group were discussed. MPs agreed to adopt the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group at the next meeting.

20 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko

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CALENDAR



Krivokapić met H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco in Vila Gorica. The topic of conversation was intensifying cooperation in several manners between Montenegro and Monaco, with special emphasis on economic cooperation and cooperation in the field of environment protection. The interlocutors pointed out numerous similarities of the two states, resulting not only from their size, but also from their historical statehood.



- The Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process extended the Public Call to the interested public and entities dealing with the issues of the electoral process, to contribute to building trust in the electoral process.

24 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić spoke with H. E. Nils Ragnar Kamsvåg, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Montenegro. Traditionally good relations between Montenegro and Norway were stated at the meeting. During the discussion about political news in Montenegro and the region, with special regard to the work of the Parliament and its role in the European integration, President Krivokapić emphasised that the state was dedicated to the rule of law, as the key priority on its path to the EU. During the conversation, Krivokapić highlighted the support that Norway was giving to Montenegro in its ambition to become a member of the EU and NATO.
- Within the Irish six-month presidency over the European Union, the 49th Meeting of Chairs of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) was held in Dublin, on 24 and 25 June. On behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro, MPs Slaven Radunović, Jovan Martinović and Dritan Abazović attended the

Meeting. Participants adopted the documents which, inter alia, invite national parliaments of the Western Balkans to get involved, as institutions included in the integration process, additionally, more broadly and more comprehensively in communication towards citizens, which would inform them on status and reform processes of their countries on the national level. Documents indicate to progress of Montenegro in the negotiation process and invite countries to continue reforms and respect of Copenhagen criteria.

- The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro attended the Summer Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which was held from 24 to 28 June in Strasbourg. Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE consisted of: Head of Delegation Zoran Vukčević and MPs Draginja Vuksanović, Snežana Jonica, Predrag Sekulić, Mladen Bojanić and Damir Šehović.

26 June

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić opened the Second Alumni Forum of the School of Democratic Leadership, at the Faculty of Political Science. President Krivokapić spoke on the topic "Challenges of development of democracy in Montenegro". He said that the fight for democracy is a never-ending battle and added that association and dedication to common good makes a foundation for excellent work of the Alumni. Apart from President Krivokapić, representatives of the EU Delegation to Montenegro, UN, Council of Europe and OSCE Mission to Montenegro, as well as representatives of embassies of Norway and Poland, participated in the Second Alumni Forum.
- Chair of the Inquiry Committee for the Purpose of Collecting Information and Facts on the Events Relating to the Work of State Authorities regarding Publishing of Audio Recordings and Transcripts from the Meetings of DPS Authorities and Bodies Koča Pavlović met H. E. Mitja Drobnič, Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro and Alberto Cammarata, Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section in the EU Delegation to Montenegro.
- At the second meeting of the Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process, members of the Working Group were informed on the implemented activities under the working requests

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from the first meeting of the Working Group. They also adopted the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process. The third item of the agenda was marked by the discussion initiated by the letter of Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) and the Open Letter of the Centre for Democratic Transition, concerning the Public Call sent on 20 June.



27 June

- MPs Šefkija Murić, member of the European Integration Committee and Halil Duković, member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms participated at the round table on the topic “IPA 2014-2020 and inclusion of Roma and Egyptian people in Montenegro”. The round table, organised by the NGO CEDEM and the Open Society Institute from Budapest, was marked by presentation of the Draft study on effects of IPA I cycle on integration of Roma and Egyptian people in Montenegro, as well as by discussion concerning recommendations for improvement of accessibility of EU funds for social inclusion of Roma and Egyptian community. Participants of the round table emphasised the importance of employment, health care, education and improvement of housing conditions of Roma and

Egyptian communities, and agreed on importance of having these meetings more regularly, where the topic would be defining legal status of Roma people, issues of antidiscrimination, gender equality and inclusion of the youth.

- Chair of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare Zoran Jelić, members of the Committee and the Committee staff visited the Catholic Spiritual Centre “Sanctae Crucis” in Sukuruć. Head of the Centre Pater Frano Dušaj informed the representatives of the Committee on the work of this preschool institution of integrative character and on work of the ergo-therapy. The Centre hosts a large number of children with special needs and disabilities from Montenegro, who belong to different religious beliefs.

29 June

- At the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE PA, held from 29 June to 4 July in Istanbul, permanent delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the following composition: President of the Parliament of Montenegro and Head of Delegation Ranko Krivokapić and permanent members, MPs of the Parliament of Montenegro, Milutin Simović and Goran Danilović.

30 June

- Delegation of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants participated at the 23rd Meeting of the Igman Initiative, in Zagreb on 30 June and 1 July 2013. The topic of the meeting was “Cooperation in the region following the accession of Croatia to the European Union”. The delegation of the Committee was composed of MPs Miodrag Vuković, Suljo Mustafić and Dritan Abazović.

PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

CONVENTION. “In everyday speech, the convention represents formal political gathering or a political agreement reached with discussion and negotiations. However, a constitutional convention is a rule of conduct which is not based on law but on customs or a precedent. These non-legal rules are maintained thanks to the domain of the constitution (what is “right”) or practical terms (what “works”). These conventions exist in all constitutional systems and they are followed when formal rules are unclear or incomplete. In the “unwritten” constitutions, they are particularly important because they determine the procedures, powers and duties of the most important institutions and thus make up for the lack of a codified document. They usually change the authorisations, prescribed by the precise legal rules.”¹

¹ Endru Hejvud, *Politika (Politics)*, Beograd, Clio 2004, p. 546