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FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Dear Citizens of Montenegro,

In accordance with our long-standing good practice of sharing overall parliamentary activities with the public, I am pleased to present the Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013.

The Parliament of Montenegro held 24 sittings of ordinary session in 2013, eight sittings of extraordinary session and one solemn sitting. A total of 206 acts were adopted, including Amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro, which the Parliament adopted at the 12th Sitting of the First Ordinary Session, 113 laws, one resolution, 66 decisions, 24 conclusions and one opinion.

Working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro held 369 meetings, where 1,131 items on the agenda were considered, among which 355 proposals for a law, and 2,071 amendments were considered.

A total of 15 control and 28 consultative hearings were held at the meetings of working bodies.

Intensive and responsible work of the Parliament concerning the issues that were of key importance for the intensification of the EU accession negotiation process of Montenegro, through the opening of new negotiation chapters, particularly marked the year behind us.

Namely, in July, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted Amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro, in accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission and European standards, thus strengthening the independence of the legislative system.

In response to the political situation created after the presidential elections, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted Conclusions on Building Trust in the Electoral Process and set up a special working group at the sitting held on 31 May, in order to strengthen trust in the electoral process.

In addition, the Parliament adopted the Decision on opening parliamentary inquiry and setting up of the Inquiry Committee for the purpose of collecting information and facts on the events related to the work of state authorities regarding the release of audio recordings and transcripts from the meetings of Democratic Party of Socialists' authorities and bodies. The Committee ended its work with the adoption of the Technical Report.

The Parliament of Montenegro adopted amendments to the Rules of Procedure, as well as amendments to the laws implementing Constitutional amendments, with the aim of harmonizing these documents with the Amendments to the Constitution.

Along with the development of our country's parliamentary diplomacy, we got an opportunity to further promote Montenegro worldwide through the election of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro as the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, at the session held in Istanbul from 29 June to 3 July.

The Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Resolution on Manner, Quality and Pace of the Integration



Process of Montenegro to the European Union, thus defining the role of the Parliament and Committee on European Integration in the EU accession process, as well as the relationship of the Committee with other participants in the process, including the Government.

In the year behind us, continuity of our hosting the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum has been preserved, which, in 2013, gathered parliamentarians from the region on the subject “Strengthening Oversight of the Parliament in the Defence and Security Sector”, and once again, it was a key place for a dialogue on this regionally important issue.

During the remaining time of the mandate you entrusted to us, we will remain committed to constant improvement of our work in all segments, with special and full respect of all that you have to suggest to promote our common efforts and further strengthen Montenegrin parliamentarism and democracy.

Sincerely,

Ranko Krivokapić

I INTRODUCTION

Within intensive legislative and oversight activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013, the adoption of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro and Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro was of particular importance, which concluded process of amending the supreme legal act of the state, that commenced in July 2011.

In 2013, a total of 24 sittings of ordinary session, eight sittings of extraordinary session and one solemn session of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro were held. In addition to the Amendments to the Constitution, the Parliament adopted 113 laws, one resolution, 66 decisions, 24 conclusions and one opinion.

Detailed information on legislative and oversight activities of the Parliament and its working bodies, parliamentary cooperation, transparency of work, administrative capacities, the use of funds allocated by the budget of Montenegro, as well as other activities that marked 2013, are given below. Appendixes include the list of laws adopted by the Parliament in the reporting period; table overview of funds spent; organizational chart of the Service of the Parliament; overview of requests for free access to information; overview of attendance/participation in the work of working bodies of representatives of civil sector, public institutions and companies; and a chronological table overview of implemented trainings and specialization.

Employees of all organizational units of the Service of the Parliament, in accordance with its responsibilities, were involved in the preparation of this report. Minutes from sittings of the Parliament and reports and minutes from meetings of working bodies, monthly reports of organizational units and other reports were primarily used as resources.

Presentation of data in the form of this report was performed in the Office of the Secretary General, in cooperation with other organizational units of the Service of the Parliament.

2013 in figures

- 206 acts adopted: Amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro, 113 laws, one resolution, 66 decisions, 24 conclusions and one opinion;
- 24 sittings of ordinary session, eight sittings of extraordinary session and one solemn session were held, for a total of 318 hours and four minutes, where 179 agenda items were considered;
- 49 questions were referred to the Prime Minister and 196 to the members of the Government, with 13 supplementary questions;
- 369 meetings of working bodies were held, for a total of 691 hours and 30 minutes, where 1,131 agenda items were considered, such as 355 proposals for laws, and 2,071 amendments;
- 15 control and 28 consultative hearings were held;
- 4,690 pieces of information with 1,739 photos were posted on the News page of the Parliament's website;
- 313 hours and 10 minutes of programme were produced;
- 375 annual accreditations for journalists and camerapersons/photographers from 25 electronic and printed media were provided, as well as 157 daily accreditations;
- It was responded on 119 journalist questions, concerning parliamentary activities;
- It was responded to 60 requests for free access to information with 259 items;
- 316 parliamentary acts were recorded in the Registry Office of the Parliament;
- Approximately 100 addresses by representatives of civil sector to working bodies of the Parliament were recorded;
- Approximately 260 attendances/ participations of civil sector representatives in meetings of working bodies were recorded;
- Eight research papers were prepared and published, six of which at the request of MPs;
- 134 persons were employed in the Service of the Parliament on 31 December 2013, in comparison to the year before, when there were 143 employees, including 17 trainees.

Overview of activities

In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the 25th Parliament of Montenegro held 24 sittings of ordinary session, eight sittings of extraordinary session and one solemn session, where a total of 206 acts were adopted, of which 113 laws.

At the 12th Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session, held on 31 July, the Parliament adopted Proposal for Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro and Proposal for the Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro.

In 2013, eight special sittings of the Parliament were held, i.e. four special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and four special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions. The Prime Minister was posed 49 questions, while 196 questions and 13 supplementary questions were posed to ministers of the Government of Montenegro.

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session, the Parliament adopted the Decision on opening parliamentary inquiry and setting up of the Inquiry Committee for the purpose of collecting information and facts about the events related to the work of state authorities regarding publishing of audio recordings and transcripts from the meetings of DPS authorities and bodies. The Committee held 12 meetings where, in accordance with Article 13 of the Law on Parliamentary Inquiry, 17 people gave statements. The Inquiry Committee submitted the Technical Performance Report, which was presented to the Parliament at the 13th Sitting of the First Ordinary Session, thus completing its work.

At the Seventh Sitting, the Parliament adopted Conclusions on Building Trust to the Electoral Process, on the basis of which the Working Group was formed to analyze and assess the need to prepare proposals for amendments of set of laws related to election process, based on its own observations and OSCE/ODIHR and the Council of Europe recommendations and respecting the standards of the European Union in this field. By the end of the reporting period, Working Group held 34 meetings.

Working bodies of the Parliament held 369 meetings, for a total of 691 hours and 30 minutes, where 1,131 items of the agenda were considered, among which 355 were proposals for laws, and 2,071 amendments.

The Fifth Children's Parliament was held to mark 20 November – the day of adoption of Convention on the Rights of the Child. Gender Equality Committee organized, for the second year in a row, the session of the "Women's Parliament", on 8 March – the International Women's Day, in order to promote women's human rights in Montenegro, while the first Montenegrin Entrepreneurship Parliament was convened in March, as a form of establishing closer cooperation and development of dialogue between MPs and entrepreneurs.

At the international level, the Parliament continued intensive parliamentary cooperation at bilateral and multilateral level. In this regard, particular importance has the election of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić as the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

With the aim of further enhancement of the efficiency of the Parliament's work, the following documents were adopted: the Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro for 2013, Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013 and Calendar of Parliament's Activities for the period 1 January – 31 July 2013 and 1 September – 31 December 2013, as well as annual work plans of working bodies of the Parliament.

New 2013 Trainings Plan was adopted with revised Human Resources Development Strategy for 2013–2015, as well as Rulebook on Internal Organization and Systematization of the Parliamentary Service, which stipulated re-organization of certain organisational units.

Within the "Democracy Workshops" project, a new workshop on the topic of "European Union" was introduced in June, in addition to present workshops dealing with "Democracy and the Parliament".

Redesigned website of the Parliament was launched in May with significantly enriched content, which the Service of the Parliament completely carried out with its own human, technical and financial capacities.

II GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 LIST OF MPs, WITH CHANGES IN COMPOSITION

COALITION EUROPEAN MONTENEGRO – MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ

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| 1. Željko Šturanović | 20. Luid Ljubo Škrelja |
| 2. Ranko Krivokapić | 21. Milorad Vuletić |
| 3. Mevludin Nuhodžić | 22. Obrad Mišo Stanišić |
| 4. Milutin Simović, MSc. | 23. Zoran Jelić |
| 5. Rifat Rastoder | 24. Marta Šćepanović |
| 6. Andrija Popović | 25. Zoran Srzentić, Dr |
| 7. Borislav Banović | 26. Draginja Vuksanović, PhD |
| 8. Tarzan Milošević | 27. Džavid Šabović |
| 9. Predrag Sekulić, PhD | 28. Husnija Šabović |
| 10. Filip Vuković, PhD | 29. Zoran Vukčević |
| 11. Radivoje Lala Nikčević | 30. Željko Aprcović |
| 12. Miodrag Vuković, docent PhD | 31. Zorica Kovačević |
| 13. Šefkija Murić | 32. Izet Bralić, Dr |
| 14. Srđa Popović, docent PhD | 33. Halil Duković, Dr |
| 15. Slobodan Krušo Radović | 34. Branka Tanasijević, MA |
| 16. Damir Šehović, M. Econ. | 35. Rešid Adrović |
| 17. Saša Pešić | 36. Radovan Obradović |
| 18. Jovan Martinović, until 16 December 2013 (resignation)
Veljko Zarubica, from 17 December 2013 | 37. Mićo Orlandić |
| 19. Branko Čavor | 38. Nada Drobnjak |
| | 39. Žana Filipović |

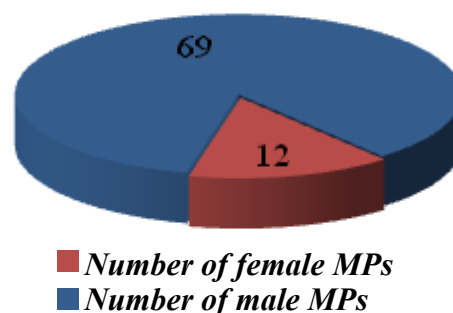
DEMOCRATIC FRONT – MIODRAG LEKIĆ

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| 1. Miodrag Lekić | 11. Strahinja Bulajić, PhD |
| 2. Ljiljana Đurašković, Dr | 12. Slaven Radunović |
| 3. Branka Bošnjak, docent PhD | 13. Koča Pavlović |
| 4. Milan Knežević | 14. Vladislav Bojović |
| 5. Janko Vučinić | 15. Emilo Labudović |
| 6. Andrija Popović | 16. Radovan Asanović, PhD |
| 7. Nebojša Medojević | 17. Novica Stanić, Dr |
| 8. Predrag Bulatović | 18. Veljko Vasiljević |
| 9. Goran Danilović | 19. Milutin Đukanović |
| 10. Prof. Branko Radulović, PhD | 20. Prof. Jelisava Kalezić, PhD |

SNP – SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY OF MONTENEGRO – WORDS AND DEEDS

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| 1. Srđan Milić |
| 2. Neven Gošović |
| 3. Snežana Jonica |
| 4. Milorad Bakić, Dr, until 18 December 2013 (resignation)
Danko Šarančić, MSc, from 18 December 2013 |
| 5. Aleksandar Damjanović, M. Econ. |
| 6. Zdenka Popović, until 18 December 2013 (resignation)
Dragoslav Šćekić, from 18 December 2013 |
| 7. Vasilije Lalošević, until 18 December 2013 (resignation)
Radosav Nišavić, Dr, from 18 December 2013 |
| 8. Velizar Kaluđerović |
| 9. Obrad Gojković |

Number of MPs on 31 December 2013





“POSITIVE MONTENEGRO – DARKO PAJOVIĆ”

1. Darko Pajović
2. Azra Jasavić
3. Mladen Bojanić
4. Srđan Perić
5. Dritan Abazović, MA
6. Ana Ponoš, until 28 May 2013 (resignation)
Goran Tuponja, from 29 May 2013
7. Zoran Miljanić was MP of Positive Montenegro until 1 August 2013

BOSNIAK PARTY – RAFET HUSOVIĆ

1. Almer Kalač
2. Suljo Mustafić
3. Kemal Zoronjić

CROATIAN CIVIC INITIATIVE (HGI) – DETERMINED

1. Ljerka Dragičević

ALBANIAN COALITION: DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE IN MONTENEGRO – DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ALBANIAN ALTERNATIVE – KOALICIONI SHQIPTAR: LIDHJA DEMOKRATIKE NË MAL TË ZI, PARTIA DEMOKRATIKE DHE ALTERNATIVA SHQIPTARE

1. Fatmir Gjeka

FORCA FOR UNITY – FORCA PËR BASHKIM GENCI NIMANBEGU – VASEL SINISHTAJ – ZANA SARVAN

1. Genci Nimanbegu

INDEPENDENT MP

1. Zoran Miljanić – from 1 August 2013 is not a member of MP Group of Positive Montenegro

Table no. 1 and 2 – Age and Education Structure of the Members of Parliament on 31 December 2013

Age	Number
20–30	1
31–40	12
41–50	25
51–60	33
61–70	10
Total	81

Education degree	Number
PhD Degree	10
Master's degree	6
Bachelor's degree	61
Associate degree	3
High School	1
Total	81

2.2 MPs GROUPS

Upon constitution of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, the following MPs groups were formed:

MP Group of Democratic Party of Socialists

MP Group of Democratic Front

MP Group of Socialist People's Party

MP Group of Social Democratic Party

MP Group of Positive Montenegro

MP Group of Albanian parties (FORCA, DP), HGI and LPCG

MP Group of Bosniak Party

30 members;

20 members;

nine members;

eight members;

seven members¹;

four members and

three members.



Seating arrangement in the Plenary Hall of the Parliament

2.3 PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

At the First Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, held on 6 November 2012, Mr Ranko Krivokapić was elected the President of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro.

At the same sitting, Mr Željko Šturanović, Mr Suljo Mustafić and Prof. Branko Radulović, PhD, as a candidate of parliamentary minority, were elected Vice Presidents of the Parliament.

At the Eight Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, held on 9 July 2013, Mr Damir Davidović was appointed the Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro.

¹ MP Zoran Miljanić was a member of Positivne Montenegro until 1 August 2013, and as of 1 August he is no longer a member of MP Club of Positive Montenegro.

RANKO KRIVOKAPIĆ, PRESIDENT

Born on 17 August 1961 in Kotor.

Bachelor of Law, passed the oral master's examination at the Faculty of Law in Belgrade – the field of international relations.

**EMPLOYMENT**

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro since July 2003, during the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th Convocation of the Parliament;
- At XXII Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly held in 2013 in Istanbul, he was elected the 12th President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. He has been the Head of the Montenegrin delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for ten years;
- After the referendum on the state legal status, in October 2006, he was elected the President of the Constitutional Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro and the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee of the Constitutional Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, until the proclamation of the Constitution of Montenegro in 2007;
- Elected MP in nine convocations. First time he was elected in 1989 in the Parliament of Montenegro; from 1993 to 1997, he was elected in the Parliament of the Federative Republic of Yugoslavia; from 2003 to 2006, he was elected in the Parliament of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro;
- Member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, as well as parliamentary delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;
- Founder of the regional initiative “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum”, which has traditionally gathered members of the parliaments from the region since 2004, with the aim of actively exchanging constructive experience from different areas of political engagement.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- Political career started in the late 80s. He was a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro in 1990 and the Democratic Forum. He was anti-war activist during 90s, and a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro in 1990, and one of the founders of the Democratic Forum;
- President of the Social Democratic Party since 2001;
- Member of the Presidency of the Party of European Socialists – PES;
- One of the founders of the Social Democratic Party (1990), which has been a full member party of Socialist International (SI) since 1996 and a member of the Party of European Socialists since 2009.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: He speaks English language.

ŽELJKO ŠTURANOVIĆ, VICE-PRESIDENT

Born on 31 January 1960 in Nikšić.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law in Podgorica in 1983 as the best student of the generation.

EMPLOYMENT

- Vice-President of the 24th and 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- In November 2006, he was elected Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro. He was the Prime Minister until 29 February 2008;
- From 2 July 2001 to 10 November 2006, he was the Minister of Justice in the Government of the Republic of Montenegro for two terms of office;
- After graduation, he worked in the Steel Plant in Nikšić.

**POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT**

- As of 1993 he was a Member of the Parliament in the Council of Citizens of the Assembly of FRY for two terms of office, and in the second term he was the Head of the Democratic Party of Socialists MP Group of Montenegro;
- Since 1993, he was a member of the highest bodies of Democratic Party of Socialists;
- At the 5th Congress of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro, held on 19 May 2007, he was elected the Vice-President of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro, and re-elected at the 6th Congress of Democratic Party of Socialists, held on 21 May 2011.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, two children.

SULJO MUSTAFIĆ, VICE-PRESIDENT

Born on 8 October 1973 in Bar.

He graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad - Department of Southern Slavic Literature and Serbo-Croatian Language in 1998.

He finished a one year specialization in Media Plan - High school of journalism, funded by the French Government - the field of television, radio and printed media, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 2000.

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Vice-President of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- MP of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro (2009–2012) and the 25th Convocation (since 2012);
- President of the MP Group of Bosniak Party in the 24th Convocation of the Parliament;
- Member of Committee on International Relations and European Integration and the Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) in the 24th Convocation;
- Member of the Constitutional Committee, Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, Security and Defence Committee and SAPC in the 25th Convocation;
- He worked as journalist in Radio Bar and was correspondent for numerous daily newspapers and magazines, from 1998 until 2007;
- He was Editor-in-Chief of Radio Bar, from 2002 to 2007;
- He is a lecturer at Madrasa in Podgorica, teaching Native language and literature, since 2008.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- Member of the Bosniak Party since 2006;
- Head of the media team and spokesperson of Bosniak Party from 2007 to 2012;
- Member of the Presidency of the Bosniak Party since 2007;
- Head of the MP Group of the Bosniak Party in 24th Convocation of the Parliament (2009–2012).

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Speaks English language.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child.

PROF. BRANKO RADULOVIĆ, PhD, VICE-PRESIDENT

Born on 10 July 1950 in Podgorica.

Graduated from the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy in Skopje in 1975. He earned his MSc. degree from the Faculty for Materials and Metallurgy in Ljubljana in 1986, and PhD degree from the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy in Belgrade in 1989.

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Vice-President of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- MP of the Movement for Changes since 2006, during the 23rd and 24th Convocation, as well as 25th Convocation in coalition Democratic Front;
- Since 1990, he has worked at the Faculty of Metallurgy and Technology in Podgorica, where he was elected senior lecturer, associate professor and full professor for the following subjects: heat treatment, special metal materials, surface engineering and phase transformations. He was the Head of the Department for Physical Metallurgy, Head of the Postgraduate studies and Vice-President of the Senate of the University of Montenegro;
- From 1986 to 1990, he worked at the Institute for Technical Research in Podgorica as the Head of HTM Bureau;
- From 1976 to 1986, he worked at MZT – Skopje, at various management positions. While he was its CEO, the factory was declared the best corporate organisation in SFRY. In 1986, it won the AVNOJ award.

SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT

- He is author and co-author of over 200 scientific papers, presented at prestigious conferences and congresses and published in the world's leading scientific journals from SCI list, such as "Materials Science and Technology", "Journal of Engineering and Performance", "ISI International", "Materials and Technologies" etc;
- He participated in and managed over 30 scientific research and development projects. He is author and co-author of 5 university textbooks and holder of 3 patents. He was a mentor on a few dozen successfully defended graduate, MSc and PhD thesis;
- He attended specialisations in Japan, England, Germany, Russia, Italy, Czech Republic, etc;
- In 2004, the International Bibliographic Centre in Cambridge awarded him for outstanding achievement in the field of technical sciences and listed him among the world's leading scientist.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- Since 1990, he has been an active member of anti-war, anti-regime and pro-democratic block, by writing numerous texts, petitions and by participating in many gatherings;
- He was a high official of the Liberal Alliance of Montenegro (LSCG);
- He is one of the founders of the Group for Changes and Vice-President of the Movement for Changes;
- He was MP in the 23rd and 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, Deputy Chair of Committee on European Integration and Foreign Affairs, member of NSEI, member of Committee on International Relations and European Integration and Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure and Head of the MP Group of the Movement for Changes in the 24th Convocation.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, two children.

DAMIR DAVIDOVIĆ, SECRETARY GENERAL

Born on 17 November 1978 in Kotor.

Earned International Business Manager degree in 2001, from the Faculty for International Management of the European University for International Management and Business in Belgrade. He earned his MA degree from the Centre for European Integration Studies of the University of Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany.

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro since July 2009;
- June 2006 – July 2009 - Head of the Cabinet of the Mayor of the Capital Podgorica;
- October 2003 – June 2006 - Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- 2002 – 2003 - Senior Adviser for relations with the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro;
- September 2001 – December 2002 - a trainee in the Department for EU Cooperation, Sector for Multilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro.

SPECIALISATION AND COURSES

- September 2011 – “International Visitors Leadership programme”, USA;
- November 2006 – “European Union Visitors Programme”, Brussels and Strasbourg;
- September 2003 – Internship in German Bundestag;
- December 2002 – Study visit to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg;
- November 2002 – Study visit to the European Commission in Brussels;
- October 2002 – Study visit to German Bundestag;
- 2001 - June 2002 – “EU - Trainer Programme” attendant - Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin;
- July and August 2001 – “Summer School of Economic Policy G17+”, Belgrade.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, two children.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in English (writing, reading, speaking).

SLOBODAN DRAGOVIĆ, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Born on 15 January 1949 in Bijelo Polje.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Sarajevo in 1972, and passed the Bar Exam in Titograd in 1987.

EMPLOYMENT

- Since 1999, he has served as Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament;
- He worked in the Parliamentary Service of the Republic of Montenegro from June 1977, as Adviser and Senior Adviser for political system, Adviser to the Secretary of the Parliament, Secretary of the Commission on Constitutional Matters;
- From 1991 to 1999, he worked as the Assistant Secretary General of the Parliament;
- In addition to the professional function, since 2004, he has been a member of the Commission on Establishing Conflicts of Interest and Deputy Chairman of the State Electoral Commission.



MARITAL STATUS: Married, three children.

2.4 WORKING BODIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

In accordance with the Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 25/12), the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro has 14 standing committees. As a rule, composition of a committee, including its chair and deputy chair, corresponds to the party representation of MPs in the Parliament. The number of committee members is determined during their election, and in case of the standing committees of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament, the number of committee members ranges from 11 to 13.

In addition to the standing committees, another working body of the Parliament is the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure, which has eight members from parliamentary majority and four from parliamentary minority.

Eleven working bodies of the Parliament are chaired by MPs from parliamentary majority, while chairpersons of Committee on European Integration, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, Anti-corruption Committee and Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure are MPs from parliamentary minority.

Table no. 3 – Working Bodies of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro with data on chairpersons and number of members

Working Bodies	Chairperson	Number of Members
Constitutional Committee	Ranko Krivokapić	13
Legislative Committee	Džavid Šabović	13
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	Rifat Rastoder	13
Security and Defence Committee	Mevludin Nuhodžić	13
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	Miodrag Vuković, docent PhD	13
Committee on European Integration	Slaven Radunović	13
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	Aleksandar Damjanović, M.Econ.	13
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	Halil Duković, PhD	11
Gender Equality Committee	Nada Drobnjak	11
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	Predrag Sekulić, PhD	13
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	Branka Tanasijević, MA	11
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	Zoran Jelić	11
Anti-corruption Committee	Predrag Bulatović	13
Administrative Committee	Radivoje Lala Nikčević	13
Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatization Process	Janko Vučinić	8

III LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

In 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro held 24 sittings of ordinary session, eight sittings of extraordinary session and one solemn session of the Parliament, where total of 206 acts were adopted, including Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro; 113 laws, including 59 laws on amendments to the law; one resolution; 66 decisions; 24 conclusions and one opinion. In the same period, working bodies of the Parliament held 369 meetings, for a total of 691 hours and 30 minutes, where 1,131 items of the agenda were considered, including 355 proposals for a law, as well as 2,071 amendments.

At the 12th Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session, held on 31 July 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro and the Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro.

Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro

At the 12th Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session, held on 31 July 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted Proposal for Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro and Proposal for the Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro.

Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro, inter alia, amend the competence of the Parliament in the procedure of election and release from duty of the President of the Supreme Court and the President of the Constitutional Court, thus enabling de-politicization of election of holders of judicial and constitutional court offices. The amendments also regulate the issue of majority required for election and release from duty of judges of the Constitutional Court and four members of the Judicial Council from among renowned lawyers, as well as the issue of majority required for election and release from duty of the Supreme State Prosecutor.

The Parliament shall elect and release from duty the judges of the Constitutional Court, the Supreme State Prosecutor and four members of the Judicial Council from among renowned lawyers by two-third majority vote, in the first ballot, and by three-fifth majority of all the Members of the Parliament, in the second ballot, no sooner than one month.

In the first ballot, the Parliament shall elect the Supreme State Prosecutor at the proposal of the Prosecutorial Council. If the proposed candidate is not supported by the required majority, the Parliament shall elect the Supreme State Prosecutor, in the second ballot, from among all the candidates who meet the legal requirements.

In addition to ensuring uniform application of laws, jurisdiction of the Supreme Court has been extended to include performing other activities prescribed by the law. The President of the Supreme Court shall be elected and released from duty by two-third majority of the Judicial Council, at the proposal of the Supreme Court General Bench. The President of the Supreme Court shall be elected for a term of five years. The same person may be elected the President of the Supreme Court no more than two times.

The amendments prescribe that the Judicial Council shall have a president and nine members. The members of the Judicial Council shall be President of the Supreme Court, four judges elected and released from duty by the Conference of Judges, four renowned lawyers elected and released from duty by the Parliament, and a minister in charge of judicial affairs. The President of the Judicial Council shall be elected by the Judicial Council from among its members who do not hold judicial office, by a two-third majority vote of the members of the Judicial Council. The Minister in charge of judicial affairs may not be elected the president of the Judicial Council. The vote of the President of the Judicial Council shall be decisive in case of equal number of votes. The Judicial Council shall submit the Annual Report on the Performance of the Judicial Council and the Overall Judicial Situation to the Parliament.

Also, the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council has been extended. Judicial Council shall elect and release from duty the president of the Supreme Court, as well as the president of the Judicial Council. Judicial Council shall establish the number of judges and lay judges in court.

The affairs of the State Prosecution shall be carried out by the heads of the state prosecution offices and state prosecutors. The Supreme State Prosecutor shall be appointed and released from duty by the Parliament of Montenegro, upon the hearing with the competent working body of the Parliament, at the proposal of the Prosecution Council. The Supreme State Prosecutor shall be elected for the period of five years. The

function of the state prosecutor shall be permanent. Exceptionally, the person who is elected the state prosecutor for the first time shall be elected for a term of four years.

The Prosecutorial Council shall ensure the independence of the state prosecution. The Supreme State Prosecutor shall chair the Prosecutorial Council, except in disciplinary proceedings. The Prosecutorial Council shall submit the annual Report on Performance of the State Prosecution to the Parliament. The composition, election, mandate, organisation and manner of work of the Prosecutorial Council shall be regulated by the law.

The amendments regulate that the President and members of the Senate of the State Audit Institution shall enjoy functional immunity and may not be called to account for an opinion given or a decision made in the exercise of their duties, except in the case of a criminal act.

The Constitutional Court shall have seven judges. The term of office of a judge of the Constitutional Court shall be 12 years. The judges of the Constitutional Court shall be elected and released from duty by the Parliament, upon the hearing in the Constitutional Committee, as follows: two judges, at the proposal of the President of Montenegro, and five judges, at the proposal of a competent working body of the Parliament, upon the announced public invitation carried out by the proposing parties. Judges of the Constitutional Court shall elect, from among their members, the president of the Constitutional Court, for a term of three years. The judge of the Constitutional Court shall be elected from among renowned lawyers who have turned at least 40 years of age and have 15 years of service in the legal profession. The same person may be elected the president or judge of the Constitutional Court only once.

For more efficient ruling, the Constitutional Court shall decide in respect of a constitutional complaint in a panel of three judges. The decision must be unanimous. Otherwise, the constitutional complaint shall be decided upon by the Constitutional Court in full composition.

The Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro envisages that the Law on Judicial Council, the Law on Courts, the Law on State Prosecution and the Law on Constitutional Court should be aligned with the Amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro within 45 days from the day this Law enters into force. Also, deadlines for announcing public invitations for election of all members of the Judicial Council, election of the Supreme State Prosecutor and election of all judges of the Constitutional Court have been prescribed. Deadline for the election of the President of the Supreme Court is also prescribed by this Law.

The Constitutional Law contains a provision that prescribes that other laws and regulations shall be aligned with the Amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro within 90 days from the day this Law enters into force, and regulations for enforcement of the laws within the deadlines established by such laws.

Also, the Constitutional Law contains a provision that prescribes that the laws that are to be aligned with the Amendments shall incorporate a provision on proportional representation of members of minority nations and other minority national communities in courts, the State Prosecution and the Constitutional Court, in accordance with the law.

Following the adoption of the Amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro and with the aim of harmonizing the laws with the Constitution, at the Sitting of the Eighth Extraordinary Session, held on 24 September 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Law on Amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council, Law on Amendments to the Law on Courts, Law on Amendments to the Law on the Constitutional Court and Law on Amendments to the Law on State Prosecution Office. At the Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session, held on 29 October 2013, and with the aim of defining certain provisions related to the procedure of election of Constitutional Court judges and procedure of election of a member of the Judicial Council from among renowned lawyers, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Law on Amendments to the Law on the Constitutional Court and the Law on Amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council. Also, for alignment purposes with the Amendments to the Constitution, Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament was adopted at the Second Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2013, held on 11 October.

In 2013, eight special sittings of the Parliament were held, i.e. four special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and four special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions. The Prime Minister was posed 49 questions, while 196 questions and 13 supplementary questions were posed to members of the Government of Montenegro.

Also, parliamentary inquiry was conducted for collecting information and facts on the events related to the work of state authorities regarding publishing of audio recordings and transcripts from the meetings of DPS authorities and bodies. Additionally, at the Third Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session, held

on 28 May, the Parliament of Montenegro was presented with the Technical Report on the work of Inquiry Committee for gathering information and facts on corruption in privatisation of Telekom Montenegro, that contained data on the number of held meetings, agenda of the meetings, information on the persons that gave statements and entities that submitted documentation, as well as the list of documents reviewed.

In 2013, 15 control hearings and 28 consultative hearings were held, in comparison to four control and 19 consultative hearings, held in 2012. In the framework of strengthening the oversight role of the Parliament, special attention was paid to deliberating implementation of conclusions previously adopted by working bodies and the Parliament.

In March 2013, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament adopted the Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro for 2013, Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013 and Calendar of Parliament's Activities for the period 1 January – 31 July 2013 and the period 1 September – 31 December 2013.

All working bodies of the Parliament adopted their 2013 annual work plans, except for the Legislative and Constitutional Committee, having in mind specific competences of these two committees. In accordance with the Law on Parliamentary Oversight in the field of security and defence, Security and Defence Committee adopted the Plan of Parliamentary Oversight for 2013.

In the reporting period, the Parliament of Montenegro requested expert support of TAIEX to determine procedures for acting of Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, in the part of competences related to the consideration and taking positions on petitions of citizens and legal entities, in respect of exercising rights of citizens, as well as procedures for acting of the Anti-corruption Committee, in the part of competences of considering petitions and forwarding them to relevant bodies, in accordance with the Committee's scope of work. Implementation of technical support of TAIEX is expected at the beginning of 2014.

More detailed information on the work of the Parliament and its working bodies is presented below.

3.1 SITTINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT

From 1 January until 31 December 2013, 24 sittings of the ordinary session, eight sittings of the extraordinary session and one solemn sitting of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro were held. By comparison, 13 sittings of the ordinary session and eight sittings of the extraordinary session were held in 2012.

In 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted a total of 206 acts, which included Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro; 113 laws, including 59 laws on amendments to the law; one resolution; 66 decisions; 24 conclusions and one opinion. In 2012, a total of 151 acts were adopted, among which 79 laws, including 34 laws on amendments to the law; 50 decisions and 22 conclusions.

Table no. 4 – Total number of acts adopted in 2013 compared to 2012

ADOPTED ACTS	2012	2013
Amendments to the Constitution	-	1
Laws ²	79	113
Decisions ³	50	66
Conclusions	22	24
Other acts	-	2 ⁴
TOTAL	151	206

² Comprising the total number of laws and laws on amendments to the laws; Law on Protection of State Interests in Mining and Metallurgy Sector was counted once, although it was adopted at the Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session, and readopted at the Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2013.

³ Decisions include, also, decisions on election and appointments.

⁴ Parliament adopted the Resolution on Manner, Quality and Pace of the Integration Process of Montenegro to the European Union and gave opinion on the proposal for appointment of Director of the Police Administration.

Table no. 5 – Statistical data on the sittings of the Parliament in 2013 compared to 2012

	ORDINARY SESSIONS		EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Number of sittings held	13	25 ⁵	8	8
Duration in days	47	76	16	9
Duration in hours	175 hours and 15 minutes	299 hours and 49 minutes	42 hours and 5 minutes	18 hours and 15 minutes
Number of discussed items of the agenda	103	166	22	13
Number of adopted laws	66 laws, of which 26 laws on amendments to the laws	102 laws, of which 48 laws on amendments to the laws	13 laws, of which 8 laws on amendments to the laws	11 laws on amendments to the laws
Number of proposals for a law not adopted	2	5	2	-
Number of adopted decisions	16	24	4	1
Number of adopted decisions on election and appointments	29	40	1	1
Number of adopted declarations	-	-	-	-
Number of adopted resolutions	-	1	-	-
Number of adopted conclusions	20	24	2	-
Number of considered interpellations	1	-	-	-
Number of parliamentary questions⁶	229 and 20 supplementary	245 and 13 supplementary	-	-
Number of motions of no-confidence vote to the Government	1	-	1	-
Number of considered reports of certain bodies	27	27	-	-

3.1.1 POPOSED ACTS

In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, MPs submitted: 58 proposals for a law, of which 47 proposals for a law on amendments to the law; two proposals for declarations; four proposals for resolutions; 11 proposals for decisions and a proposal for conclusion. In the same period, the Government submitted: 104 proposals for a law, of which 52 proposals for the law on amendments to the law; six proposals for decisions and two reports. Through an authorized MP, citizens submitted the Proposal for the Law on Amendment to the Law on Value Added Tax.

In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, a total of 16 proposals for acts, submitted during 2013, were withdrawn from the procedure: five proposals for a law, a proposal for declaration, three proposals for resolutions and seven proposals for decisions.

3.1.2 ADOPTED ACTS

In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following acts were adopted at the proposal of MPs: 16 laws⁷, of which 13 laws on amendments to the law; Resolution on Manner, Quality and Pace of the Integration Process of Montenegro to the European Union; Decision on opening parliamentary inquiry and setting up of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the events related to the work of state authorities regarding publishing of audio recordings and

⁵ This number includes one solemn session marking the Day of Parliamentarism in Montenegro and 200 years since the birth of Petar II Petrović Njegoš.

⁶ Number of parliamentary questions includes questions to the Prime Minister and questions to members of the Government.

⁷ At 12th Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session, the Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro was adopted.

transcripts from the meetings of DPS authorities and bodies; Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro; Decision on Appointing the Municipal Election Commission of Petnjica and Conclusions on building trust in the electoral process.

In the same reporting period, the following acts were adopted at the proposal of the Government: 97 laws, of which 49 laws on amendments to the law, and the Decision on accepting the Annex of the long-term land lease agreement signed between the Government of Montenegro and the Consortium Northstar LLC Podgorica and Equest Capital Limited Jersey, UK.

With regard to the adoption of the Proposal for Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro and the Proposal for the Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro, the Parliament adopted the Decision on Promulgation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro and Decision on Promulgation of the Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro, at the 12th Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session.

In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, 17 laws and two decisions were adopted in urgent procedure.

3.1.3 NUMBER OF CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSALS OF ACTS

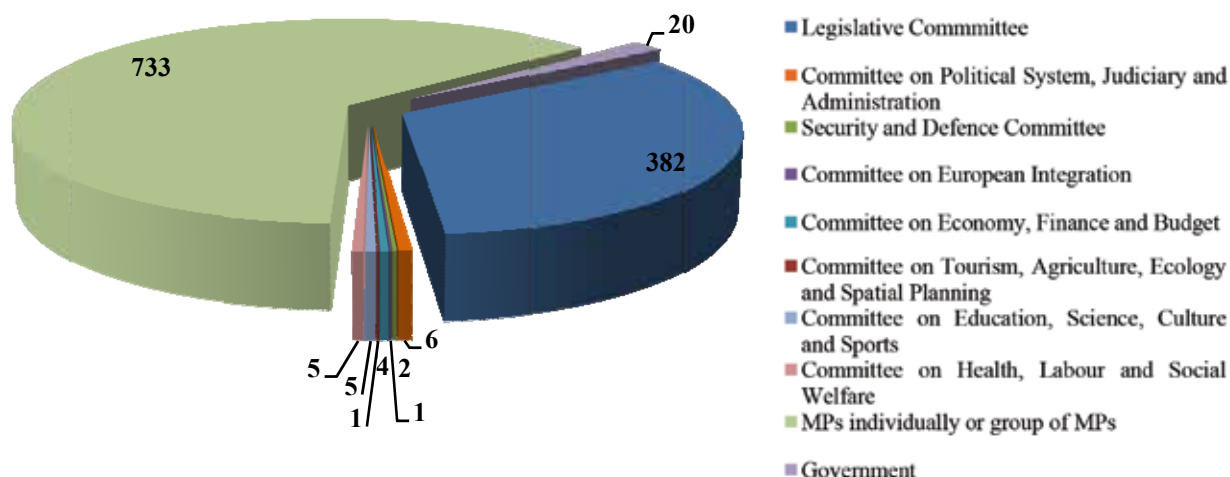
Out of total of 1,159 considered amendments to the proposals of acts, 744 amendments were adopted at the sittings of the Parliament.

Working bodies submitted 406 amendments (Legislative Committee – 382 amendments, out of which 381 were an integral part of proposals of acts; Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration – six amendments, which were an integral part of the proposal for a law; Security and Defence Committee – two amendments, which were an integral part of the proposal for a law; Committee on European Integration – one amendment, which was an integral part of the proposal for a law; Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget – four amendments, which were an integral part of the proposal for a law; Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning – one amendment, which was an integral part of the proposal for a law; Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports – five amendments, which were an integral part of the proposal for a law; and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare – five amendments, which were an integral part of the proposal for a law).

MPs submitted 733 amendments to proposals of acts, out of which 321 were accepted, 296 were not accepted, and 116 were withdrawn.

The Government submitted 20 amendments, out of which 18 were an integral part of the proposal for a law, and two were not accepted.

Graphic overview of adopted amendments to the proposals of acts





3.1.4 PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2013, held on 31 May, upon the proposal of 27 MPs, Proposal for the Decision on opening parliamentary enquiry and setting up of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on events related to the work of state authorities regarding the publishing of audio recordings and transcripts from the meetings of authorities and bodies of Democratic Party of Socialists was adopted.

With this Decision, the Parliament of Montenegro initiated a parliamentary inquiry and set up the Inquiry Committee⁸, whose task was to collect information and establish facts with regard to events related to the work of state authorities, based on the indications that members of bodies of Democratic Party, at meetings of their bodies, planned, designed and arranged activities in the electoral process, on suspicion that they abused state institutions, government authorities, agencies, public enterprises, budget and public funds, IPA funds and EIB funds.

The task of the Committee was to collect information, take statements and collect all relevant documents from state authorities and responsible officials of the Democratic Party of Socialists, which could provide the basis for establishing the facts on the subject of the parliamentary inquiry.

The Inquiry Committee held 12 meetings, during which, in accordance with Article 13 of the Law on Parliamentary Inquiry, 17 persons gave statements and the Committee submitted Technical Performance Report to the Parliament.

At the 13th Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2013, held on 31 July, the Parliament of Montenegro discussed the Technical Performance Report of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on events related to the work of state authorities regarding the publishing of audio recordings and transcripts from the meetings of authorities and bodies of Democratic Party of Socialists.

At the Third Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of 28 May, the Parliament of Montenegro discussed the Technical Performance Report of the Inquiry Committee for collecting facts and information on corruption in the privatisation of Telekom Crne Gore. The Report contained data on number of meetings held, agendas of the meetings, information on persons who gave statements and entities who submitted documentation, as well as a list of all documents that were considered.

3.1.5 PRIME MINISTER'S HOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

In 2013, eight special sittings of the Parliament were held, i.e. four special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and four special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions. The Prime Minister was posed 49 questions, while 196 questions and 13 supplementary questions were posed to members of the Government of Montenegro.

Number of parliamentary questions posed to the Prime Minister by MP groups:

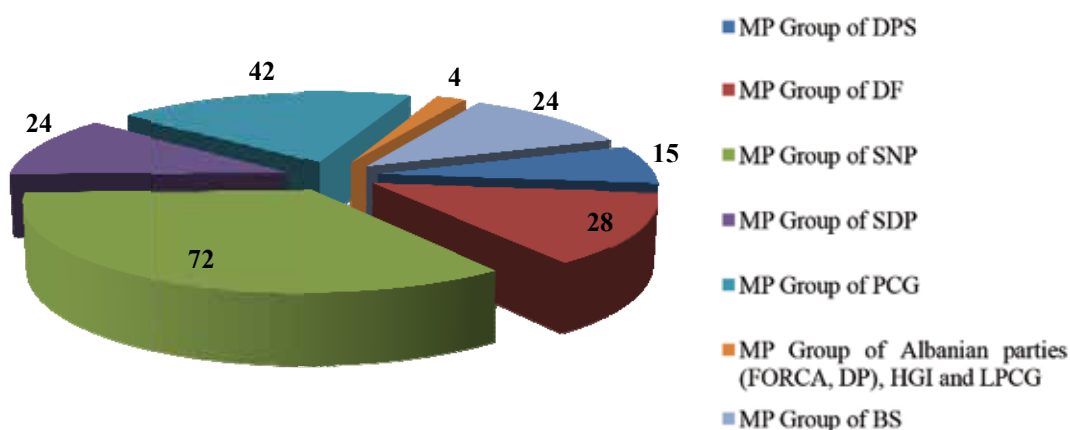
➤ MP Group of Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS)	eight questions;
➤ MP Group of Democratic Front (DF)	one question;
➤ MP Group of Socialist People's Party (SNP)	eight questions;
➤ MP Group of Social Democratic Party (SDP)	eight questions;
➤ MP Group of Positive Montenegro (PCG)	eight questions;
➤ MP Group of Albanian parties (FORCA, AA), HGI and LPCG	eight questions and
➤ MP Group of Bosniak Party (BS)	eight questions.

⁸ The Committee consisted of 12 MPs of the 25th convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, namely: six MPs from parliamentary majority ((three from the Democratic Party of Socialists, one from the Social Democratic Party, one from the Bosniak Party and one from the MP Group of Albanian parties (FORCA, AA), HGI and LPCG)) and six MPs from opposition parties: (three from the Democratic Front, two from Socialist People's Party and one from the Positive Montenegro). Chairperson of the Inquiry Committee was an MP from the Democratic Front and Deputy Chairperson from the Democratic Party of Socialists.

Number of parliamentary questions posed to members of the Government by MP groups:

- MP Group of Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) 14 questions and 1 supplementary;
- MP Group of Democratic Front (DF) 24 questions and 4 supplementary;
- MP Group of Socialist People's Party (SNP) 70 questions and 2 supplementary;
- MP Group of Social Democratic Party (SDP) 24 questions;
- MP Group of Positive Montenegro (PCG) 40 questions and 2 supplementary;
- MP Group of Albanian parties (FORCA, AA), HGI and LPCG⁹ 20 questions and 4 supplementary;
- MP Group of Bosniak Party (BS) 4 questions.

Graphical overview of the total number of parliamentary questions and supplementary questions posed in 2013



11th, Special, Sitting of the First Ordinary Session, devoted to Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions

⁹ FORCA 8 questions, HGI 3 questions, AK DS U DG, DP and AA 1 question and LPCG 8 question and 4 supplementary questions.

Table no. 6 – Number of sittings devoted to Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions and number of questions posed to the Prime Minister and members of the Government in 2013, with comparative data for 2012

Year	Number of sittings devoted to Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions	Number of questions posed to the Prime Minister	Number of parliamentary questions
2012	3	21	208 and 20 supplementary
2013	8	49	196 and 13 supplementary

3.1.6 LEGISLATIVE WORK PLAN, ACTION PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING THE LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ROLE AND CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

Recognizing the importance of the work efficiency of the Parliament, both in the field of legislative and oversight activities, as well as the necessity of its continuous improvement, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament, at the meeting held on 19 March 2013, adopted the Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament for 2013, Action plan for strengthening the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament of Montenegro for 2013 and Calendar of activities of the Parliament for the period from 1 January to 31 July 2013.

Legislative Work Plan included an overview of proposals for the laws that were to be considered during the spring and autumn session of the Parliament in 2013. It included 128 proposals for a law, including 54 proposals for a law whose adoption was planned for alignment with the EU law. In addition to legislative activities, the Plan included oversight activities of the Parliament, which entailed consideration of reports that some authorities, according to the law, submitted to the Parliament. Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro was prepared on the basis of the Government Agenda for 2013, as well as the Activity Plan on implementation of recommendations set out in EC's Montenegro 2012 Progress Report.

As planned, two reports on the implementation of the Legislative Work Plan were prepared in 2013, and both are available on the website of the Parliament. Final Report for 2013 will be prepared in January 2014.

Based on information on the implementation of the Legislative Work Plan, a revised plan of legislative work of the Parliament for the second ordinary (autumn) session was prepared by the end of the first ordinary session, which was adopted by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament, in early October 2013. In addition to the proposals for a law which were not determined and submitted to the Parliament in due time and those envisaged for the fourth quarter of 2013, the revised plan included additional nine proposals for a law, submitted by the Government by the end of September.

In total, the Legislative Work Plan and Revised plan for the second ordinary (autumn) session in 2013 envisaged the consideration of 137 proposals for a law. Out of this number, 72 proposals for a law were submitted to the Parliament by the end of the year, of which 54 were adopted, one proposal for a law was not adopted, 14 proposals for a law were in the parliamentary procedure, while three were withdrawn from the procedure. Concerning the oversight activities of the Parliament, in terms of considering the reports that certain authorities submit to this institution, in line with the law, the Parliament accepted 16 reports and six financial plans by the end of 2013, five reports did not obtain the required majority, two reports were in the parliamentary procedure, while one was not submitted on time.

Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament¹⁰ presents the guidelines for planning and implementation of activities at all levels in the Parliament, in providing a planned, systematic and coordinated action of all those involved in the work of the Parliament, intended to contribute to a more efficient exercise of its constitutionally conferred competences. The Action Plan contains 68 activities and measures, with the explanations, holders, implementation deadlines and performance indicators, which are grouped into three parts – strengthening the legislative and oversight functions, administrative and technical capacity and openness and transparency. The findings and recommendations of the European Commission's Progress Report for 2012, related to a given part and taken into account in defining the activities envisaged, are given at the beginning of each part, so that the Action Plan also represents the plan of fulfilling European Commission's recommendations.

Out of a total of 68 activities and measures, contained in the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament in 2013, 46 measures are fully implemented or have been implemented continuously, as envisaged by the Plan.

As planned, two reports on the implementation of the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament in 2013 were prepared and are available on the website of the Parliament. Final Report for 2013 will be prepared in January 2014.

Calendar of Activities of the Parliament determines the days in a month envisaged for the sittings of the Parliament, meetings of working bodies, as well as the days envisaged for the work of MPs in MP groups and with citizens. Calendar of activities for the period 1 January – 31 July 2013 was adopted by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament at the meeting, held on 19 March, while the Calendar for the period 1 September – 31 December was adopted on 30 September 2013. The Calendar is available on the website of the Parliament¹¹.



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¹⁰ Published on the web page of the Parliament:

http://www.skupstina.me/cms/site_data/Akcioni_plan_2013%20god.pdf; and in English at:
http://www.skupstina.me/cms/site_data/Action_Plan_2013_EN%20II.pdf.

¹¹ <http://www.skupstina.me/index.php/me/kalendar-zasijedanja>

3.2 WORK OF THE WORKING BODIES

Working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro held 369 meetings in 2013, for a total of 691 hours and 30 minutes, where 1,131 items of the agenda were considered, including 355 proposals for a law, and 2,071 considered amendments.

In the reporting period, there was a noticeable interest of the expert and general public for the work of the working bodies. In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, 1,640 participations were recorded at meetings of the working bodies in accordance with Article 67 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament. This Article stipulates that representatives of proposers of acts participate in the work of the committee, as well as submitters of amendments to the proposal of act considered at the meeting. Otherwise, consideration of proposals of act is postponed. This article also specifies that representatives of the Government, representatives of scientific and expert institutions, other legal entities and non-governmental organizations, as well as experts and scientists, may participate in the work of the committee, upon invitation and without a right to vote.

The following is the analysis of data on the work of the working bodies of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, with comparable data for 2012.

Table no. 7 – Meetings of the working bodies in 2012 and 2013

	Number of meetings	Duration of meetings (in hours)	Duration of meetings (in days)	Number of considered items of the agenda	Number of considered proposals for a law	Number of considered amendments
2012	178	341 h 24 min	190	615	244	861
2013	369	691 h 30 min	395	1.131	355	2.071

Graphic overview of comparative data on the work of working bodies in 2012 and 2013

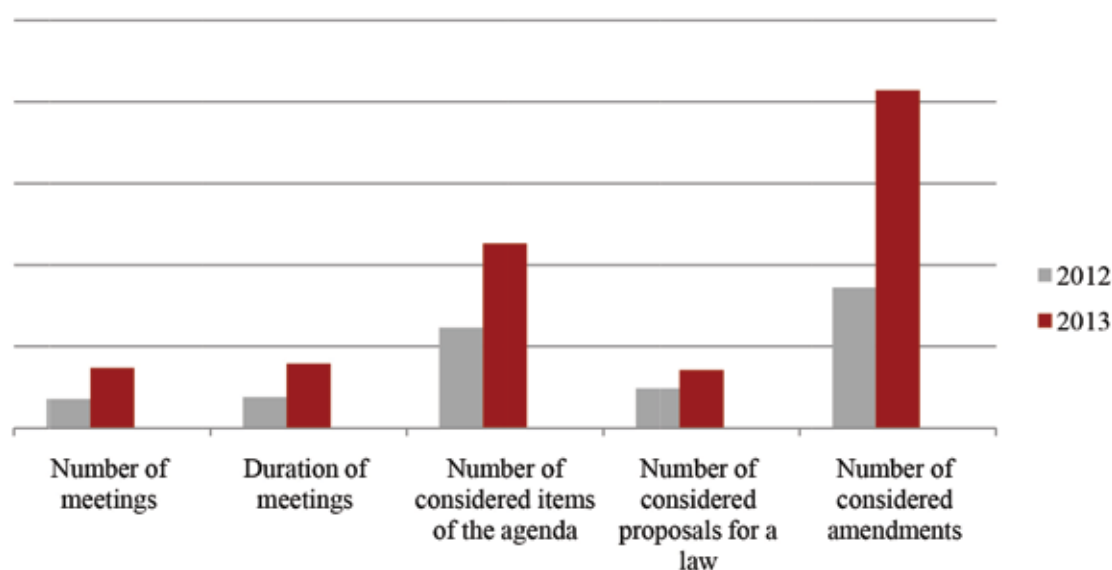


Table no. 8 – Statistical data on meetings of working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013

	No. of meetings	Duration of meetings (in hours)	Duration of meetings (in days)	No. of considered items of the agenda	No. of considered proposals for a law	No. of considered amendments ¹²	Attendance/ Participation in accordance with Art. 67 of the Rules of Procedure
Constitutional Committee	19	35 h and 28 min	22	13	-	-	-
Legislative Committee	45	64 h and 40 min	44	264	157	1.268	154
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	41	69 h and 15 min	45	100	28	187	139
Security and Defence Committee	14	40 h and 57 min	18	35	5	24	64
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	19	37 h and 45 min	19	71	34	-	57
Committee on European Integration	17	33 h and 5 min	19	38	1	2	60
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	42	126 h and 50 min	46	197	69	230	347
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	21	37 h and 45 min	21	70	3	17	188
Gender Equality Committee	27	37 h and 35 min	34	44	10	-	291
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	18	19 h and 5 min	18	38	13	70	69
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	26	36 h and 20 min	22	39	10	123	54
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	35	70 h and 40 min	37	81	21	150	122
Anti-corruption Committee	13	22 h and 25 min	14	28	4	-	19
Administrative Committee	21	29 h and 20 min	23	89	-	-	23
Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatization Process	11	30 h and 20 min	13	24	-	-	53
TOTAL	369	691 h and 30 min	395	1.131	355	2.071	1.640

3.2.1 CONTROL AND CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS

Within the oversight role, working bodies of the Parliament regularly conduct hearings of representatives of state bodies and other persons on various topics. At the meetings of working bodies, 15 control and 28 consultative hearings were held in 2013, out of which two control and two consultative hearings were held at the committees' joint meetings.

¹² Same amendment may be considered by several working bodies. An amendment submitted by the proposer of a law and an amendment accepted by the proposer of a law becomes an integral part of the proposal for a law and the Parliament does not decide separately upon it.

CONTROL HEARINGS

Security and Defence Committee conducted, on 22 July, control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor, Minister of the Interior and Director of the National Security Agency regarding the murder case of Duško Jovanović.

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants held, on 22 March, a control hearing of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration regarding the Platform of the Government of Montenegro for dialogue on permanent delimitation with the Republic of Croatia in the region of Prevlaka.

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants held, on 1 October, a control hearing of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro regarding the Decision of the Government of Montenegro to join the Joint Statement on Syria.



Meeting of Committee on International Relations and Emigrants

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget held, on 3 July, a control hearing of the Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor Mr Veselin Vučković, in order to collect information on the possible existence of illegal actions and acting against state interests with regard to the ongoing problem of electricity supply to KAP.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms held, on 17 May, a control hearing of the ECRI National Coordinator for Montenegro, assistant to the Minister for Human and Minority Rights, on the topic “Honoring obligations of Montenegro in the part of recommendations given in the ECRI Report on Montenegro, of February 2012”.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms held, on 25 September, a control hearing of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare and Coordinator of the Coordination Committee for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy for permanent resolution of the issue of displaced and internally displaced persons, with a particular focus on Konik I and II, on the topic: “Implementation of the

Strategy for permanent resolution of the issue of displaced and internally displaced persons in Montenegro, with a particular focus on Konik I and II”.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms held, on 22 October, a control hearing of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare on the topic: “Implementation of Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted regarding the Special Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro on the State of the Mentally Ill Placed in Institutions, and in the context of CPT Report (advisory body of the Council of Europe) following the visit of CPT Mission to Montenegro in February 2013”.

Gender Equality Committee held, on 25 November, a control hearing of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Director of the Police Administration and Assistant to the Minister of Health, on the topic – Implementation of the Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence 2011–2015.

Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports held, on 27 November, a control hearing of the Minister of Education, on topic “Exploitation of Preschool-age Children for Political Party Purposes in the Kindergarten ‘Zvezdani vrt’ in Golubovci”.



Meeting of Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports

Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare held, on 30 September, a control hearing of the Minister of Health, while the following attendees answered questions, upon the invitation of the Committee: Director of the Public Health Institute, President of Municipality of Berane, Director of Water Supply Utility Berane, Assistant Director of Directorate for Transportation, an epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist from Berane and inspector for waters, on the topic “Epidemiological Situation in Berane”.

Anti-corruption Committee held, on 6 February, a control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor and Director of the Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism regarding the Affair Telekom.

Anti-corruption Committee started, on 11 October, a control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor on measures and activities taken by the State Prosecutor's Office regarding the release of audio-recordings and transcripts from the meetings of DPS authorities and bodies, from their release to holding the meeting of the Committee. The control hearing was not completed, because Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor left the meeting.

Anti-corruption Committee started, on 30 December, a control hearing regarding the acquisition of the motel "Zlatica" with contiguous land required to provide facilities for the special and separate unit of the Police Administration. Upon the hearing of the Minister of the Interior and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the meeting was adjourned due to the absence of Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor.

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, at joint meeting of 25 October, held a control hearing of the Minister of Health and Director of the Public Procurement Administration, on topic "Public procurements in the Health Sector".



Joint meeting of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, at their joint meeting of 11 November, held a control hearing of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of the Interior, on topic: "Analysis of functioning of local self-governments".

It was planned for Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration to hold, on 9 April, a control hearing of the Minister of Interior, Supreme State Prosecutor and President of the Supreme Court and Judicial Council, on the topic: "Acting of the Police, Prosecutor's Office and Judiciary in cases which have characteristics of organised crime, with special reference to cases 'Škerović' and 'Šarić – Lončar'". After determining the quorum, the meeting was postponed due to the absence of representatives of parliamentary minority, who had submitted the initiative for holding the control hearing.

CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS

Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration held, on 14 June, a consultative discussion, on topic “Needs for Criminalisation of Acts of Unfounded Enrichment of Public Officials”.

Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration held three consultative hearings of candidates for election of four members of the Judicial Council from among the renowned lawyers (9 December); candidates for election of four members of the Prosecutorial Council from among the renowned lawyers (10 December); and a candidate for election of the Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro, proposed by the Prosecutorial Council (11 December).



Meeting of Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration

Security and Defence Committee held, on 18 December, a consultative hearing of the military and diplomatic representative of Montenegro, Lieutenant Colonel Hajrudin Đerekarc, before assuming the office.

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants held four consultative hearings regarding giving opinion on: the candidate for the position of ambassador of Montenegro to the Republic of Romania and the candidate for the position of ambassador to Moldova, on non-residential basis with the seat in Podgorica (26 July); the candidate for the position of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Montenegro to the Republic of Portugal and the Kingdom of Spain, on non-residential basis with the seat in Podgorica; the candidate for the position of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Montenegro to the Kingdom of Sweden, Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Denmark, on non-residential basis with the seat in Podgorica; and the candidate for the position of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Montenegro to the Hellenic Republic, on residential basis with the seat in Athens (6 December).

Committee on European Integration held nine consultative hearings regarding consideration of 28th, 29th and 30th quarterly reports on overall activities within the EU Stabilisation and Association Process and 7th, 8th and 9th reports on fulfilling obligations arising from the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (11 March); 31st quarterly report on overall activities within the EU Stabilisation and Association Process and presentation of the state-of-affairs in the negotiation accession process of

Montenegro to the EU (17 June); presentation of the activities undertaken within the negotiation chapter 23 – Judiciary and Fundamental Rights (25 July); presentation of the activities undertaken within the negotiation chapter 24 – Justice, Freedom and Security (30 July); consideration of the report on fulfilled obligations in the negotiation chapter 25 – Science and Research, consideration of the report on fulfilled obligations in the negotiation chapter 26 – Education and Culture and consideration of 32nd quarterly report on overall activities within the EU stabilisation and accession process (23 October).

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget held, on 21 October and 11 November, a consultative hearing, on topic “Implementation of the Law on NGOs regarding their funding”. The hearing was attended by the representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Commission for the Allocation of Revenue from Games of Chance, Council for Cooperation of the Government of Montenegro and NGOs and representatives of several NGOs.

Gender Equality Committee held, on 18 November, a consultative hearing of Professor Božena Jelušić and Art Historian Ms Ljiljana Zeković, on the topic “Female Characters in Njegoš’s Opus“, regarding the celebration of the 200 anniversary of the birth of Petar II Petrović Njegoš.

Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports held, on 5 June, a consultative hearing of the Minister of Education, on the topic “Current Situation in Pre-school Education, with the emphasis on Kindergarten in Golubovci”.

Anti-corruption Committee held, on 27 December, a consultative hearing of the Minister of Finance, Director of Tax Administration, Director of the Real-Estate Administration and Chair of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information regarding the removal of Unique Master Citizen Numbers from the webpage of the Central Register of Commercial Entities and Real-Estate Administration.



Meeting of the Anti-corruption Committee

Administrative Committee held four consultative hearings in the procedure of appointing members of the Senate of the State Audit Institution as follows: consultative hearing of four candidates (8 May), consultative hearing of 11 candidates (9 July), consultative hearing of six candidates (5 November) and consultative hearing of eight candidates (16 December).



Meeting of the Administrative Committee

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and Committee on European Integration, at the joint meeting of 29 March, held a consultative hearing on the occasion of considering the 2012 Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

Anti-Corruption Committee and Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, at the joint meeting of 20 December, held a consultative hearing, on the topic: “Independence of the Council and local offence offices through reforming legal framework in part relating to appointments and dismissal from duty of magistrates”; and the Decision on setting up of sub-committee was adopted, which was the first time that a sub-committee has been set up in the Parliament of Montenegro.

Table no. 9 – Control and Consultative hearings at meetings of the working bodies of the Parliament in 2013

Working bodies	Control hearings	Consultative hearings
Constitutional Committee	-	-
Legislative Committee	-	-
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	-	4
Security and Defence Committee	1	1
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	2	4
Committee on European Integration	-	9
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	1	1
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	3	-
Gender Equality Committee	1	1
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	-	-
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	1	1
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	1	-
Anti-Corruption Committee	3	1
Administrative Committee	-	4
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	-	-
Joint meetings		
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	1	-
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	1	-
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and Committee on European Integration	-	1
Anti-Corruption Committee and Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	-	1
TOTAL	15	28

3.2.2 OTHER ACTIVITIES OF WORKING BODIES

In addition to four joint meetings of committees, where two control and two consultative hearings were held, the practice of holding joint meetings of committees on topics of common interest that fall under the competence of two or more committees has been continued.

A joint thematic meeting of **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports** and **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** was held on 26 June, on the occasion of the International Day against drug Abuse, where results of the European school survey project on alcohol and other drugs – ESPAD 2011 were presented.

A joint meeting of **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports** and **Gender Equality Committee**, held on 14 October, was dedicated to the campaign “Every child needs a family”, jointly implemented by the Government of Montenegro, the European Union and UNICEF.

At the joint meeting, held on 14 October, the **Gender Equality Committee** and **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** considered the Strategy for preserving and improving reproductive and sexual health in Montenegro 2013–2020 with the Proposal Action Plan 2014–2015.

At the joint meeting, held on 27 December, **Gender Equality Committee** and **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports** considered the Initiative for introducing compulsory sexual education in the education system of Montenegro, submitted by the Center for Women’s and Peace Education “ANIMA”.

Also, members of **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** and **Legislative Committee** held a joint meeting with the Working Group of the Ministry of Interior, on 4 December, aimed at contributing to the improvement of the text of the Proposal for the Law on Communal Police, while representatives of the mentioned committees met, on 26 September, with members of the expert team and expert of SIGMA to analyse and contribute to a more quality drafting of the Proposal for the Law on Administrative Procedure.



Joint meeting of members of Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and Legislative Committee with the Working Group of the Ministry of Interior

In addition to regular legislative and oversight activities, working bodies of the Parliament, in 2013, organized individual thematic meetings, public debates, conferences, meetings, visits to institutions and organisations and other similar activities. Also, members of working bodies participated in conferences, seminars, round tables and similar activities organized by other organisations and institutions. Some of the most important activities are given below.

Security and Defence Committee

- Members of the Security and Defence Committee participated in the Round table dedicated to the “Second year of application of the Law on Parliamentary Oversight in the Field of Security and Defence“, organized by the NGO “Institute Alternative” with the support of the Centre for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces from Geneva (DCAF), on 12 February, in Podgorica.
- Members of the Committee visited the Special Investigation Unit of the Police Administration, on 28 February.



Members of the Committee visited the Special Investigation Unit of the Police Administration

- Members of the Committee participated in the seminar on gender equality for MPs of the Parliament of Montenegro, organized by the Gender Equality Committee, in cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Montenegro – Democratization Department, on 19 and 20 July, in Bar.
- Committee considered the Information on the state of security on the territory of Municipality Bar, at the first resumption of the 11th meeting, held on 25 July, which was closed to public.
- Members of the Committee, as part of the delegation of the Parliament, participated in the Interparliamentary Conference for Common Foreign and Security Policy and for Common Security and Defence Policy, held in Vilnius, in the Republic of Lithuania, from 4 to 6 September.
- At 13th meeting of the Committee, held on 3 October, respecting the obligation determined through adoption of Conclusions at XI Cetinje Parliamentary Forum “Role of Parliaments in the system of control of weapons export and import” and the Plan of parliamentary oversight for 2013, the Annual Report of the Ministry of Economy on Foreign Trade with Controlled Goods for 2012 was considered.
- At the second resumption of the 11th meeting, held on 19 November, the Committee considered the Information in relation to the affair “Listing” in light of the arrest of Mr Naser Kelmendi.
- Members of the Committee participated in the 15th meeting of the Cetinje Parliamentary

Forum „Strengthening the Oversight Role of Parliament in the Defence and Security Sector“, in the period from 1 to 3 December, in Budva.

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants

- ▶ Committee considered conclusions of Committee on International Relations and Emigrants regarding the issue of permanent delimitation with the Republic of Croatia in the region of Prevlaka, at the resumption of the 6th meeting, held on 29 March, which was closed to public.

Committee on European Integration

- ▶ Members of the Committee were presented with procedures of adoption of negotiation documents in Montenegro and the European Union, at the second resumption of the sixth meeting, held on 30 July.
- ▶ In accordance with its competencies, at meetings in 2013, the Committee considered negotiation positions for Chapter 5 – Public Procurement, Chapter 6 – Commercial Law, Chapter 7 – Intellectual Property Law, Chapter 10 – Information Society and Media, Chapter 23 – Judiciary and fundamental rights, Chapter 24 – Justice, Freedom and Security and Chapter 26 – Education and Culture.
- ▶ The Committee organized two public debates entitled “Montenegro and the EU – Information Society and Media” (17 September) and “Montenegro and the EU – Negotiation Chapters 23 and 24” (4 October), as well as the public debate with students of CHS „Ivan Goran Kovačić“, held in Herceg Novi, on 18 November.



Public debate „Montenegro and the EU – Information Society and Media“

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget

- ▶ Members of the Committee participated in the parliamentary seminar “EU energy policies and its impact to countries in the accession process”, held on 21 February, in Brussels, in the organisation of the European Parliament.
- ▶ The Committee considered the implementation of the Law on Research and Production of

Hydrocarbon, with reference to fiscal policy for activity of production of hydrocarbon, at the 7th meeting, held on 12 March.

- Members of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro held a meeting with the Delegation of the European Parliament Budget Committee, on 5 April, in Podgorica.
- Committee considered the Information on operations of electric power subjects taken upon orders of the Energy Regulatory Agency, at the 10th meeting, held on 27 May. At the same meeting, the Report of the State Audit Institution on auditing of state guarantees of the Government of Montenegro issued in 2010 and 2011 was considered with recommendations of the Institution.
- On 11 June, members of the Committee held a meeting with members of the Senate of the State Audit Institution (SAI) regarding implementation of Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro and Committee on Finance, State Budget and Control of Public Spending of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia held a joint meeting, on 28 October, in Belgrade, in the organisation of Westminster Foundation for Democracy.



Joint meeting of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro and Committee on Finance, State Budget and Control of Public Spending of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

- Members of the Committee participated in the parliamentary seminar “Economic crisis and its impact on the policies of the European Union and countries in the accession process”, held in Brussels, on 25 and 26 November 2013, in the organisation of the European Parliament.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms

- Committee considered the Information on action of the Police Administration in accordance with recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro provided in the Special Report on the state of the facilities of the Police Administration for detaining arrested persons from 2011, at the fourth meeting, held on 6 February. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the Report on Sexual Abuse of Children in Montenegro, submitted by the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro.

- Members of the Committee participated in the meeting of the Gender Equality Committee, on the topic “Post-Millennium consultations, the overview of gender dimensions”, held on 15 March, in the Parliament.
- At the seventh meeting, held on 25 March, the Committee considered Recommendations contained in the PACE Resolution 1890 (2012) “Honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro”, adopted on 27 June 2012 in PACE.
- At the eighth meeting, held on 29 March, the Committee considered the National Report on the State of Human Rights in Montenegro within the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations (period 2008-2012), the Report on the state of human rights by the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro for the purpose of Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations and the Report on Protection of the Rights of the Child composed by 10 non-governmental organisations for the purpose of drafting the National Report on the State of Human Rights in Montenegro within the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations (period 2008–2012).
- Representatives of the Committee participated in the expert debate, on 4 March, in the Parliament, “Human Rights in Montenegro – from the referendum to the beginning of negotiations with the European Union”, organized by the Parliament of Montenegro and NGO Civic Alliance, under the auspices of USAID, which supported the efficient management programme in Montenegro.



Expert debate „Human Rights in Montenegro – from referendum to the beginning of negotiations with the European Union“

- At the 10th meeting, held on 16 May, the Committee considered the Information on international legal procedures against Montenegro before the European Court Of Human Rights, submitted to the Committee by the Representative of Montenegro before the European Court of Human Rights.
- At the 12th meeting, held on 6 June, the Committee considered the Report of the Protector

of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro as the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) on the state in the Remand Prison Podgorica. At the same meeting, the Committee also considered the Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro on the abuse of children on the Internet.

- At the 14th meeting, held on 17 July, the Committee considered the Information on the implementation of the Strategy for improving the position of RAE population in Montenegro 2012–2016 (Implementation of the Ombudsman's Recommendations in respect of education – providing textbooks and Roma Assistants). At the same meeting, the Committee considered the Strategy for Promotion of the Quality of Life of LGBT persons for the period 2013–2018, Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro on the Protection against Discrimination and 2012 Performance Report of the Centre for Development and Preservation of Culture of Minorities of Montenegro.
- At the 15th meeting, held on 25 September, members of the Committee were presented with the Information on Implementation of the Strategy for the fight against human trafficking for 2012–2018 with the Action plan for 2012–2013, in focus of GRETA (CE) recommendations regarding the implementation of CE Convention for the fight against human trafficking.
- At the 16th meeting, held on 25 September, the Committee considered the Information on implementation of Measures from the Action Plan for Improving the Prison System with a reference to Information on Treatment of the Police Administration according the Recommendation of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms provided in the Special Report on the State of Police Administration Premises for Detaining arrested persons from 2011, submitted to Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms by the Police Administration, in line with the Conclusion adopted by the Committee on its forth meeting, held on 6 February 2013.
- At the meeting, held on 25 September, the Committee considered the Information on Implementation of the Anti-discrimination Law.
- The Committee, the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM), and the Institute for Open Society from Budapest held a public debate on 27 September, in the Parliament, on the topic “IPA 2014–2020 and Roma and Egyptian inclusion in Montenegro”.
- At the meeting, held on 11 November, within the activities dedicated to children's rights and promotion of the position of children aimed at protecting them against any type of exploitation, the Committee considered the Report on Results of Conducted Survey on Protection of Children from Exploitation, submitted by the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro.
- At the 21st meeting, held on 17 December, the Committee considered the following: Information on implementation of the National Action Plan for Children for the period 2013–2017; Information on implementation of the Strategy for System of Social and Child Protection in Montenegro for the period 2013–2017; Information on exercising the rights of children with regard to inclusion of children into the education system, especially children with disabilities, in focus of the capacity of institutions competent for exercising of these rights. Information on activities undertaken regarding the 2014 Action plan for adapting facilities of public use for access, movement and use of reduced mobility persons was, also, considered at the meeting.

Gender Equality Committee

- At the invitation of the Committee, on 13 February, MPs and employees in the Service of the Parliament joined billion of women and men all over the planet, in more than 200 states, by dancing to the song “Protest, dance, rise” to mark the global campaign “One billion rises” against women violence for the support to women who suffered violence.
- Committee organized, for the second year in a row, the session of the “Women's Parliament”, on the International Women's Day, 8 March, in order to promote women's human rights in Montenegro, where members of the Government answered the question of representatives of women groups of parliamentary parties and representatives of universities, trade unions, local self-government and non-governmental organizations.



Women's Parliament

- Committee held a thematic meeting “Post-Millennium consultations, the overview of gender dimensions”, on 15 March, in the Parliament.
- Committee held thematic meeting, on 9 April, on the situation of Roma and Egyptian women in Montenegro, with emphases to arranged marriages and with the aim to perceive how public policies provide an answer to the question of improvement of position of this population in Montenegro, as well as informing and including all relevant subjects in finding the solution for combating arranged marriages.
- The Committee organized the Conference “Cooperation of state and non-state stakeholders in implementing the UN Resolution 1325”, in cooperation with the Public Policy Institute and the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Women Police Officers Network in South East Europe and representatives of civil sector, media and academic community, with the support of OSCE and UNDP Missions to Montenegro, which was held on 4 June, in Podgorica.
- At the eighth meeting, held on 10 June, the Committee considered the Report on the state of human rights in Montenegro, which was adopted at the plenary session of the Human Rights Council, held on 7 June, in Geneva, within the second Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations (UPR).
- Committee organized the seminar on gender equality, in cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Montenegro – Department for democratization and support of experts from OSCE Office for democratic institutions and human rights (ODIHR) from Warsaw, which was held on 19 and 20 July, in Bar.
- On the 11th meeting, held on 24 July, the Committee was informed on the implementation of Gender Equality Program IPA 2010, which was implemented by UNDP to Montenegro in partnership with the Ministry for human and minority rights – Department for gender equality issues and the EU Delegation to Montenegro.
- At the 15th meeting of the Committee, held on 18 October, views on improvement of the current legislation regarding quotas for underrepresented sex in the electoral legislation and finding mechanisms to make those more effective were exchanged.
- At the 13th meeting, held on 21 October, the Committee agreed to draft the plan for greater recognition of gender aspect through the work of the Parliament.
- Committee held the 12th meeting on 25 October, in Ostros, municipality of Bar, on the topic of – The Position of Women in Rural Areas and their Political Empowerment. After the meeting, members of the Committee visited the primary school „Đerd Kastrioti Skenderbeg“ and the Ambulance Ostros within the Medical Centre Bar.

- Committee held the meeting on 1 November, in Pljevlja, on the topic of – Economic Empowerment of Women and Women in Politics and Decision-Making. After the meeting, within the visit to Pljevlja, members of the Committee visited Safe House for Women, led by the NGO “Bona Fide”.
- At the meeting, held on 26 November, the Committee was presented with the Report on Women’s Rights in the Western Balkans in the process of accession to the European Union. The Report was presented by the Member of the European Parliament Ms Marije Cornelissen.
- Meeting of the Committee, held on 4 December, was attended by Ms Alexandra Cas Granje, Director of the Directorate General for the EU enlargement, and it was organized on topic of Political participation of women in the accession process to the EU.
- The meeting, held on 5 December, was dedicated to “70 years of political participation of women in Montenegro”, and on occasion of 5 December 1943 – the day of holding the Congress of Women’s Antifascist Front of Montenegro and Boka Kotorska.
- At the meeting, held on 27 December, the Committee considered the Report on fulfilling recommendations of United Nations CEDAW Committee.

Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports

- Committee held, on 29 May, the meeting “Dynamics and quality of work of Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Parliament of Montenegro”.
- Members of the Committee participated in the parliamentary seminar “Youth and education in Balkans”, held on 6 and 7 November, in Brussels, in the organization of the European Parliament.

Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning

- At its 19th meeting, held on 27 December, the Committee considered Information on the activities regarding harmonisation of the national legislation with the European Union acquis, for the chapter 27 – Environment, and Information on the activities regarding harmonisation of the national legislation with the European Union acquis for the following chapters: 11 – Agriculture and rural development; 12 – Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy and 13 – Fisheries.



Meeting of Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning

Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare

- Committee held a thematic meeting, on 25 July, on the occasion of the Proposal for the Law on Providing Blood. At the 17th meeting, held on 26 July, the Committee considered Information from the thematic meeting.
- Committee held thematic meeting, on 10 October, dedicated to international month of fight against breast cancer.
- National Strategy for Employment and Human Resources Development 2012–2015 was considered at the 22nd meeting of the Committee, held on 12 November.
- Committee held thematic meeting on 14 November, dedicated to World Diabetes Day.
- At the 25th meeting, held on 18 November, the Committee considered current situation regarding the strike of the disabled workers in Bijelo Polje, Rožaje and Mojkovac.
- Committee held thematic meeting on 2 December, dedicated to marking 1 December, World AIDS Day.
- Committee held thematic meeting on 4 December, dedicated to marking International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Anti-Corruption Committee

- At the fifth meeting, held on 27 March, the Committee considered the role of the Government in fight against corruption and organised crime in light of obligations set out in the European Commission's 2012 Progress Report on Montenegro and Screening Report for Chapters 23 and 24.
- At the sixth meeting, held on 24 July, the Committee considered Action Plans of the Government of Montenegro for chapters 23 and 24 in part related to judiciary, fight against corruption and organized crime.

Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure

- Privatization procedure of SC (here and after refers to Stock Company) Hotel-Touristic Company "Onogošt" Nikšić was on the agenda of the second meeting of the Commission, which was held on 14 March, 28 March and 18 June.
- Regarding current situation in the "Black Coal Mine", members of the Commission visited, on 13 June, the miners of the "Black Coal Mine" in Berane, who were on strike in the pit "Petnjik".
- After that, the Commission held, on 20 June, a meeting dedicated to control of privatization procedure of the SC "Black Coal Mine" Berane.
The problems of workers in the "Black Coal Mine" were discussed at meetings of Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, the eighth meeting, held on 17 June, ninth meeting, held on 19 June; and 10th meeting, held on 25 June.
- Control of privatisation procedure of SC HTC (here and after refers to Hotel Tourism Company) "Vektra Boka" Herceg Novi was on the agenda of the fourth meeting, held on 18 July, and fifth meeting, held on 29 July.
- Discussion on the control of the privatization procedure of the "Marina Bar" SC Bar was held at the sixth meeting of the Commission, held on 16 September. Also, Initiative by the Commission member to monitor the privatisation procedure of the "New Tobacco Plant" SC Podgorica and "Container terminals and general cargo" SC Bar was adopted.
- The Commission considered the privatization process of "Gornji Ibar Rožaje" SC Rožaje and Forestry Enterprise SC "Rožaje" Rožaje, at the seventh meeting, held on 18 October.
- At the ninth meeting of the Commission, held on 31 October, discussion was held about the current situation, bankruptcy procedure and bankruptcy in the Aluminium Plant Podgorica.

- Commission started control of privatisation procedure of “Montavar Metalac” LLC Nikšić, at the 10th meeting, held on 11 December.
- At its 11th meeting, held on 16 December, the Commission led a discussion regarding the monitoring of the privatisation procedure of “Container Terminals and General Cargo” SC Bar.



Meeting of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure

3.2.3 CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCLUSIONS

From 1 January 2013, when regular and systematic monitoring of the conclusions of the Parliament began, in accordance with the Action Plan for strengthening the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament, 86 conclusions of the Parliament were published in the “Official Gazette of Montenegro”, out of which 42 were adopted in 2013. An overview of activities of working bodies on monitoring the implementation of the Parliament’s conclusions, as well as conclusions and opinions of working bodies, is given below.

In the reporting period, **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** considered the implementation of the conclusions of the Parliament that fall under its competencies (“Official Gazette of Montenegro” No. 39/12) during consideration of the annual Performance Report of the Public Prosecutor’s Office for 2011. Following the consideration and approval of this Report at the Committee meeting, held on 14 June, the Committee, at its 21st meeting, held on 23 July, proposed to the Parliament to adopt eight conclusions regarding the Performance Report of the Public Prosecutor’s Office and the Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council for 2012. At the 10th Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013, the Report did not obtain the required majority of votes.

With regard to the Annual Performance Report of Courts for 2011, the Committee did not propose

conclusions because, according to the then valid provisions of the Law on Judicial Council, its consideration and justification was not stipulated by the law. Following the amendments to the Law on Judicial Council in 2012, the Annual Performance Report of Courts was returned for reconsideration to the Committee and the plenum. Following its consideration at the Committee's meeting, also held on 14 June 2013, this Report did not obtain the required majority of votes.

Also, at its 20th meeting, held on 18 July, Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration proposed to the Parliament to adopt 11 conclusions regarding the 2012 Annual Report of Judicial Council on Performance of Courts in Montenegro. At the 10th Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013, the 2012 Annual Report of Judicial Council on Performance of Courts in Montenegro did not obtain the required majority of votes.

Following the control hearing of Mr Raško Konjević, Minister of Interior and Mr Radoje Žugić, Minister of Finance, on the topic: "Analysis of functioning of local self-governments", at their joint meeting of 11 November 2013, Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget proposed to the Parliament to adopt seven conclusions.

In the reporting period, the **Security and Defence Committee** adopted 38 conclusions and considered implementation of 12 previously adopted conclusions of the Committee, relating among other things, to the control hearing on the listings case "Keljmendi" and "Šarić"; control hearing on murder case of Mr Duško Jovanović; road safety and operations of the traffic police; informing on the state of safety in the territory of the Municipality of Bar; and the work and technical equipment of the Department for Special Verification at the Police Administration; work of the Ministry of Defence with regard to destruction of excess of weapons and military equipment; as well as the integrated system of see surveillance; and equipping the members of the traffic police; the status of protection and rescue systems, with focus on strengthening the capacities of the Aviation and Helicopter units of the Ministry of the Interior and the work of the National Security Agency.

Committee on European Integration, at its third meeting, held on 19 February, adopted five conclusions, which were, to some extent, later, reconsidered at the fifth meeting, held on 17 June, when two initiatives addressed to the Collegium of the President of the Parliament were also adopted. With reference to conclusions adopted at the third meeting of Committee on European Integration, held on 19 February, the Committee renewed the initiative from its seventh meeting, held on 16 September, with regard to reconsideration of the need for determining the degree of secrecy of documents.

At its tenth meeting of 7 October, Committee on European Integration adopted a conclusion that secretaries of lead committees should be included in consideration of draft negotiating positions to provide their expertise and suggestions and distribute the positions to the members of their committees. This approach of the Committee is based on the Conclusion adopted by the Committee on its third meeting (of 19 February), emphasising the need for enabling MPs and staff of lead committees to attend the meetings of Committee on European Integration where negotiating positions within their competencies are considered, as well as to provide them information on draft negotiating positions under the same terms valid for Committee on European Integration; the approach is also based on the initiative from the fifth meeting of the Committee, held on 17 June, regarding the participation of Parliament's staff in the negotiation structures.

At its 6th meeting (resumption) of 29 March, **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants** reached five conclusions relating to control hearing of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Mr Igor Lukšić, regarding the Platform of the Government of Montenegro for dialogue on permanent delimitation with the Republic of Croatia in the region of Prevlaka.

At the 16th meeting of 1 October, apart from control hearing of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Government of Montenegro and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Mr Igor Lukšić, on Decision of the Government of Montenegro to join the Joint Statement on Syria, the Committee also discussed implementation of the conclusions adopted on its sixth meeting, regarding delimitation with the Republic of Croatia in the region of Prevlaka, taking unanimous position that in 2014 a special meeting should be organised in order to discuss the implementation of the reached conclusions.

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget considered in three stages, during three of its meetings, the implementation of conclusions that the Parliament of Montenegro adopted at the Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2012 of 28 December (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 04/13), regarding the consideration of the proposal of financial plans along with work plans of independent regulatory bodies for 2013. Considering the implementation of these conclusions, relating to the independent regulatory bodies and the Central Bank of Montenegro, within the necessary rationalisation of spending, the Committee proposed measures aimed at reducing spending, which resulted in amending financial plans of six independent regulatory bodies. The Committee supported proposals for amending the plans adopted by the Parliament on 28 May – thus implementing the conclusions adopted in December 2012.

Bearing in mind an adverse socio-economic environment predicted for the following year, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, during consideration of proposals of financial plans with work plans for 2014 of six independent regulatory bodies (40th and 42nd Committee meeting, held on 16 and 27 December 2013 respectively), requested regulators to correct the proposals for 2014 financial plans, following the conclusions adopted by the Parliament of Montenegro (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 04/13), which relate to 2013 plans. The regulators acted according to the requests of the Committee. The Parliament of Montenegro, at the Eighth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session, of 27 December 2013, adopted proposals for financial plans together with work plans of six independent regulatory bodies for 2014.

At the meeting, held on 4 February 2013, the Committee recommended to the Central Bank of Montenegro to further cut executive salaries in order to streamline business expenses. At its meeting, held on 4 June, 2012 Annual Performance Report of the Central Bank was considered and the Committee was informed that the Central Bank observed the conclusion of the Parliament (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 04/13), as well as the previous recommendations of the Committee.

At its Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2012 of 28 December 2012, convened to consider the Proposal for the 2013 Budget Law of Montenegro, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted ten conclusions (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 4/13), out of which the consideration of implementation of eight conclusions was planned for the special meeting of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, as a lead working body of the Parliament in charge of issues covered by conclusions.

On 2 April, the Chairperson of the Committee sent letters to the Government of Montenegro and the Ministry of Finance, requesting information on action undertaken in accordance with these conclusions. With that regard, the Committee received: Information on the implementation of the Parliamentary Conclusions (12 April 2013); Information on Indicators of Financial State of Local Self-Government in 2012 (29 May 2013), and Information on the Level of Earnings of Employees in Legal Entities, Joint-Stock Companies and Limited Liability Companies where the state has a majority share (29 May 2013). Following the re-address of the Chairperson of the Committee to the Ministry of Finance, of 27 June, requesting the Information on the implementation of previously cited conclusions for the second quarter of the current year, the updated Information on the implementation

of parliamentary conclusions was delivered on 10 July, along with the Analysis of effect of fiscal adjustment measures on the revenue and the expenditure side, the Urging of the Ministry of Finance addressed to municipalities to deliver fiscal consolidation plans and the Decision on establishing the working group for the analysis of the existing model of taxation of natural persons' income, profits and real estate in terms of considering the introduction of a progressive taxation model.

At the meeting of 12 July, after examining the above information and the discussion, the Committee tackled the first stage of consideration of implementation of conclusions 3–10 and stated that conclusions were implemented with a delay, partly implemented, were still under implementation or that they were not implemented. With regard to the conclusion number nine, the Minister of Finance notified the Committee that there was no reference to this conclusion in the Information, since its implementation fell under the competencies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. Chairperson of the Committee addressed an official letter to the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, on 24 September, and requested that Information on the level of implementation of conclusion number nine be submitted to the Committee by 5 October, and communicated to the Ministry of Finance. It was agreed that the Committee would continue to monitor the implementation of the said conclusions and determine the final position pending the submission of the Proposal for 2014 Budget Law of Montenegro.



The second phase of implementation of the conclusions was considered by the Committee members at the 36th meeting, of 28 November, based on the Information on implementation of Parliament's conclusions for the third quarter of 2013. Based on the submitted information and discussion carried out in two phases, the Committee evaluated the level of implementation of conclusions regarding the consideration of the Proposal for the 2013 Budget Law of Montenegro, stating that the conclusions were not completely observed. With that regard, the Committee stated that out of eight conclusions two were implemented, two were in the final phase of implementation, two were being continuously implemented, while one conclusion was not implemented. It was noted that due to a dispute over the competences

between the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the submitted materials had no reference to the level of implementation of conclusion number nine, which recommended to the Government, inter alia, to undertake concrete measures with the aim of settling claims of employees, based on the final and enforceable court decisions, as was the case with former workers of “Radoje Dakić”. The Committee assessed that the Government needed to continue monitoring the implementation of all Parliament’s conclusions – which were not implemented or were in the drafting phase.

At its 42nd meeting of 27 December, following the consideration of the Proposal for 2014 Budget Law of Montenegro, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget proposed to the Parliament to adopt two conclusions. At its Eighth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2013 of 27 December, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the concerned conclusions.

Additionally, at the Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2012, held on 28 December, regarding the consideration of the Proposal for 2011 Final Budget Statement of Montenegro and the Annual Report on Performed Audits and Activities of the State Audit Institution for the period October 2011 – October 2012, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted conclusions structured into 17 items, supporting findings and recommendations of the State Audit Institution and pointing to deficiencies that needed to be eliminated before the submission of the 2012 Final Budget Statement of Montenegro (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 1/13). These conclusions, among other things, envisage that the Government should report quarterly to the Parliament on the implementation of recommendations of the State Audit Institution, which was the reason Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget requested the Government to report on the level of implementation of overdue conclusions. On 24 June, the Government submitted to Committee the Information on the implementation of the Action Plan for implementation of recommendations of the State Audit Institution.

In order to implement parliamentary conclusions, the Government adopted the Action Plan for Implementation of Recommendations of the State Audit Institution, appointed relevant institutions and determined the implementation deadlines. In accordance with the conclusion 15, the Government submitted to the Committee two quarterly information on the implementation of recommendations of the State Audit Institution, while the information for the third quarter is expected. The Committee also requested from the State Audit Institution to submit the Report on the implementation of the mentioned parliamentary recommendations in order to examine the level of implementation at a special meeting.

Audit of the 2011 Final Budget Statement of Montenegro covered 22 subjects, with a total of 47 recommendations, within 14 areas, which, according to the State Audit Institution, would contribute to the improvement of business operations of budget beneficiaries and solidification of financial discipline. The conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro are structured into 17 items. The Committee stated that, in accordance with conclusion 15, the Government of Montenegro adopted the Action Plan for implementation of recommendations of the State Audit Institution, structured into 14 areas, and also determined relevant institutions and set deadlines for the implementation, at its meeting of 29 November. On 24 June, 23 September and 6 December 2013, Ministry of Finance submitted to the Committee the information on implementation of the Action Plan for implementation of recommendations of the State Audit Institution for first, second and third quarter of 2013. In the light of annual report of the State Audit Institution for the period October 2012 – October 2013, which in the chapter II included a detailed report on the implementation of the conclusions, and bearing in mind three quarterly reports of the Ministry of Finance on the implementation of the Action Plan for implementation of recommendations of the State Audit Institution, as well as discussions from the 36th and 37th Committee meetings, held on 28 and 29 November and 9 December, the Committee stated that out of the total of 47 recommendations, 7 were fully implemented, 25 partially implemented and 12 were not implemented. Two recommendations were

in the drafting phase, while it was not possible to implement one recommendation during the reporting period. The Committee assessed that the Government needed to continue monitoring the implementation of all parliamentary conclusions supporting recommendations of the State Audit Institution – which were not implemented or were in the drafting phase.

At the Third Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of 30 April 2013, regarding consideration of the Information on manner of implementation of the parliamentary conclusions of 29 February 2012, related to the JSC Aluminium Plant Podgorica, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted nine conclusions (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 21/13). In order to implement the conclusions, the meeting of the delegation of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget (four MPs) with the members of the Senate of the State Audit Institution was held on 11 June, where modalities of involvement of the State Audit Institution were discussed. Following the meeting, it was concluded that, in order to make conclusions operational, it would be necessary for a member of the Board of Directors of KAP and the representative of the Government of Montenegro to provide conditions, in accordance with Article 32 of the Law on Business Enterprises, for submitting the necessary documents upon the request of the State Audit Institution in order to perform the requested audits.

At the meeting, held on 10 June, regarding the consideration of the Report of the State Audit Institution on the audit of the “State Guarantees of the Government of Montenegro issued in 2010 and 2011”, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, apart from the conclusions of the Parliament, determined seven assessments and positions, which, among other things, envisaged holding of a control hearing regarding the escalation of the problem with functioning of the energy system of Montenegro. At the meeting, held on 14 June, the Committee adopted the Decision on Holding of the Control Hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor in order to collect information on the possible existence of illegal actions and violation of state interests with regard to the ongoing problem of the functioning of the energy system of Montenegro. The control hearing was held on 3 July. Apart from two deputies of the Supreme State Prosecutor, the meeting was also attended by the representatives of State Audit Institution. Among other things, the Committee concluded that KAP was facing major problems due to 2009 Settlement Contract; that it had not been possible to stop supplying the electricity to KAP, having in mind the Rulebook on Buildings, Facilities and Devices; no relevant economic analysis had been conducted that could confirm the justification of issuing guarantees to KAP; also that it would be necessary to review the circumstances under which the KAP guarantees had been issued, as well as the circumstances under which the unauthorised electricity supply from the European interconnection had occurred. On 1 October, the Chairperson of the Committee sent a letter to the Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor where he highlighted that three months had passed since the control hearing and requested that the Committee be notified on the further course of action and undertaken activities regarding the illegal electricity supply to KAP and procedure of issuing the state guarantees, to the extent which could not jeopardise the course of the investigation.

Under the item 3 of the assessments and positions, the audit subjects (Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance and the State Aid Control Commission) were tasked to notify the Committee on the implementation of the State Audit Institution recommendations within 45 days from the day of the consideration of the Audit Report on “State Guarantees of the Government of Montenegro issued in 2010 and 2011”. Only the State Aid Control Commission notified the Committee on the possibilities of implementation of the said recommendations. The deadline expired on 26 July.

At the 32nd meeting, held on 4 November, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget considered the implementation of conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro related to the Aluminium Plant JSC Podgorica (KAP), published in the “Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 21/13. The meeting

was attended by the representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Senate of the State Audit Institution, Bankruptcy Administration of KAP, Montenegrobonus LTD, Trade Union Organisation of Workers in Aluminium Production, Trade Union of Steelworkers of Montenegro – Trade Union of the Aluminium Plant Podgorica, Independent Trade Union of Bauxite Mine and Trade Union of Bauxite Mine.

At the 42nd meeting, held on 27 December, based on the discussion from the 32nd meeting, the Committee proposed to the Parliament to adopt the conclusion “to form an expert team made up of domestic and foreign experts, who would, by 20 October 2013, submit the study of long-term sustainability and development of the aluminium industry in Montenegro for adoption to the Parliament of Montenegro; provide all the conditions necessary for full respect of legal obligations and obligations envisaged in the collective agreement to the KAP and Bauxite Mines employees, as well as for settlement of existing obligations incurred based on the employment rights; and that the State Audit Institution, in accordance with the law, perform an audit of debts of KAP and submit a special report to the Parliament and the Government by 31 May 2013”. Since the above Conclusions were not implemented in due time, the Parliament insisted that the Government of Montenegro, or the State Audit Institution fully complied with the said conclusion of the Parliament. On 27 December, at the 8th Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the said conclusion.

At the 21st meeting, held on 26 July, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget proposed to the Parliament five conclusions regarding the consideration of 2012 Performance Report of the Commission for Concessions, which the Parliament adopted at the Eighth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session, held on 30 July.

At the 34th meeting, held on 19 and 20 November and 6 December 2013, regarding the consideration of the following: Performance Report of the Investment and Development Fund JSC for 2012 with the Report of the Independent Auditor on Auditing of Financial Statements of the Fund for 2012, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget proposed to the Parliament to adopt six conclusions; for the Performance Report of the Financial Stability Forum of Montenegro in 2012, the Committee proposed to the Parliament to adopt six conclusions; and for the Performance Report of the Deposit Insurance Fund for 2012, the Committee proposed to the Parliament to adopt five conclusions. On 20 November, at the Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the above conclusions.

At the 42nd meeting, held on 27 December, regarding the consideration of the Decision on accepting the annex to the long-term land lease agreement, signed between the Government of Montenegro and the Northstar Consortium LLC Podgorica and the Equest Capital Limited Jersey, UK, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget proposed to the Parliament to adopt the conclusion. On 27 December, at the Eighth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the above conclusion.

In accordance with the 2013 Activity Plan, at the 16th meeting, held on 25 September, **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms** considered the Information on implementation of the Action Plan measures for promotion of the prison system with regard to the Information on action of the Police Administration in accordance with recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro provided in the Special Report on the state of the facilities of the Police Administration for detaining arrested persons from 2011, which the Police Administration had submitted to Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, in accordance with the Conclusion that the Committee had adopted at its 4th meeting, held on 6 February. Following the discussion, the Committee unanimously supported the Information and decided to draft a conclusion, which would be submitted to the Collegium of the

President of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior and the Police Administration.

At the 18th meeting, held on 22 October, **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms** held a control hearing of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare. The topic of the control hearing was: “Implementation of Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/11), adopted on the occasion of consideration of the Special Report of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro on the State of Mentally Ill Persons Placed in Institutions against the Background of CPT report (advisory body of the Council of Europe) following the visit of CPT to Montenegro, in February 2013”. In accordance with Article 77 paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Committee drafted and submitted to the Parliament the Report on the control hearing of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, with the proposal of conclusion.

At its second meeting, held on 25 March, **Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports** formulated three conclusions, one of which referred to holding of the consultative hearing of the Minister of Education, held on 5 June, on the topic: “Current situation in pre-school education, with special emphasis on the kindergarten in Golubovci”.

Following the control hearing of the Minister of Health Mr Miodrag Radunović, at its 20th meeting, held on 30 September, on the topic “Epidemiological Situation in Berane”, **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** adopted five conclusions. At the meeting, held on 3 December, the Committee adopted the Control Hearing Report with conclusions. As the conclusions (one and four) relate to specific institutions, the Report was addressed to the Supreme State Prosecutor, Basic State Prosecutor’s Office in Berane, and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in order to inform the Committee on the undertaken activities.

At the resumption of the fifth meeting, held on 16 September, the **Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure** adopted four conclusions with regard to the control of the privatisation procedure of HTC “Onogošt” SC Nikšić. Subsequently, the Commission implemented two conclusions, number 2 and 3, by addressing the authorised state bodies – through submitting initiatives to Supreme State Prosecutor’s Office and Police Administration, as well as the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism and bankruptcy administrator in the concerned bankruptcy process.

3.2.4 WORKING GROUP FOR BUILDING TRUST IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of 31 May 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted Conclusions on Building Trust in the Electoral Process (“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 26/13), upon the proposal of 28 MPs.

A special working group was set up, on the basis of the Conclusions, for achieving full insight into the activities of bodies which are competent to resolve citizens’ requests, and are related to acquisition and exercise of voting right (issuing of identity card, registration and cancellation of residence, admission to and release from Montenegrin citizenship, records from the register of births and deaths, etc.), with the right of insight to all data, documents and information which would contribute to building trust in the electoral process and are necessary for accuracy and updating of the voters register. The task of the working group was to analyse and assess the need to prepare proposals for amending: Electoral Register Law, Law on Identity Card, Law on Registers of Temporary and Permanent Residence, Law on Election of Councillors and Representatives, Law on Financing of Political Parties and Law on Montenegrin Citizenship, based on their own observations and recommendations of the OSCE/

ODIHR and the Council of Europe, and taking into account the standards of the European Union standards in this field.



Meeting of the Working Group for Building Trust in the Election Process

Following the adoption of proposals for amendments to the concerned laws, the Parliament of Montenegro will constitute the Working Group as a temporary working body, which will have competences of parliamentary oversight over the work of state authorities, state administration bodies and local self-government bodies.

Working Group for Building Trust in the Electoral Process held 34 meetings by the end of 2013. The meetings were open to public, with a constant press coverage and reporting in Montenegro. By the end of the year, the Working Group did not determine the proposals for laws on amendments to planned laws, while expertise from the European Commission through TAIEX was agreed for the beginning of 2014.

IV PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

Numerous activities of the President, vice presidents and delegations of the Parliament of Montenegro on the international level were recorded in 2013. The intensity and comprehensiveness of international activities contribute to the quality of the established and achievement of even closer parliamentary cooperation, within which representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro exchanged opinions, experiences and best practice on current issues, with special emphasis on the accession process to the European Union.

In the period 1 January – 31 December 2013, numerous visits were organised to states, parliaments, foreign and international organisations and other institutions. The Parliament of Montenegro hosted a number of high officials and representatives of parliaments, foreign and international organisations, delegations from European, regional and world countries. The important part of parliamentary cooperation was achieved through parliamentary friendship groups, participation in the conferences and similar activities – especially those organised within the presidency of the European Union, and other forms of bilateral cooperation, as well.

Standing delegations of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the work of NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), and continuous cooperation was achieved through regional initiatives – South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP), Central European Initiative (CEI), Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII) and Cetinje Parliamentary Forum (CPF), and through Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States participating in the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP) and Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD).

A significant part of the parliamentary cooperation was conducted through the European Union – Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC), established as a joint body of the Parliament of Montenegro and European Parliament.

At the international level, particular importance has election of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro as President of OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the world's largest regional parliamentary forum, that gathers representatives of 57 countries of Europe, Central Asia and North America. President of the Parliament of Montenegro was elected OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President at the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE PA, held in Istanbul, in the period 29 June – 3 July.



The Parliament of Montenegro hosted Autumn Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Budva, in the period 13–15 October. Autumn Meeting, which gathered around 400 participants from 57 countries, was dedicated to topics such as: role of the OSCE in promoting protection of human rights, countering terrorism and transnational threats, security effects of the economic crisis and integration of diverse societies. The Mediterranean Forum was held within the Autumn Session, as well as meeting of the Standing Committee and meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Bureau.



This chapter contains information on the Parliament's activities in the field of European integration, incoming visits of representatives of other countries and parliaments, outgoing visits to other countries and parliaments, standing delegations, regional initiatives, as well as information on cooperation of the Parliament with foreign and international organisations.

4.1 EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

The process of integration of Montenegro to the European Union, in 2013, was marked by opening of negotiations with the European Union for chapters 23 – Judiciary and fundamental rights and 24 – Justice, freedom and security, at the Intergovernmental Conference of Montenegro and EU, held in Brussels, on 18 December. Montenegro is the first candidate country for which the new approach in negotiations was introduced and that entails that chapters 23 and 24 are opened at the very beginning and closed at the end of the negotiating process.

In 2013, the screening stage – analytical overview and assessment of compliance of Montenegro's legislation with the *acquis*, was completed for the following chapters: 1 – Free movement of goods, 2 – Freedom of movement for workers, 4 – Free movement of capital, 9 – Financial services, 10 – Information society and media, 12 – Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, 13 – Fisheries, 14 – Transport policy, 15 – Energy, 16 – Taxation, 17 – Economic and monetary policy, 18 – Statistics, 19 – Social policy and employment, 21 – Trans-European networks, 27 – Environment, 28 – Consumer and health protection, 29 – Customs union, 30 – External relations, 31 – Foreign, security and defence policy, 32 – Financial control and 33 – Financial and budgetary provisions. Representatives of the Parliamentary Service, as members, participated in all working groups, which was also the first time that a parliament of a candidate country participated in the screening phase – which ended in June 2013. Knowledge and information acquired by the parliamentary staff have been very useful in providing expert support to MPs in the exercise of their legislative and oversight functions.

At the Intergovernmental conference of Montenegro and EU, held in Brussels, on 15 April, the Chapter

26 – Education and Culture was opened and temporarily closed. Additionally, apart from chapters 23 and 24, at the Intergovernmental conference of 18 December, negotiations for chapters 5 – Public procurement, 6 – Company law and 20 – Enterprise and industrial policy were opened.

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro of 2012 envisaged establishment of Committee on European Integration, which was set up in 2012. Competences of Committee on European Integration, as defined in the Rules of the Procedure, include monitoring accession negotiations of Montenegro to the European Union; monitoring and assessing the course of negotiations and giving opinions and guidelines on prepared negotiating positions, on behalf of the Parliament; considering information on the negotiation process and considering and giving opinions on issues raised during the negotiations; and considering and assessing functioning of the negotiation team. Also, the amendments to the Rules of Procedure expanded the competencies of a number of committees, enabling seven lead committees to monitor and evaluate, within their competencies, application of laws, especially laws that underpin obligations harmonised with European Union law.

In 2013, Committee on European Integration held 15 independent meetings and two joint meetings with Committee on International Relations and Emigrants – which was also established following the amendments to the Rules of Procedure. During the meetings, the Committee, *inter alia*, considered the draft negotiating positions for seven chapters and gave a positive opinion on five of them. While considering the draft negotiating positions for chapters 10 and 23, the Committee adopted proposals for amending positions, which were subsequently changed accordingly.

Active participation of the Parliament of Montenegro and its Committee on European Integration in the negotiations with the EU imposed the need for a clear definition of the relationship between the Parliament and the Government in this process. During 2013, several initiatives were launched for the adoption of a document which would address this issue comprehensively and strengthen the role of Parliament in the negotiations. These activities successfully resulted in the adoption of the Resolution on Manner, Quality and Pace of the Integration Process of Montenegro to the European Union, at the Eighth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Parliament, held on 27 December 2013. The Resolution granted a more active role to Committee on European Integration, which, on behalf of the Parliament, communicates with the Government in the process of adopting negotiating positions, within its competences established by the Rules of Procedure.

In October 2013, the European Commission published 2013 Progress Report on Montenegro, which encompasses a time period from October 2012 to September 2013. The key findings of the report stated that Montenegro made progress towards establishing a functioning market economy, improved the ability to take on the obligations resulting from membership in the EU and continued to sufficiently meet the political criteria. The part of the report referring to the work of the Parliament, *inter alia*, stated that the transparency of work was further improved, while administrative and expert capacities were reinforced. Furthermore, oversight role of Parliament was strengthened, wherein it was assessed that it was necessary to improve the follow-up to the conclusions adopted by parliamentary committees.

Within parliamentary diplomacy in the European integration, it is important to emphasise participation of MPs and parliamentary staff in numerous parliamentary meetings organised under the semi-annual presidencies of the Republic of Ireland and Republic of Lithuania, and boosting of parliamentary cooperation with European Union member states and regional countries.

The Parliament of Montenegro has established a very successful cooperation with the European Parliament. On 18 April 2013, the European Parliament adopted the Resolution on 2012 Progress Report on Montenegro, welcoming the decision of the Council on opening accession negotiations. Furthermore, the EP welcomed strengthening of the Parliament's oversight role, emphasising the need

for further strengthening of capacities in terms of adopting laws, parliamentary oversight over the implementation and consultation with civil sector. At the same time, the EP invited the Parliament of Montenegro to participate more actively in the accession negotiations.

As part of cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and European Parliament, a study visit was agreed, for early 2014, for members of Committee on European Integration to EU institutions in Brussels, under the EP's programme intended for national parliaments of the Western Balkans countries. Also, within one-month internship program of the European Parliament, for the first time, a staff member of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro had an opportunity to stay in this institution. Montenegrin parliamentary delegations continued to participate regularly in seminars organised by the European Parliament, intended for MPs and staff of national parliaments of Western Balkans countries.

The European Union – Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC), founded in 2010, after the Stabilisation and Association Agreement came into force, is a significant form of cooperation. It is composed of 14 members from both the Parliament of Montenegro and European Parliament.



Sixth meeting of the SAPC was held on 29 and 30 April, in the Parliament of Montenegro. The discussion was focused on the topics of fight against organised crime and corruption, including strengthening the role of the Parliament in the process; media sector – legal framework and recent developments; recent elections – lessons learnt and European Union; Eurozone and Montenegro – developments after the financial crisis. Following two-day work, the SAPC adopted recommendations confirming the progress achieved within the process of Montenegrin accession to the EU and identified areas where additional efforts should be made with the aim of fulfilling European standards necessary for full-fledged membership to the European Union.

At the seventh meeting of the SAPC, held in Strasbourg, on 11 and 12 December 2013, a number of issues was considered, namely: state of play of the accession negotiations and EU – Montenegro relations; implementation of legislation in the field of fight against organised crime and judicial practice; instruments for fight against corruption and organised crime, including policies and practice regarding public procurement, protection of investigative journalists and whistle-blowers; and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Following two-day work, members of the SAPC adopted Declaration with recommendations, welcoming the progress of Montenegro towards the European Union, especially in the light of opening negotiation chapters 23 and 24 and urging relevant institutions to continue efforts for further improving in the areas considered by the SAPC.

For the purpose of improving the course of negotiations, the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2013 envisaged a set of activities related to the role of Committee on European Integration. One of these focused on further improving transparency of negotiations, envisaging that Committee on European Integration, in cooperation with lead committees, organise thematic forums on certain negotiation chapters, in the form of public debates, roundtables etc. Accordingly, during 2013, two panel discussions were held, as well as one public debate with high school students and representatives of local self-governments. Additionally, the Committee opened accounts on social networking sites Facebook and Twitter, with the aim of quality and dynamic exchange of information and views with citizens on the accession process of Montenegro to the European Union.

Representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in two meetings of Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), held during the time of Irish presidency of EU (27–28 January and 24–25 June) and both meetings organised within Lithuanian presidency (7–8 July and 28–29 October).

Representatives of the Parliament participated in another six parliamentary meetings, organised during Irish presidency of the European Union, namely meetings of: committees on finance; committees on agriculture and fisheries; committees on employment, entrepreneurship, innovation and social issues; committees on environment and energy; committees on communication, education and transport, as well as Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). In addition, they participated in four parliamentary meetings during Lithuanian presidency of the European Union, namely CFSP



and CSDP conferences, Inter-parliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union and Meeting of the Chairpersons of Committees on Environment Protection and Committees on State Administration and Local Authorities Macro-Regional Strategies: Development and Prospects, as well as meeting of chairpersons of foreign affairs committees.

4.2 VISITS OF OTHER STATES REPRESENTATIVES

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

In the reporting period, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić hosted a number of officials and representatives of parliaments, foreign and international organisations, including the following:

- Meeting with President of the Republic of Serbia Mr Tomislav Nikolić, on 18 January. On the occasion, the interlocutors pointed out the need for further strengthening of political dialogue of the two countries. In addition, they praised the cooperation of Montenegro and Serbia in the framework of regional initiatives and organisations and at the multilateral plan, as well;
- Visit of the Speaker of the Austrian Parliament Ms Barbara Pramer, on 22 January. Speakers of the two parliaments officially opened “Democracy Workshops” and attended signing of the Memorandum on cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro, ERSTE Foundation and NGO “Forum Youth and Informal Education”;
- Meeting with the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska Mr Igor Radojičić, on 3 February. The interlocutors assessed that cooperation between Montenegro and the Republic of Srpska improved, though there were still areas where that cooperation could further grow;
- Visit of Ambassador Mr Geert Hinrich Ahrens, the head of the OSCE Limited Election Observation Mission, on 6 February. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Ahrens talked about conclusions and recommendations from the OSCE/ODIHR Report, regarding parliamentary elections held, which, in accordance with the Report, had been conducted in fair and democratic atmosphere;

- Meeting with Mr Vjekoslav Bevanda, President of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 26 February. The interlocutors noted that relations between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina served as an excellent example of good neighbourly relations and a model of successful cooperation in the region, as well, which was the best contribution to its development and stability;
- Visit of President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Riccardo Migliori, who paid an official visit to Montenegro, upon the invitation of President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, in the period 27 February – 3 March. On the occasion, apart from the meeting with the President of the Parliament, the President of the OSCE PA attended the Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of the Parliament of Montenegro, held in Old Royal Capital Cetinje, on 1 March;
- Visit of the Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary Mr Laszlo Kever, who paid an official visit to Montenegro, upon the invitation of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, on 6 March. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Kever said that great economic and political relations of Montenegro and Hungary served as a good example of how two countries should cooperate;
- Meeting with Mr Dirk Lange, Head of Unit for Montenegro within the European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement, on 12 March and 8 October. During the meetings, Mr Krivokapić and Mr Lange shared views on current political issues, with reference to the role of the Parliament in the process of European integrations and further challenges ahead of Montenegro in the accession negotiations phase;



Meeting with Mr Dirk Lange, Head of Unit for Montenegro within the European Commission's Directorate General for Enlargement

- Meeting with Assistant Secretary General of NATO for Political Affairs and Security Policy Mr Dirk Brengelmann, on 22 March. On that occasion, results that Montenegro made on the path towards NATO were commended and it was emphasised that this organisation valued commitment of Montenegro in the process. Mr Krivokapić said that NATO accession is one of the key goals that Montenegro had been striving to and thanked for the partnership assistance that NATO provided in Montenegro's defence system reform process;
- Meeting with representatives of the Jewish National Fund, headed by Chairperson of the Board of Directors Mr Efi Stenzler, on 29 March. Cooperation of the state authorities and Jewish Community in Montenegro was noted as excellent, and the possibility of founding the

Jewish Centre in Montenegro was, also, discussed;

- Meeting with Head of PACE Observation Mission for monitoring upcoming elections in Montenegro Mr Christopher Chope, as well as Delegation of observers, on 5 April;
- Visit of Delegation of the European Parliament, composed of Committee on Budget members, headed by MEP Salvador Garriga Polled, on 5 April. President Krivokapić thanked for the full support which the European Parliament provided to Montenegro on its path to the European Union. MEPs voiced pleasure over the continuous progress of Montenegro on its path to the European Union;
- Meeting with President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Wolfgang Grossruk, on 9 April. Mr Krivokapić thanked the OSCE Mission for the support it continuously had been providing to Montenegro in improving all elements that democratic and fair election process depended on;
- Meeting with Chairperson of Committee on European Integrations of the German Bundestag Mr Gunther Krichbaum, on 9 April. It was mutually stated that the responsible approach to realisation of all future phases on the path to the European Union was of a key importance. Additionally, the interlocutors assessed that it was very important to continue good and successful parliamentary and overall cooperation between Montenegro and Germany;
- Visit of Speaker of the Parliament of Iceland Ms Ásta Jóhannesdóttir, who, upon the invitation of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, stayed in Montenegro, in the period 9–12 April. President Krivokapić thanked for friendly relation that Iceland had had towards Montenegro, as well as the help that it provided to Montenegro in the European integration process. Speaker of the Parliament of Iceland Ms Ásta Jóhannesdóttir stated that the Parliament of Montenegro and the Parliament of Iceland were connected by common values, pointing out that in the future they would offer unconditional support to Montenegro on its path to the EU;



Visit of Speaker of the Parliament of Iceland Ms Ásta Jóhannesdóttir

- Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Mr Ivan Mrkić, on 19 April. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Mrkić voiced pleasure over the development of interstate relations, and especially emphasised the importance of further building of mutual trust between Montenegro and Serbia. The interlocutors agreed that economic relations of the two countries carried a great potential for the further development;
- Meeting with Governor of the Chaco Province in the Republic of Argentina Mr Jorge Capitanich, on 20 May. The sides jointly assessed that relations between the two states should be strengthened, cooperation of the two parliaments established and relations between entrepreneurs and investors encouraged. Mr Capitanich said that 100th anniversary from the arrival of the first immigrants from Montenegro would be marked in 2013, and, on that occasion, the cultural centre “Durmitor” would be opened in the Chaco Province;
- Meeting with MP of German Bundestag Mr Andreas Lämmele and Ambassador of Germany Mr Pius Fischer, on 30 May. The interlocutors shared opinions on current political situation in Montenegro, with special reference to key tasks that the state would face in negotiations with the European Union;
- Meeting with the Prince Albert II of Monaco, on 20 June. The topic of conversation was intensifying a number of cooperation forms 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 states, resulting not only from their size, but, also, from their historical statehood;
- Visit of co-rapporteurs of Council of Europe Monitoring Committee Ms Nursuna Memecan and Mr Kimmo Sasi, on 8 July. President of the Parliament thanked for the visit and constructive help that PACE Mission provided to Montenegro;
- Meeting with Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Mr Alex Petriashvili, on 16 July. They spoke about cooperation between Montenegro and Georgia, with special emphasis on common aspirations for membership to the European Union and NATO;
- Meeting with Minister of Justice of the Republic of Slovakia Mr Tomáš Borec, on 19 July. Mr Krivokapić thanked to the Republic of Slovakia for the help in the field of European integration, which had been logistic, expert and political, so far. The interlocutors emphasised the importance of cooperation related to the transfer of experience in the field of negotiation chapters 23 and 24, noting that young democracies acquired the maturity by establishing the rule of law;
- Visit of Ms Alexandra Cas Granje, Director for Montenegro, Macedonia, Turkey and Iceland to the Directorate General for Enlargement of European Commission, on 22 July. Mr Krivokapić and Ms Cas Granje spoke about the current political and economic situation in Montenegro, progress in the field of the rule of law, as well as the process of European integration;
- Meeting with OSCE PA Secretary General Mr Spencer Oliver, on 22 July. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Oliver discussed the plan of the activities of the Parliamentary Assembly for the following period, with special emphasis on autumn session of the OSCE PA, hosted by the Parliament of Montenegro;
- Meeting with Minister of Justice of the Republic of Italy Ms Anna Maria Cancellieri, on 25 July. Mr Krivokapić and Ms Cancellieri assessed that relations between the two countries were good and that there was room for further improvement of cooperation in numerous fields, especially in the field of strengthening the rule of law;
- Visit of the President of the Republic of Croatia Mr Ivo Josipović, on 3 September. The interlocutors discussed the policy of good neighbourly relations, role of national parliaments in European integration process and experience of the Croatian Parliament. The meeting was, also, attended by representatives of parliamentary groups in the Parliament of Montenegro, who exchanged views with the President of Croatia on current political moment in both states, and on existing and future cooperation models;

- Meeting with President of the Senate of Canada Mr Noël A. Kinsella, on 9 September. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Kinsella expressed mutual pleasure over the good relations between Montenegro and Canada. Mr Noël A. Kinsella stated that the goal of his visit to Montenegro, among other things, was strengthening of cooperation between the institutions dealing with vocational education, and, also, connecting the young from Canada and Montenegro;
- Meeting with Prime Minister of the Thailand Government and Minister of Defence Ms Jinglyk Shinawatra, on 14 September. Mr Krivokapić and Ms Shinawatra spoke about the possibilities for improving the cooperation in the areas of interest of both countries. Mr Krivokapić informed his guest about Montenegro's aspiration to become EU and NATO member, and about priorities during his presidency over the largest parliamentary assembly in the world;



Meeting with Prime Minister of the Thailand Government and Minister of Defence Ms Jinglyk Shinawatra

- Meeting with Prime Minister of the Serbian Government Mr Ivica Dačić, on 20 September. The interlocutors discussed the flow of goods and services between the two countries, with special emphasis on cooperation in the field of hospitality industry and import of labour. During the meeting, Krivokapić pointed out that relations between Montenegro and Serbia improved, but that there were a number of fields in which the cooperation could be further strengthened for the benefit of citizens of both countries;
- Talks with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary Mr János Martonyi, on 4 October. Mr Krivokapić thanked to Mr Martonyi on constant kind support Hungary provided to Montenegro in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration, emphasising that the rule of law remained priority on Montenegro's path to the EU and NATO;
- Visit of Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Mr Cemil Çiçek, on 21 and 22 October. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Çiçek stated that the relations between Montenegro and Turkey were traditionally good, expressing hope that those would be fully developed within NATO and EU;

- Meeting with Minister of Defence of the Republic of Macedonia Mr Talat Xhaferi, on 7 November. The interlocutors pointed out positive cooperation, both at the state level and in the field of defence and security, stating that the countries in this region could resolve their issues most efficiently through parliamentary dimensions;
- Meeting with Council of Europe Secretary General Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, on 8 November. President Krivokapić informed his interlocutor about the efforts the Parliament of Montenegro devoted to meeting Council of Europe standards, stressing successful ten-year long cooperation with the Venice Commission, especially regarding the writing of the Constitution and adoption of the electoral law. Mr Jagland assessed as important the achieved democracy standards, voicing expectance that those would be additionally improved through further support of the CE;
- Meeting with Prime Minister of the Albanian Government Mr Edi Rama, on 14 November. During the meeting, important questions, relating to economic and current political situation, both in Montenegro and Albania, were considered. The sides jointly assessed that Montenegro and Albania had friendly inter-state relations. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Rama stated that cooperation between Montenegro and Albania had actual results in a number of fields, and that it was necessary to develop and upgrade it in the following period;
- Meeting with Coordinator of the South East Europe Cooperation Initiative (SECI) Mr Erhard Busek, on 13 December. Mr Krivokapić and Mr Busek spoke on the project “Democracy Workshops”, deeming the project as extremely important for encouraging interest of young people for politics and democratic processes. Additionally, they voiced expectance that the cooperation between Montenegrin and Austrian Parliament would be continued both for that and other projects of common interest.

ACTIVITIES OF VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT

- On 21 February, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić hosted representatives of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation for Serbia and Montenegro – Director Mr Henri Bohnet and coordinator Ms Sanija Šljivančanin. The Vice President Mustafić thanked the representatives of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation for the previous cooperation and emphasised the role and importance of the Parliament in the EU integration process, in respect of its legislative and oversight function. The sides mutually concluded that, in the following period, cooperation of local political actors and institutions with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation should be enhanced;
- On 10 April, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić met with founder and President of the Rif Group Mr Paige Rif and the Vice President of the Group Mr Bane Enis. They exchanged views on the current political affairs, as well as the role of the Parliament and political actors in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro;
- On 5 June, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić met the management of the Association of Emigrants from Montenegro, who live in Municipality Bayrampaşa, in Istanbul. President of the Association Mr Zahit Martinović-Bujukbajrak said that Turkey paid a great attention to preservation and development of relations between the two countries;
- On 14 May, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić hosted President and members of association “Society of social solidarity and culture of Yugoslavia and Montenegro emigrants” Mr Bedri Gulom, Mr Ervin Ibar, Mr Hidajet Demirok, Mr Avdi Akiš and Mr Savaš Herceg. This association gathers emigrants of Montenegrin origin, living in Turkey. Both sides expressed pleasure over the strengthening of relations between Montenegro and Turkey at social and cultural level and pointed out the need for further work to improve those relations;



Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić hosted President and members of association “Society of social solidarity and culture of Yugoslavia and Montenegro emigrants”

- On 4 July, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Željko Šturanović met with the Head of European Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Netherlands Mr Jean-Pierre Kempeneers. The interlocutors paid special attention to the constitutional amendments, aimed at creating further conditions for additional ensuring of an independent and autonomous role of judiciary, starting primarily from the opinions and suggestions of the Venice Commission;



Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Željko Šturanović met with the Head of European Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Netherlands Mr Jean-Pierre Kempeneers

- On 4 October, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić hosted Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey Mr Ahmet Davutoğlu, during his visit to Bar. The interlocutors voiced pleasure over the good relations of the two states. Minister Davutoğlu emphasised that Turkey would continue to help developing projects in Montenegro;
- On 1 November, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić received the Coordinator of the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency – TIKA Mr Mustafa Yazici and Head of the Office Mr Merdan Krlić. During the conversation, it was stressed that TIKA acting helped strengthening of overall relations between Montenegro and Turkey in economic, cultural and educational and political area.

4.3 OUTGOING VISITS

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid a number of official visits, including the following:

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, upon the invitation of the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament Mr Josip Leka, paid an official visit to the Republic of Croatia, on 4 February. Apart from the meeting with the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, during his visit, Mr Krivokapić, also, met with the Croatian Prime Minister Mr Zoran Milanović and with members of Committee on European Integration of the Croatian Parliament. In line with the usual practise, President Krivokapić met with representatives of Montenegrin emigrants in Croatia;
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić visited Brussels, on 20 February, where he met European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Mr Štefan Fule and addressed the International Relations Committee of the European Parliament – AFET, upon invitation of Chairman of Committee Mr Elman Brook. During the meeting with Commissioner Fule, interlocutors agreed on successful role that Parliament of Montenegro played in the process of European integration. At the meeting of the International Relations Committee of the European Parliament (AFET), Mr Krivokapić thanked European MPs for the support they had been providing to Montenegro on its path towards the EU, as well as their active involvement in the promotion of the enlargement policy;
- On 7 April, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the First Summit of the Presidents of Parliaments of the Union for the Mediterranean, held in Marseilles. During his speech, President Krivokapić stated that political will was extremely important for strengthening stability of the Mediterranean region, but, also, that it should be used for the purpose of eradicating prejudices that exist on both sides of the Mediterranean;
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the Conference of the Presidents of Parliaments of the European Union Member States, held in Nicosia, on 21 April. Presidents of parliaments discussed the role of European parliaments in improving democracy and human rights in the Mediterranean region, as well as the social cohesion in the period of crises. President Krivokapić was one of the speakers on the topic – the role of EU national parliaments and the European Parliament in enhancing democracy and human rights in third countries, emphasizing on the Mediterranean region. During the Conference, President

Krivokapić had a series of bilateral meetings with presidents of parliaments of the EU Member States;

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the Conference of the Presidents of Parliaments of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, held on 12 and 13 May, in Slovenia, in Brdo near Kranj. Mr Krivokapić met President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia Mr Janko Veber and Slovenian Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Karl Erjavec;



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the Conference of the Presidents of Parliaments of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative

- Upon the invitation of Turkish President Mr Cemil Çiçek, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated, on 16 May, in the XVIII EUREKA Inter-parliamentary Conference on ensuring adequate financing for innovation in economically challenging times, held in Brussels. During his visit to the European Parliament, President Krivokapić had a meeting with members of the European Parliament Committee on Budget, Monetary and Financial Affairs, during which the presence of Montenegrin Parliament to forthcoming Inter-parliamentary conferences was agreed;
- On 16 May, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić spoke, in Brussels, with European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Mr Štefan Füle about the challenges in front of Montenegro;
- On 23 May, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić attended the ceremony of marking 150th anniversary of the Workers' Association and social democracy in Europe, organised in Leipzig. The ceremony was attended by President of Germany Mr Joachim Gauck, President of France Mr Francois Hollande, German Chancellor Ms Angela Merkel, as well as more than 80 presidents of states, governments and leaders of social democratic parties from all over the world. President Krivokapić, also, attended the Leadership

meeting of the European Socialists Party in Leipzig. The participants of the Leadership meeting discussed the preparations of the European left for the upcoming European elections and the joint candidate of the Party of European Socialists for President of the European Commission;

- On 10 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid a visit to Banja Luka, where he participated in the Summit of Presidents of Parliaments “A Step Forward”, the aim of which was to contribute to the reconciliation process, not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but in the whole region, since its consolidation was of key importance for its European future. President Krivokapić was a keynote speaker, on the topic “Leadership in XX century and processes of reconciliation and cooperation”. During the Summit, President Krivokapić had bilateral meetings with the host Mr Igor Radojičić, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska, President of the Republic of Srpska Mr Milorad Dodik and Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Mr Nebojša Stefanović;
- On 14 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, upon the invitation of President of the Venice Commission Mr Gianni Buquicchio, participated in the 95th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission. On the occasion, President Krivokapić held a speech under the agenda item dedicated to the work of the Constitutional Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro on adoption of constitutional amendments, regarding judiciary. President of the Venice Commission Mr Gianni Buquicchio pointed out the Parliament of Montenegro as a very positive example of a successful cooperation, resulting in joint work in over a decade-long period, starting from the work on current Constitution of Montenegro, and including a significant number of very important legal reform projects;
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, upon the invitation of Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Mr Nebojša Stefanović, paid an official visit to the Republic of Serbia, on 11 July. President Krivokapić held a speech at the special sitting of Serbian Parliament, scheduled in his honour. Within the visit, President Krivokapić held talks with the Prime Minister of the Serbian Government Mr Ivica Dačić, members of Delegation of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, as well as Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia Mr Peter Burkhard. Also, he met representatives of Montenegrin expatriates, gathered around Montenegrin associations in Belgrade and Lovćenac;
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid his first working visit to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Secretariat, in Copenhagen. On the occasion, President Krivokapić presented his work plan and priorities for the following period. President Krivokapić, also, met with the Director of Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights – ODIHR Mr Janez Lenarčič;
- Upon the invitation of Speaker of the Sejm – Parliament of Poland Ms Ewa Kopacz, President of the Parliament of Montenegro and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid an official visit to Poland, on 6 September. On the occasion, Mr Krivokapić had separate meetings with Speaker Kopacz, Speaker of the Polish Senate Mr Bogdan Borusewicz, Marshal of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Parliament of Poland Mr Grzegorz Schetyna, members of the Polish Parliament to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and he, also, visited the seat of the OSCE-ODIHR Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights;
- On 11 and 12 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro and President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid an official visit to Finland, upon the invitation of Speaker of Finnish Parliament Mr Eero Heinäluoma. Presidents of the two

parliaments agreed that the parliamentary cooperation between the two countries should be additionally strengthened in the following period and that it was, also, necessary to deepen economic cooperation. During the meeting with President of Finland Mr Sauli Niinistö, the interlocutors concluded that, in spite of the excellent relations between the two countries, it was necessary to consider possibilities of further strengthening cooperation in the fields of mutual interest. During the visit, President Krivokapić also met Chairperson of Committee on Future Ms Päivi Lipponen, Head of the Delegation of Finland Parliament to OSCE PA Mr Ilkka Kanerva and Council of Europe Rapporteur for Montenegro Mr Kimmo Sasi and Chairperson Grand Committee of the Parliament of Finland Miapetra Kumpula;



President of the Parliament of Montenegro and OSCE PA Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid an official visit to Finland

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro and President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Ranko Krivokapić, upon the invitation of the President of the Parliament of Georgia Mr David Usupashvili, paid an official visit to Georgia, in the period 16–18 September. Apart from the meeting with his counterpart, during the visit, Mr Krivokapić met the President of the state Mr Mikheil Saakashvili, Prime Minister Mr Bidzina Ivanishvili and Minister of Foreign Affairs Maja Pandžikidze, as well as Delegation of the Georgia Parliament to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, political representatives of parliamentary majority and opposition in the Georgian Parliament, presidential candidates and representatives of non-governmental sector, dealing with monitoring of pre-election campaign in Georgia;
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro and President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid an official visit to Romania, on 23 September, upon the invitation of the Speakers of both houses of the Romanian Parliament Mr Valeriu Zgonea and Mr Crin Antonescu. On the occasion, Mr Krivokapić was presented with the Medal of Romanian People, the most significant acknowledgement of the Romanian Parliament. During his visit,

Mr Krivokapić also had meetings with President of Romania Mr Traian Băsescu and First Vice President of the Government of Romania in charge of defence Mr Gabriel Oprea;



President of the Parliament of Montenegro and OSCE PA Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid an official visit to Romania

- On 1 November, President of the Parliament of Montenegro and OSCE PA Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna, composed of diplomatic representatives of OSCE member states. During the visit, President Krivokapić met President of Austria Mr Heinz Fischer and OSCE Secretary General Mr Lamberto Zannier;
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro and OSCE PA Mr Ranko Krivokapić paid a visit to the United States of America, in the period 20-28 November. On day one of the visit, President Krivokapić met Senator Mr John McCain, Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Congressman Mr Michael Turner and Chair of the Subcommittee on European Affairs of the U.S. Senate Mr Christopher Murphy. Mr Krivokapić participated in the panel discussion in the U.S. Congress on the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan in 2014, organised on the occasion of his visit to the Congress. In his capacity as President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Krivokapić met with members of the Helsinki Commission, speaking about the reform of the OSCE ahead of the 40th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act. During his visit to the USA, Mr Krivokapić met congressmen Eliot Engel, Doug Lamborn, Michael Michaud, Democratic Leader in the USA Congress Ms Nensi Pelosi and Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs Ms Karen Donfried. In honour of Mr Krivokapić's visit to Congress, the official inauguration of Montenegrin caucus was organised. The inauguration of caucus in the U.S. Congress is a ceremonious act symbolising new note of friendship between Montenegro and USA;
- President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the 20th OSCE Ministerial Council, held in Kyiv, on 5 and 6 December. At the opening of the Council meeting, Mr Krivokapić addressed the ministers of foreign affairs of 57 OSCE member states, and during his visit to Kyiv, Mr Krivokapić had separate meetings with the Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany Mr Guido Westerwelle, President of the Parliament of Ukraine Mr Vladimir Ribak, as well as ministers of foreign affairs of the following countries: Azerbaijan

Mr Elmar Mammadyarov, Mongolia Mr Luvsanvandan Bold, Armenia Mr Eduardo Nalbandian and Georgia Ms Maia Panjikidze.

ACTIVITIES OF VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić participated in the Balkan Regional Cooperation Forum, held in Thessaloniki, in the period 7–9 February. At the Forum, possibilities of regional cooperation in four areas were considered: regional educational accesses, human resources and labour market, infrastructure and development of tourism, environment and economic development;
- Vice President of the Parliament Mr Branko Radulović paid an official visit to the Republic of Croatia, on 14 March. During the visit, Vice President of the Parliament met Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia Mr Neven Mimica, Deputy Speaker of the Croatian Parliament Ms Dragica Zgrebec, Chairperson and members of the Finance and Central Budget Committee Mr Srđan Gjurković and Chairperson and members of the European Integration Committee. The interlocutors shared views and experience regarding the EU membership negotiations, as well as harmonisation of national legislation with the European legislation, concluding that a strong partnership was in the common interest of both countries. Representatives of the Croatian Parliament expressed readiness to support and assist Montenegro on its EU integration path;



Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Branko Radulović paid an official visit to Croatia

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić participated in the Meeting of Vice Presidents of Parliaments of the Dayton Agreement signatory countries, held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, on 10 May. The topic of the meeting was so-called Nordic model of cooperation, as well as possibilities of its implementation within the discussion of reports and recommendations of the Igman Initiative experts. The need for respect of diversities and existence of political willingness for cooperation that the countries of region should strive for was underlined, as well as the need for decreasing open issues in the relations of the countries of the region;

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić and MP Almer Kalač paid a visit to Izmir, Turkey, in the period 14–17 May. Upon the invitation of the Association gathering Bosniak emigrants of Montenegrin origin, the visit was paid to the headquarters of this association, where Mr Mustafić and Mr Kalač were introduced to the activities of the association, gathering many unions in the Aegean region. There was, also, a visit organised to the Izmir municipality Bornova, which had a signed Charter on fraternization with the Municipality of Bar in Montenegro, as well as Municipality of Buca, which launched the twinning process with the Municipality of Rožaje;
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić participated in the 10th SEEPC Conference of Parliament Speakers – South Eastern Europe Partnership Cooperation, held under Macedonian presidency over this Initiative, in Ohrid, from 26 to 28 May. The Conference dealt with topics, such as new challenges of economic crises, role of national parliaments and regional inter-parliamentary cooperation;
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić participated in the Second World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, held in Baku, in the period from 29 to 1 June. The Forum was organised within the Baku process on intercultural dialogue, by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan together with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization “UNESCO”, United Nations Alliance of Civilization, UN World Tourist Organisation, Council of Europe and “ISESCO” organisation, under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr Ilham Aliyev. During the Forum, there were discussions on the following topics: “Cultural corridors in Southeast Europe, Black Sea and Caucasus regions – shared heritage, common responsibilities, sustainable future”, “The New Era of Globalization: Hybridity of cultures in a changing world”, “Dialogue through History Teaching: Best Practices and Challenges”, “How to build public support for cultural diversity”, “Intercultural Dialogue through History Teaching: Best Practices and Challenges”, “Tourism as a key driver of mutual understanding and tolerance among peoples and cultures” and “The Role of Corporate Sector in Promoting intercultural dialogue and diversity”. During his visit to Azerbaijan, Vice President Mustafić had a meeting with supreme religious leader Mr Allahshukur Pashazade;



Second World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Branko Radulović met with leading figures in the field of energy, production and processing of aluminium in Bosnia and

Herzegovina and Croatia, in the period 5–8 June. Vice President Radulović met Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining in the Government of the Republic of Srpska Mr Željko Kovačević, owner of the “Feal” company from Široki Brijeg Mr Jozif Bogdan, Director General of the “Aluminij” company from Mostar Mr Ivo Bradvica and owner of the “TLM-TVP” company from Šibenik Mr Marko Pejčinovski;

- On 14 June, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Branko Radulović visited the company “Impol-Seval” in Sevojno, where he spoke with Company Director General Mr Ninko Tešić, Executive Director for Economic Affairs Ms Sanja Bosiljčić and Executive Director for Technical Affairs Mr Budimir Bulatović. During the meeting, it was concluded that aluminium industry had exceptional perspective, both in the region and in the world, and that business and technical cooperation between producers and processors of aluminium in the region was necessary and that KAP, as basic producer of aluminium, had great perspective. KAP needs modernisation and reconstruction so to become competitive, together with the production structure aimed to support development and processing of aluminium in the region;
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić participated in the Eighth Conference of Presidents of the Parliaments of Small European States, held in Reykjavik, in the period 27–30 August. The conference addressed current and important issues in national policies and parliaments of small European states, the impact of the economic and debt crisis on small countries, as well as potentials for cooperation of these countries in the field of education and research;
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Branko Radulović participated in the Sixth Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Western Balkans countries, held in Budapest, on 8 and 9 October. Presidents and representatives of parliaments dealt with results achieved in the field of European integration, as well as issues of security policy in the Western Balkans countries.



Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Branko Radulović participated in the Sixth Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Western Balkans countries

4.4 STANDING DELEGATIONS

Members of standing delegations of the Parliament of Montenegro in parliamentary assemblies of international organisations participated in regular sessions, meetings and forums, held in the reporting period.

Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA)



Standing Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the XII Winter Meeting of the OSCE PA, held in Vienna, on 21 and 22 February, where 200 parliamentarians from 57 countries of the OSCE region participated. Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro consisted of President of the Parliament of Montenegro and Head of the Delegation Mr Ranko Krivokapić and MP Milutin Simović. The Meeting was focused on matters related to the issues of security forces and cooperation in this area, border cooperation, freedom of media and the situation in Syria, the Republic of Mali and North Africa. At the meeting, President Krivokapić was elected member of the OSCE PA Committee on Transparency and Reform, tasked to prepare a strategic document, in the eve of marking 40-year anniversary of the OSCE, which would redefine key principles of OSCE through its three dimensions: human, economic and political-military.

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the meeting of the OSCE Ad Hoc Committee on Transparency and Reform, held in Copenhagen, on 15 April. The Committee particularly dealt with the issue of further strengthening of the role of the Parliamentary Assembly in the process of monitoring elections in member states and promotion of democratic standards on the issues belonging to the third dimension of OSCE. During his stay in Copenhagen, President Krivokapić participated in the meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Bureau, where the most important challenges of the Parliamentary Assembly were considered.

In the period 29 June – 3 July, the 22nd Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly was held, where standing delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated, in the following composition: President of the Parliament and Head of Delegation Mr Ranko Krivokapić and permanent members MPs Milutin Simović and Goran Danilović. The Annual Session was marked by the meetings of the Standing Committee, as well as plenary sittings, during which recommendations on issues pertaining to the OSCE competencies were considered and adopted, and new leadership of OSCE elected. During the Annual Session, meetings of general committees were also held, namely: Political Affairs and Security Committee, Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment, Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, which, through intensive work, lead discussions on texts of resolutions and additional items proposed earlier, which addressed the jurisdiction of the three committees.

At the plenary meeting, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly was elected, as well as six vice presidents. President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić was elected OSCE PA President. OSCE PA President is elected for a one-year term, with the possibility of re-election. On day four of the session at plenary meeting, the Istanbul Declaration was unanimously adopted, unifying 26 resolutions and additional items, together with general resolutions of three general committees.

During the Session, President Krivokapić met Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey Mr Cemil Çiçek and shared views on bilateral relations of the two countries, with special reference to parliamentary cooperation. Additionally, he spoke with OSCE Secretary General Mr Lamberto Zannier and Mr Kairat Mami, Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, and Mr David Usupashvili, Speaker of the Georgian Parliament.

In the period 13–15 October, the Parliament of Montenegro hosted OSCE PA Autumn Meeting in Budva. Gathering around 400 participants from 57 countries, the OSCE PA Autumn Meeting was dedicated to the topics such as: OSCE role in promotion of protection of human rights, countering terrorism and transnational threats, security effects of the economic crisis and integration of diverse societies. Mediterranean Forum was held within the Autumn Session, as well as meeting of the Standing Committee and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Bureau.

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)



Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe participated in four ordinary sessions, held in Strasbourg. Montenegro's delegation was composed of: Mr Zoran Vukčević, Head of Delegation, and members: Ms Snežana Jonica¹³, Mr Mladen Bojanić¹⁴, Mr Predrag Sekulić and Mr Damir Šehović.

At the Winter Session, held in the period 21–25 January, MPs of Parliamentary Assembly elected Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, Party PPE/DC) as new PACE President, while Head of Montenegro's Delegation Mr Zoran Vukčević was elected Vice President of the PACE, and standing member Mr Damir Šehović as Vice President of the Socialist Group. In the resumption of the Meeting, a report "Situation in Kosovo and role of the Council of Europe" was considered, Resolution on providing sustainability of the Court in Strasbourg was adopted, as well as Resolution on activities of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In addition, topics such as the following were discussed: honouring obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan, regarding the issue of political prisoners in that country; the situation in Kosovo; the state of media freedom in Europe and the humanitarian situation in conflict and war-affected areas of Georgia and Russia. Furthermore, there was a debate on asylum and immigration, growing tension in the Eastern Mediterranean, and the development of the situation in Mali and Algeria and threats to security and human rights in the Mediterranean region.

The Winter Session, held in the period 22–26 April, was focused particularly on the issue of protection of children against sexual and other forms of abuse, and, in that regard, the following reports were considered: "Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE Campaign", "Fight against child sex tourism" and "Ending discrimination against Roma children", 2012 Report by the Commissioner for Human Rights and Report on post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey. Also, issues such as prohibiting violence against religious communities, culture and education through national parliaments: young people's access to fundamental rights, nanotechnology and ethics in science and education, were discussed. The April meeting of PACE, also, included debates on observation of the presidential election in Armenia (18 February 2013), post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey, violence against religious communities, culture and education through national parliaments, young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge and 2012 Activity Report of the Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner Mr Nils Muižnieks.

Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Summer Session of the PACE, held in the period 24–28 June. The Summer Session was focused on the request for the opening of a monitoring procedure for Hungary and tackling discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. The agenda included urgent debates on topics: "Situation in Georgia", "Popular protest and challenges to freedom of assembly, media and speech" and "State interference with privacy on the Internet". Also, the following reports were discussed during the June Session: "Corruption as a threat

¹³ MP Snežana Jonica did not participate in the PACE Winter Session, held in the period 21–25 January, and Spring Session, held in the period 22–26 April.

¹⁴ MP Mladen Bojanić did not participate in the PACE Winter Session, held in the period 21–25 January, and Spring Session, held in the period 22–26 April.

to the rule of law”, “Situation in the Middle East”, “Keeping political and criminal responsibility separate”, “Equal access to health care”, “Ban on coerced sterilisation or castration”, “Post-monitoring dialogue with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and “Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco”. PACE dealt with election of judges of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Ireland and Lithuania and consideration of the Draft Protocol no.16 on Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

PACE Autumn Session was held in the period 30 September – 4 October. The agenda included debates on: “National security and access to information”, “Functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, right of children to physical integrity, combating discrimination against older people on the labour market, as well as strengthening of the Ombudsman institution in Europe and development of PACE monitoring procedures. Also, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe discussed topics listed in the agenda under urgent procedure: “The situation in Syria” and “Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication”. During the Autumn Session, Members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe were addressed by: President of Armenia Mr Serzh Sargsyan, President of Serbia Mr Tomislav Nikolić, as well as Sergey Naryshkin, Chair of the Russian State Duma. On the first day of the session, the Vaclav Havel award – the newly established award for outstanding contribution to the development of human rights – was presented.

On the occasion of presidential elections in Montenegro, the observation mission of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, headed by Mr Christopher Chope, Head of the Mission, paid a visit to Montenegro, upon the invitation of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, in the period from 5 to 8 April.

Co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey) and Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland) paid the first monitoring visit to Montenegro, in the period 8–10 July, aimed at fact-finding and monitoring of activities undertaken to implement recommendations contained in the PACE Resolution 1890 (2012) “Honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro”, adopted on 27 June 2012. During the visit, they held a total of 29 meetings with representatives of state institutions, NGO sector, media, international organisations and diplomatic corps and obtained data and information on all the activities that Montenegro had been continuously undertaking in order to meet the recommendations included in the PACE Resolution 1890 (2012). With regard to five key areas that are determinants on the road map of Montenegro for exiting the monitoring stage (ending judiciary reform and amending the Constitution; respecting rights of minorities, including rights of LGBT people, as well as situation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians; fight against corruption and organised crime and strengthening the supervisory authorities; situation in the media and work environment of journalists and the legal status of internally displaced persons and refugees, as well as finding durable solutions for them, based on the voluntary return or local integration), co-rapporteurs stated at the press conference their assessment of the situation in Montenegro in the subject areas. Also, in light of the recent parliamentary and presidential elections in Montenegro, another area regarding electoral process was added as part of the follow-up visits.

NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA)



During 2013, standing delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly participated in Spring Session of the NATO PA and 59th Annual Session.

Spring Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly gathered around 300 parliamentarians from the North Atlantic Alliance and partner countries, in the period from 17 to 20 May. On behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro,

members of the standing delegation Mr Borislav Banović, Mr Obrad Mišo Stanišić and Mr Vasilije Lalošević participated in the session. During the meeting, transition in Afghanistan was discussed, as well as security challenges, possibilities, resources and commitments of Alliance; implications for development in the Middle East and North Africa; national and institutional partnerships, with special reference to cooperation with the European Union and open door policy. Within the discussion, at the joint meeting of the NATO PA and North Atlantic Alliance, member of the Standing Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to NATO Parliamentary Assembly Mr Borislav Banović spoke on the topic “Open Door Policy” and presented activities that Montenegro had implemented on its path of European integration. During the Spring Session of the NATO PA, the following committees held meetings: Political Committee; Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, Economics and Security Committee; Science and Technology Committee; and meeting of NATO-Russia Parliamentary Committee.

Croatian Parliament hosted 59th annual session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, which was held in Dubrovnik, in the period 11–14 October. The session gathered 340 representatives from 28 NATO countries from North America and Europe, as well as delegates of partner countries and observers, who discussed various security issues, including crisis in Syria, continuation of NATO mission to Afghanistan and future of the Western Balkans, and adopted reports and recommendations of the Assembly on current trans-Atlantic security issues. The attendees were addressed by President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Mr Hugh Bayley, President of the Republic of Croatia Mr Ivo Josipović, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament Mr Josip Leko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Croatian Government and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs Ms Vesna Pušić, and NATO Secretary General Mr Anders Fogh Rasmussen. On day two and three, 12 and 13 October, meetings of the following were held: Political Committee, Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, Science and Technology Committee, Defence and Security Committee, Economics and Security Committee, and Standing Committee. Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro composed of Mr Borislav Banović, Mr Luidž Ljubo Škrelja and Ms Branka Bošnjak, participated in the meeting.

4.5 REGIONAL INITIATIVES

In 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro actively participated in a number of regional organisations and initiatives, continuously promoting improvement of constructive regional dialogue and common values based on European principles and standards.

South East Europe Cooperation Process – SEECP



Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Suljo Mustafić participated in the Conference of Parliament Speakers of SEEPC, which was held in Ohrid, from 26 to 28 May. During the Conference, new challenges of economic crises were discussed, as well as role of national parliaments and regional inter-parliamentary cooperation. Joint statement was adopted at the meeting, supporting the initiative for founding parliamentary assembly, where each member state of the Process would appoint three to five MPs. Also, the participants agreed that, during Romania presidency in 2014, inaugural meeting of the SAPC Parliamentary Assembly should be organised.

Within the presidency of the Republic of Macedonia of the South East Europe Cooperation Process, meetings of Working Group of the Parliamentary Dimension of this initiative were held in Skopje,

on 12 February, and in Bucharest, on 15 and 16 November. The Working Group was established during Montenegrin presidency of the Initiative, with the aim of finding the most adequate modalities for institutionalisation of SEEC PD. The meetings were marked by discussion on Draft Rules of Procedure of the SEEC PD Parliamentary Assembly, structure of the future secretariat and level of financial contribution of national parliaments of member states. Even though the consent was reached on importance of parliamentary cooperation at the regional level, especially through initiatives such as Process of cooperation, the participants emphasised that, in time of economic and financial crisis, it was necessary to approach the founding of a rationally organised secretariat, which would not require significant funding. MP Miodrag Vuković and member of the parliamentary staff have been participating in activities of the Initiative's Working Group.

Central European Initiative – CEI



Members of the standing delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative (CEI-PD) MPs Damir Šehović and Vasilije Lalošević participated in the session of the Parliamentary Assembly, held, within Hungarian Presidency of the Initiative, in Budapest, from 24 to 26 September. The session covered topics, such as regional politics, key elements of European territorial cooperation for the budget period 2014–2020, as well as priorities of macro-regional strategies. CEI member states were invited to continue joint cooperation within macro-regional strategies, on the basis of common interests and support the initiative on “Adriatic-Ionian Strategy”, which was being prepared. At the end of the session of the Parliamentary Assembly CEI PD, the Final Declaration was unanimously adopted and presidency of this Initiative was handed over to the Republic of Austria. The Session of the Parliamentary Assembly CEI-PD was preceded by meetings of general committees dealing with cultural, economic, political and issues of home affairs. Parliament of Montenegro has been participating in the work of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative through a three-member delegation, composed of: Mr Miodrag Vuković (Head of Delegation), Mr Vasilije Lalošević¹⁵ and Mr Damir Šehović.

Union for the Mediterranean



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić participated in the First Summit of the Presidents of Parliaments of the Union for the Mediterranean, held in Marseilles, on 7 April. At the Summit, representatives of 42 parliaments discussed the importance of strengthening cooperation in the Mediterranean region. The Summit was opened by President of the European Parliament and Chair of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean Mr Martin Schulz, who emphasised that there was a historical possibility to build a strong Euro-Mediterranean community, provided that the Mediterranean region was considered as a region where solidarity and cooperation are developed. The Summit ended with the adoption of the Declaration, inviting the countries to strengthen cooperation with the aim of promoting values of the Union for the Mediterranean.

The ninth plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean was held in Brussels, on 11 and 12 April. MP Miodrag Vuković, Chairperson of Committee on International Relations and Immigrants, participated on behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro. Prior to the plenary session, Committee on Political Issues, Security and Human Rights held a meeting to consider the

¹⁵ Until resignation, on 18 December 2013.

Report of the Mediterranean Institute for Economic Forecast on the topic: “Europe and Mediterranean: Suggestions for development of large region of global influence”. Subsequently, the following recommendations of the Committee were adopted, in accordance with its competencies: providing support to the parliaments of the countries in transition; development of investment possibilities and doing business in the Mediterranean area, i.e. building of the financial instruments for Mediterranean countries; role of women in management; recommendations regarding renewable energy sources, etc. Following the adoption of the recommendations, Mr Saad Hail al-Sourour, the President of the House of Representatives of Jordan, was elected Chair of the Union for Mediterranean.

The Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII)



Under the Slovenian presidency of the Adriatic Ionian Initiative, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić attended the Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the AII, on 12 and 13 May, in Brdo near Kranj. The Conference was focused on the following topics: “Adriatic-Ionian cooperation as a tool to address common challenges and promote the accession of the countries of the Western Balkans to the European Union” and “Shaping of European macro-regional strategies and the role of AII - involvement and prospects of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative”.

Cetinje Parliamentary Forum - CPF



In the period 1–3 December 2013, XV meeting of Cetinje Parliamentary Forum “Strengthening the Oversight Role of Parliament in the Defence and Security Sector” was held in Budva. Organised by the Parliament of Montenegro, in cooperation with the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of

Armed Forces (DCAF), the XV meeting gathered over 50 parliamentarians from the region. During the discussion, the participants shared experience and views on adequacy of legal frameworks of participating countries for continuous and efficient implementation of parliamentary oversight in the security and defence sector, with special emphasis on models for improving the actions in practice. The XV Cetinje Parliamentary Forum ended by adoption of the Joint Statement.

Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of the States participating in the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP)

Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the VII Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of the States participating in the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP), held on 22 March. Through active discussion of members of the parliamentary delegations, VII COSAP Conference offered an opportunity to exchange opinions and positive experiences, and point out to their applicability in the countries of the region among the parliamentarian regarding the issues that deal with the new concept of pre-accession assistance, the role of the European integration committees in meeting the criteria for membership in the EU, and transforming powers in the EU integration process. Parliamentarians adopted the Joint Statement at the VII COSAP Conference. On behalf of Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, MP Zoran Srzentić participated in the VI Conference of Committees on European integration of the countries included in the Stabilisation and Association Process in South East Europe.

At the VIII meeting of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees, held in Skopje, on 24 and 25 November, the importance of parliament’s role in using IPA funds was pointed out. The

participants emphasised that monitoring of the received funds should be a separate segment of interest of parliaments, and that the priority projects which require additional EU funds must be carefully evaluated, while their implementation should ultimately result in overall progress of the accession process. Member of Committee on European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro Srđa Popović moderated the session dedicated to strategic document on enlargement and key challenges in the period 2013–2014.

In 2014, Montenegro will take over presidency of the Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of the States participating in the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP).

Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development – COMPSUD



“Regional workshop for MPs on climate change and its influence on the Mediterranean region” was organised by the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development – COMPSUD in Athens, in the period 13–15 November, and Member of Committee on International Relations and Emigrants MP Vasilije Lalošević participated in it. The aim of the workshop was to better inform MPs on the current and forthcoming regional initiatives and programmes on climate changes and varieties and their influence on the Mediterranean region, as well as their correlation with programmes for water and environment. In addition, the aim of the workshop

was to exchange experiences and ideas among MPs and other interested bodies on how MPs can enhance their involvement and contribution in promoting of priorities at regional and national levels.

The regional workshop for MPs was preceded by the 10th meeting of the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD), during which the importance of the cooperation framework of MPs from the Mediterranean region was emphasised and it was agreed to hold the next COMPSUD meeting in 2014.

Meeting of Chairpersons of Committees on Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Serbia (preparation for establishing new regional initiative)

The second meeting of Chairpersons of Committee on Foreign Affairs was held in Sarajevo, on 18 February. Participants talked about building a model of future cooperation, as well as defining areas that would be discussed at the following meetings. During the meeting, a special accent was placed on the issue of parliamentary cooperation through energy policies, and model of parliamentary cooperation in the sector of energy, in the Nordic Council countries, was presented. On behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro, the meeting was attended by Mr Miodrag Vuković, Chairperson of Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, and members Mr Suljo Mustafić, Mr Dritan Abazović and Mr Vasilije Lalošević.

On 5 July, the third meeting of foreign affairs committees of parliaments of Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia was held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. The meeting emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation and promotion of regional initiatives, which are focused on solving issues faced by the regional countries on their transition path. Following the adoption of conclusions, it was agreed that the next gathering would be organised in Montenegro, and MPs would have an opportunity to discuss environment protection issues. On behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro Ms Žana Filipović, Mr Vasilije Lalošević and Mr Mićo Orlandić attended the meeting.

4.6 COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

In 2013, a successful cooperation continued with a number of foreign and international organisations. The cooperation included continuation of projects implementation, organisation of conferences, visits, roundtables and seminars on current topics, where both MPs and staff of the Parliament participated.

ERSTE Foundation



ERSTE Stiftung

With the financial support of ERSTE Foundation, the Parliament of Montenegro has been implementing the project “Democracy Workshops”, aimed at informing children and youth in Montenegro, aged 8–15, on essential characteristics of democracy and parliamentary system through interactive workshops. For more information about this project, see section V.

Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)



In cooperation with OSCE Mission to Montenegro, Democratisation Department, the Gender Equality Committee organised a two-day seminar on gender equality for Montenegrin MPs, which was held in Bar, on 19 and 20 July. The seminar was organised with the aim of greater

respect of gender aspect through the work of the Parliament.

Delegation of the Security and Defence Committee participated in the Regional Seminar for Parliamentarians, on the topic “OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security”, which was held in Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 23 to 25 October 2013. During the seminar, the participants shared experiences in the field of parliamentary oversight of security and defence sector, with special reference to budget control, building integrity in the defence field and role of MPs in protecting human rights of armed forces members. The seminar was organised by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina and OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre.

With the support of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, the Gender Equality Committee held two meetings, namely 12th meeting, on the topic: “Position of Women in Rural Areas and their Political Empowerment”, in Ostros, Municipality of Bar, on 25 October; and 16th meeting, on the topic: “Economic Empowerment of Women and Women in Politics and Decision-Making”, in Pljevlja, on 1 November.

Delegations of Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms and Gender Equality Committee participated in the First Regional Meeting of Parliamentary Bodies Competent for Human and Minority Rights and Gender Equality, held in Belgrade, on 29 and 30 October, in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. The aim of the meeting was to exchange views and experiences on the role of the parliamentary bodies in protecting human rights, rights of national minorities and gender equality. The meeting was implemented with the assistance of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

The Parliament initiated drafting of the Parliamentary Glossary, with the OSCE support. The Parliamentary Glossary is envisaged to cover relevant terms frequently used in parliamentary theory and practice, both Montenegrin and international. The Glossary will contain terms in Montenegrin and English, with concise and easy-to-understand definitions and synonyms in both languages. The aim of the Parliamentary Glossary is to help users to understand often complex structures and specific parliamentary terminology, and in that regard, it will be useful not only for experts in parliamentary area and translators, but also for pupils, students and broad public.

Exercising its oversight role and aiming to increase participation of women in politics, the Gender Equality Committee conducted, for the second time, the survey on understanding and application of the Gender Equality Law in Montenegrin institutions. The survey was conducted with the support of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, UNDP Office in Montenegro and Ministry of Human and Minority Rights. The results of the survey will be presented in February 2014.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)



Project “Strengthening Capacities of the Parliament of Montenegro”, which started in 2011, when, following the successful implementation of the previous programme, the cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and Westminster Foundation for Democracy was renewed by signing a new memorandum, with the British Council as the third signatory, ended in 2013. Two-year programme was aimed at strengthening the capacities of the Parliament within four components: human resources management, internal and external communication, financial and legislative oversight and the rule of law. Trainings, seminars and study visits were organised within these components, which enabled MPs and employees of the Parliament to, among other things, become acquainted with the long-standing parliamentary practice of the United Kingdom. Contribution of the project was not only in sharing experiences, but, also, in the process of learning and examining possibilities to continue the development process. Employees from various organisational units, who participated in the project, acquired new knowledge and mastered skills that enabled them to further improve quality and efficiency of the work. The program was supported by the British Government, through the Embassy of the United Kingdom, as a partner, and the following also participated: Parliament of the Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Scotland, Thomson Reuters Foundation, the State Audit Institution of Great Britain, NICO from Northern Ireland, as well as local partners: Montenegro Media Institute, NGO “Centre for democratic Transition” (CDT) and professors of the University of Montenegro.

Regional Conference “Competition Policy” of the Regional Network of Parliamentary Committees on Economy and Finance of the Western Balkans countries, supported by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, was held in Budva, on 1 and 2 June. The Conference was focused on the findings of the regional study – competition policy, consideration of possibilities for extending the operations of committees on economy and finance to strengthen their role in the process, harmonise programmes of all the Western Balkans parliaments, which are the members of the network, including aims that should be met by 2015.

In the organisation of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and Parliament of Macedonia, the Conference devoted to presentation of IPA funds and effective monitoring over their spending was held in Ohrid, on 12 and 13 October. Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Conference. It was emphasised that strengthening of institutions was of key importance for a better absorption of funds, and that parliaments had to work continuously on improvement of the oversight role and include civic sector in that process.

The first joint meeting of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro and Committee on Finance, State Budget and Control of Public Spending of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia was held, on the topic: “Cooperation of committees with independent regulatory bodies with the aim of better control of public spending”. The meeting was held on 28 October, in the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, in Belgrade, with the support of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and Regional Network of Parliamentary Committees on Economy, Finance and European Integration of the Western Balkans.

With the financial support of Westminster Foundation for Democracy, the Regional Network of Parliamentary Committees on Economy, Finance and European Integration of the Western Balkans organised the regional training devoted to mechanisms of parliamentary control of IPA funds, which was held in Skopje, on 29 and 30 November. The training gathered employees from the regional countries: Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia.

The British Council (BC)



Two-year cooperation programme of the Parliament of Montenegro and British Council, which was focused on the strengthening of the administrative capacities of Montenegrin Parliament, ended in May 2013. Financially supported by British Embassy to Montenegro, the programme included trainings on the following topics: formal correspondence, presentation skills, meetings of the EU working groups, efficient negotiation techniques, institutional PR and relation with media. Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Damir Davidović, Ambassador of Great Britain to Montenegro H.E. Catherine Knight-Sands and Director of the British Council in Montenegro Ms Vanja Madžgalj presented handbooks for independent learning to the employees of the Parliament of Montenegro, who participated in the training, officially ending the final stage of the project, which included over 40 participants.

National Democratic Institute (NDI)



Forum of Secretary Generals of Western Balkans' parliaments was held in Warsaw, on 29 January, in the joint organisation of the National Democratic Institute and Polish Parliament, where Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Damir Davidović participated. The aim of the forum was to convene secretary generals of Western Balkans' parliaments to exchange experiences on the work of parliamentary research centres, implementation of new information and communication technologies, strengthening of administrative capacities and harmonisation of national legislation with the EU law.

In the framework of the National Democratic Institute for Western Balkans Legislative Strengthening Initiative (WBLSI), which assists parliaments in the region to strengthen their legislative, oversight and representative office, a regional workshop "Overcoming challenges in implementing the control functions of parliamentary committees" was held in Bečići, from 24 to 26 April. The workshop was attended by chairpersons and secretaries of parliaments' committees from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia.

NDI organised a study visit to the National Council of the Slovak Republic for advisors of parliaments of Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo, in the period from 23 to 29 June. During the five-day visit, participants had the opportunity to learn, in theory and practice, about the responsibilities, organisation and working bodies of the National Council, the legislative process, the role and responsibilities of the Office of the National Council, as well as the techniques and research process and analysis needed for consideration of a proposal for a law.

Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)



Through the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, representatives of the Parliament attended the seminars held in Budapest, on topics: "Environmental Dimension of Policymaking – Sustainable Development

in Danube Strategy“ (18–20 April) and “Meeting social and economic policy challenges in the Danube region: Sustainable development in Danube strategy countries”(12–15 June). The three-day seminars were organised in collaboration with the Institute Robert Schuman with the aim of providing an introduction to the participants with regard to policy-planning, methods and instruments for the implementation of policies.

In the organisation of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, MPs and officials of the Parliament paid a study visit to Berlin, from 2 to 6 December, during which a number of meetings were held in the German Parliament, Office of the Federal Chancellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as with representatives of the Christian Democratic Union – CDU. Through five-day intensive program, four MPs and five employees of the Parliament of Montenegro had the opportunity to learn about the role and functioning of the Bundestag’s foreign policy priorities and attitude of Germany towards further enlargement of the European Union.

Centre for Security, Development and the Rule of Law (DCAF)



Members and the service of the Defence and Security Committee paid a study visit to the Republic of Croatia, in the period from 5 to 8 March, upon invitation of the Centre for Security, Development and the Rule of Law¹⁶. Study visit within the three-year DCAF project, was aimed

at providing tailored support to the Montenegrin Parliament in the process of further alignment of laws, procedures and practices with the European standards, through experience exchange with the colleagues from the Republic of Croatia.

In cooperation with the Geneva Centre for Security, Development and the Rule of Law, the Parliament of Montenegro organised XV Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. During the forum, which gathered more than 50 parliamentarians from the region, from 1 to 3 December, in Budva, participants spoke about strengthening oversight role of the parliaments over the defence and security sector and legal framework for oversight over this sector.

Regional Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC)



Organised by the Regional Centre for Security Cooperation, a meeting on the topic “Responsibility of Defence under the Common Security and Defence Policy” was held from 19 to 21 February, in Rakitje (Republic of Croatia). The meeting was aimed at presenting the role of the defence

system of member states under the Common Security and Defence Policy of the European Union, with special regard to the restrictions regarding budgetary allocations, as well as encouraging discussion on the manner of overcoming the economic crisis to avoid jeopardising functioning of the defence system.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)



The Conference “Cooperation of governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in implementation of the UN Resolution 1325” was held in Podgorica, on 4 June, to focus dialogue and institutional cooperation, as key factors for effective fulfilling of recommendations stemming from the Resolution, primarily with regard to defining the agenda Women, Peace and Security.

¹⁶ Previously Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

With the support of UNDP and OSCE missions to Montenegro, the Conference was organised by the Gender Equality Committee, in cooperation with the Institute for Public Policy and Ministry of Interior, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, SEE Network of Policewomen and representatives of the civil sector, media and academic community.

In addition to that, the Gender Equality Committee held a meeting, in cooperation with the United Nations system, on the topic “Post-Millennium consultations, the overview of gender dimensions”, on 15 March.

Exercising its oversight function and with a view to increasing the influence on political participation of women, the Gender Equality Committee conducted, for the second time, a survey on knowledge and implementation of the Law on Gender Equality in the institutions of Montenegro, with the assistance of the OSCE and UNDP Missions to Montenegro and the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights. The research results will be presented in February 2014.

German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)



Meeting of representatives of Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration with representatives of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), within the Open Regional Fund for the South East Europe – project Legal reform, was held on 16 May.

Female members of the Parliament of Montenegro and members of the Gender Equality Committee participated in a five-day Danube Parliamentary Conference, held from 20 to 25 May, and organised by the Danube Competence Centre and GIZ, under the auspices of Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament.

Members of Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration attended the meeting organised by GIZ in Bečići, on 2 and 3 July. Open Regional Fund for the South East Europe – project „Legal reform“, aimed at forming permanent regional network of judicial institutions, was presented at the meeting.

V TRANSPARENCY

Further strengthening of relations with citizens and enhancing the transparency of parliamentary work represented priorities in the work of the Parliament in this reporting period, as well. Special attention was given to informing the public on the work of the Parliament. Publishing annual and semi-annual performance reports, as well as annual and semi-annual reports on the use of funds with reports on public procurement, has become a standard practice.

All information on work, especially those relating to legislative procedure, including listings of electronic voting of MPs, are available on the parliamentary website, which is regularly updated. In accordance with modern technical achievements, significantly increased parliamentary activities and, primarily, the needs of citizens, a redesigned website of the Parliament was launched on 21 May of 2013. With significantly enriched content, redesigned and modernised, the website is completely suitable for providing timely, quality and complete information for the public. The innovated website, as well as its maintenance, has been implemented by the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro, with its own staff, technical and financial capacities, i.e. by IT Section in cooperation with other organisational units.

All sittings of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, as well as other significant parliamentary events, can be followed via the parliamentary YouTube channel on: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SkupstinaCrneGore>, as well as live broadcasting of all sittings of the Parliament via online streaming.

Great interest of students and teachers for implementation of the project “Democracy Workshops”, which is evident from the number of participants, as well as records from the Guest Book, contributed to the enrichment of the programme. Accordingly, workshops, on the topic “European Union” were implemented since June, in addition to the previous workshops, on the topic “Democracy and Parliament”.

The Service of the Parliament continues to issue electronic newsletter “Open Parliament”, in both Montenegrin and English, which is forwarded to over 900 addresses in Montenegro and abroad. Editing, translation, layout and publishing of the newsletter are carried out by the Parliamentary Institute, by its own staff and technical capacities.

With a view to bringing the work of the Parliament of Montenegro closer to the citizens, organising of visits continued, primarily visits of students and participants in Democracy Workshops, as well as providing internship opportunities for the students. In addition to the above, other activities are being organised, as well, such as exhibitions, one of which was held in the beginning of July.

Openness and quality of work of the Parliament are also contributed by the representatives of the civil sector, who regularly participate in the meetings of the working bodies, and often address the working bodies in writing.

The practice of providing answers to all requests for free access to information and questions of the media also continued, being a significant segment in achieving a higher degree of transparency of work of this institution and enhancing of communication with the public.

Below you can find information on cooperation of the Parliament with the media, requests being addressed to the Parliament in accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information, cooperation with the civil sector organisations, visits to the Parliament, organised exhibitions, “Open Parliament” newsletter, as well as “Democracy Workshops” project.

5.1 PARLIAMENT AND MEDIA

In the reporting period, Department for Public Relations and Protocol of the Parliament of Montenegro issued 375 permanent accreditations for journalists and cameramen/photo-reporters from 25 electronic and printed media, eight of which have editorial offices outside of Montenegro. Additionally, 157 daily accreditations were issued. In the same period, more than 119 individual questions by the journalists, regarding parliamentary activities, were processed and answered.

During 2013, in the News column, a total of 4,690 pieces of information, announcements, and statements were published on the parliamentary website, illustrated with 1,739 photographs.

In addition to that, TV broadcasting of plenary sittings carried out by the Parliament's own staff and technical capacities, which started on 3 March 2010, making the TV channel available for further distribution to the interested TV stations and cable TV providers, also continued in the reporting period, during which a total of 313 hours and 10 minutes of program was produced.

As of 17 June 2010, the sittings of the Parliament of Montenegro can be followed live via the Internet. In the reporting period, in addition to the plenary sessions, live broadcasts of sittings of the Women's Parliament, Montenegrin Entrepreneurship Parliament and Children's Parliament were, also, available.

5.2 FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Parliament of Montenegro regularly responds to all requests for free access to information, in accordance with the obligations prescribed by the Constitution and the Law on Free Access to Information. The practice of providing accurate and complete information within the timescale stipulated by the Law to all requests submitted by NGOs, citizens, and other organisations and institutions, also demonstrates the recognition of availability of information as a significant contribution to strengthening the confidence of citizens in the work of our institution.

The continuity regarding a large number of submitted requests, as well as NGOs as the most common submitters, was noticeable in this period, as well.

From 1 January to 31 December, the Parliament received a total of 60 requests for free access to information (with 259 items/subrequests). The requested were replied as follows:

- 35 requests were granted access;
- 16 requests were denied access because the Parliament did not possess the requested information;
- 7 requests were replied to with a notification that the information had already been disclosed.

Two requests, submitted on 27 December 2013, will be replied to in 2014.

Table No. 10 – Overview of submitted requests for free access to information, as well as the type of reply in 2013, with comparative data for 2012

	No. of requests (with number of subrequests)	No. of decisions granting access to information	No. of decisions denying access to information	No. of conclusions	No. of notifications	No. of requests without reply
2012	58 (160)	36	9	2	11	-
2013	60 (259)	35	16 ¹⁷	-	7	2 ¹⁸

¹⁷ The Parliament of Montenegro rejected 16 requests for free access to information because it did not possess the requested information.

¹⁸ Two requests were submitted to the Parliament on 27 December 2013 and the answer would be sent in 2014.

A detailed table overview with data on submitters of requests for free access to information, date of reception of the request and providing reply, number of items, as well as the type of reply, are given in the Appendix IV of this report.

5.3 OPEN PARLIAMENT

The “Open Parliament” programme is aimed at informing the citizens on the work of MPs and the Parliament. Within this programme, the Parliament of Montenegro is implementing the project Democracy Workshops, organising sessions of the Children’s Parliament, issuing electronic newsletter “Open Parliament”, and organising visits by the citizens, primarily students, as well as exhibitions and other events.

5.3.1 COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SECTOR

In 2013, successful implementation of projects with civil society organisations continued, as well as the implementation of other joint activities.

Interest of representatives of civil sector in attendance/participation in the working bodies’ meetings, as well as in other activities they organise, was substantial in 2013, as well. The records showed about 280 attendances/participations of representatives of about 70 civil sector organisations, public institutions and companies in the working bodies meetings and about 100 addresses of the civil sector representatives to the working bodies of the Parliament (proposals, appeals, suggestions, initiatives, objections, requests for free access to information, comments on draft acts etc.).

NGO “Forum Youth and Informal Education” (Forum MNE)



Cooperation with NGO “Forum Youth and Informal Education” (Forum MNE) started in 2012, by providing professional and technical assistance in implementing “Democracy Workshops”, project that is implemented by the Parliament of Montenegro within the “Open Parliament” programme to contribute to the strengthening of the relation between the Parliament and the youth, especially the primary school population. “Democracy Workshops” were officially opened on 22 January, by Ms Barbara

Prammer, President of the National Council of the Austrian Parliament and Mr Ranko Krivokapić, President of the Parliament of Montenegro. On that occasion, the Memorandum on Cooperation was signed between the Parliament of Montenegro, ERSTE Foundation and NGO “Forum Youth and Informal Education”.

For more information on the project, see section 5.3.3 Democracy Workshops.

NGO “Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector” (MANS)



Publication “Oversight functions of the Bundestag with a brief comparison to the Parliament of Montenegro” was presented on 28 February, in the Parliament of Montenegro. Prepared by the international legal firm Ashurst in cooperation with the Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector (MANS), through the assistance programme of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to Montenegro, the publication contains the presentation of primarily oversight functions of Bundestag, as well as a brief comparative overview of rules of procedure and practices of this parliament and the Parliament of Montenegro.

The keynote speakers at the presentation were Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Damir Davidović and Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Montenegro Mr Pius Fischer, while Mr Vuk Maraš, Monitoring Programme Director at MANS, presented the contents of the publication.

On 15 March, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić opened the VI National Anti-corruption Conference, organised by Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector, with support of the American Embassy and the European Union. In addition to Mr Krivokapić, the speakers at the conference were, also, Ms Sue K. Brown, Ambassador of the United States to Montenegro; Mr Mitja Drobnič, Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro, as well as Ms Vanja Čalović, Executive Director of MANS.

Upon the initiative of MANS, two consultative hearings were held, one on 20 December, when the Anti-corruption Committee and Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, at their joint meeting, held a consultative hearing, on the topic: “Providing independence of the Council and local offence offices through reforming legal framework in part relating to appointments and dismissal from duty of magistrates”, and on 27 December, when the Anti-corruption Committee held a consultative hearing of the Minister of Finance, Director of Tax Administration, Director of the Real-Estate Administration and Chair of the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information regarding removal of Unique Master Citizen Numbers from the webpage of the Central Register of Commercial Entities and Real-Estate Administration.

NGO “Institute Alternative” (IA)

institut alternativa

Round Table “Second year of implementation of the Law on Parliamentary Oversight of Security and Defence Sector” was held on 12 February, in Podgorica, organised by the Institute Alternative with the support of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces. The keynote speakers at the meeting were Mr Mevludin Nuhodžić, Chairperson of the Security and Defence Committee, and Mr Stevo Muk, Chairperson of the Management Board of the Institute Alternative.

Seminar on public procurement for sixteen representatives of professional services of the committees and the MP Groups in the Parliament of Montenegro was held in Miločer, on 26 and 27 April, organised by the NGO Institute Alternative. During the two-day training, the participants were familiarised with the institutional and legal framework of public procurement, but, also, with the course of negotiations on Chapter 5, relating to this field. The lecturers were representatives of the Public Procurement Administration, State Commission for the Control of Public Procurement Procedures, Ministry of Finance, Administration for Inspection Affairs, State Audit Institution and Institute Alternative. The seminar was one of the activities envisaged by the project “Strengthening parliamentary oversight of public procurement system in Montenegro”, implemented by the Institute Alternative with the support of the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program of the US Embassy to Montenegro.

NGO “Center for Democratic Transition” (CDT)



Delegation of the Security and Defence Committee participated in the conference “Strategic Communication of Euro-Atlantic Integration Process”, held in Podgorica, on 25 November, organised by the Center for Democratic Transition. At the panel “Role of the Parliament and Political Parties in Communication of Euro-Atlantic Integration Process”, topics included various aspects of Montenegro’s NATO membership, as well as informing the citizens on implications of the Euro-Atlantic integration process and effects of full-fledged NATO membership and the role of the Parliament and political parties in that regard, and the need for leading a more intensive discussion at plenum and meetings of the working bodies.

NGO “Civic Alliance” (GA)



NGO “Civic Alliance” and the Parliament of Montenegro organised a debate entitled “Human Rights in Montenegro – from the referendum to the start of negotiations with the European Union”, held on 4 March, in the Parliament of Montenegro. The debate was opened by President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić, Minister of Human and Minority Rights Mr Suad Numanović and the US Ambassador to Montenegro Ms Sue K. Brown. The representatives of the Parliament

of Montenegro, the Government, institution of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, judiciary, prosecutor's office, Police Administration, academic community, NGO sector and media took part in the expert debate.

Within the implementation of stage II of the project "Public dialogue on energy efficiency in Montenegro", NGO "Civic Alliance" organised a study visit to the Energy Community Secretariat in Vienna, from 3 to 5 April, which was attended by the delegation of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget. Study visit was an opportunity for the Committee members to become familiar with institutions of the Secretariat and its activities, and, through exchange of opinions with Secretariat experts, to learn more about its work in the light of obligations the Parliament of Montenegro has, regarding the field of energy and energy efficiency.

NGO "Centre for Democracy and Human Rights"(CEDEM)



Round table "IPA 2014–2020 and Roma and Egyptian inclusion in Montenegro", organised by the NGO CEDEM and Open Society Institute from Budapest, was held on 27 June. The focus was on the presentation of the Draft Study on effects of IPA component I to Roma and Egyptian integration in Montenegro, as well as on discussion regarding recommendation for enhancement of availability of EU funds for the needs of social inclusion of Roma and Egyptian communities. Representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro – MP Šefkija Murić, member of Committee on European Integration, and MP Halil Duković, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, also took part in the round table.

On 27 September, NGO CEDEM, Open Society Institute from Budapest and Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms organised a public debate under the same name. The public debate was dedicated to new possibilities and challenges in social inclusion of the Roma and Egyptian communities in Montenegro within the EU accession process. The topics covered in the public debate included the effects of implementation of pre-accession funds for the programme period 2007–2013, consideration of opportunities for promotion of protection of human rights and freedoms of the Roma community within the new approach to planning and implementation of the new component of the pre-accession assistance for the period 2014–2020. The keynote speakers at the public debate were Mr Halil Duković, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, H.E. Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović, Head Negotiator for Montenegro's EU Accession negotiations and National IPA Coordinator, Mr Suad Numanović, Minister for Human and Minority Rights, and Ms Dawn Adie-Baird, representative of the EU Delegation to Montenegro.

European Movement in Montenegro (EPuCG)



Evropski pokret Crna Gora

The project "National Convention on European Integration of Montenegro", which is dedicated to creation of synergy effect of all social forces in Montenegro and aimed at strengthening and multiplying of efforts for accelerating social, political and economic reforms within the European integration process, is organised by the European Movement in Montenegro and Slovak Foreign Policy Association, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovakia and SLOVAKAID, with participation of the Parliament of Montenegro and the Government of Montenegro. The Conference of the National Convention on European Integration of Montenegro, held on 12 April, was opened by President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Ranko Krivokapić.

Regional Conference "Improving women's socio-economic status and mainstreaming of policies" was held on 5 July, in Podgorica, organised by the European Movement in Montenegro, within the implementation of the project "Improving women's socio-economic rights in Montenegro". Chairperson of the Gender Equality Committee Ms Nada Drobnjak was a keynote speaker at the Conference, and one of the panellists at the Conference entitled "The Role of the Parliament in achieving the set goals" was MP Snežana Jonica. The research of the European Movement and Ipsos Strategic Marketing titled "Socio-economic status of women in Montenegro" was presented at the Conference, providing a comprehensive and detailed description of women's position in various areas of social life in Montenegro.

NGO “Center for Children’s Rights of Montenegro”



On 2 December, in cooperation with the “Center for Children’s Rights of Montenegro” and organisation Save the Children, the Parliament of Montenegro organised V Session of the Children’s Parliament, on the occasion of 20 November – the Day of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This year’s Session, covering the topic of poverty, was attended by 46 students, 36 from primary schools and 10 from high schools, from 19 Montenegrin municipalities, who were the representatives of local children’s parliaments from Bar, Cetinje, Bijelo Polje and Podgorica and children’s parliaments from primary schools from 17 Montenegrin towns. The project is dedicated to promotion of the children’s rights to participation and advocating, as significant social needs and values.

5.3.2 VISITS, EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Within the “Open Parliament” programme, the Parliament of Montenegro organises visits to the Parliament, individually and in cooperation with the NGOs, aimed at informing the citizens on the work of the Parliament. In the reporting period, a large number of visits of students from primary schools and high schools was organised, during which the students were informed on the history, organisation and the structure of the Parliament, as well as the competencies and activities of the Parliament, working bodies and MP Groups.

In the period January – December 2013, the following events were organised:

- Six visits by the Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students – MAPSS (around 150 persons), and, on 28 September, a visit by students of MAPSS and IAPSS (International Association of Political Science Students) was organised;



- One visit by the Montenegrin American Youth Alumni Association (MAYAA), on 29 October. The visit was organised within the project of marking the week of civic education;
- 170 visits of students, within the project “Democracy Workshops”, in which 3,893 students participated, from 51 schools;
- Visit of the European Movement – France, 11 October. The European Movement – France is

an association that brings together men, women and associations, regardless of political affiliation, who wish to commit to European construction with a federalist perspective;

- Exhibition on the occasion of awarding certificates to attendees of “Democracy Workshops”, containing photographs of the participants, cover pages of newspapers and a selection of entries by students and teachers in the guest book;



- Exhibition of photographs from the previous four sessions of the Children’s Parliament, on the occasion of 20 November – the Day of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- Ceremony of presenting awards to the best employees, on 30 December, during which twelve-year old Nađa Janković, student of the IV grade of junior music school from Tivat in the class of professor Srđan Bulatović, who won the first award at the International Classical Guitar Competition in Almería (Andalusia);



- On the occasion of 20 November, the Day of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, V Session of the Children's Parliament was held on 2 December, in the Parliament of Montenegro. The Session was attended by 46 students, 36 from primary schools and 10 from high schools, from 19 Montenegrin municipalities, who were the representatives of local children's parliaments. President of the Parliament of Montenegro, representatives of MP Groups of the Parliament of Montenegro, ministers and their associates, Mayor of Cetinje and Associate to Mayor of Podgorica answered the children's questions. The topic of the V Session of the Children's Parliament, organised in cooperation with the Center for Children's Rights of Montenegro and Save the Children, was poverty.



“Open Parliament” Newsletter

Newsletter “Open Parliament” is an electronic publication on the work of the Parliament of Montenegro, which provides information on the most significant parliamentary activities, on a monthly basis. The publishing of the newsletter started in January 2011, in cooperation of the Service of Parliament of Montenegro and the NGO Centre for Democratic Transition (CDT), with the financial support of the European Commission through the European Union Delegation to Montenegro.

As of March 2012, the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro has completely overtaken editing, translation, page layout and publishing of the newsletter. The newsletter is published on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro, in both Montenegrin and English, and e-mailed to almost 900 domestic and foreign addresses, among which are e-mail addresses of foreign embassies in Montenegro and members of the European Parliament. A total of 11 newsletters are published annually (excluding August, due to annual leave).

5.3.3 DEMOCRACY WORKSHOPS

Within the Parliament's project “Democracy Workshops”, in the period January – December 2013, a total of 224 workshops were held, attended by 5,184 students (including 15 students of the Primary

School “Bernard Bolzano” from Tabor, Czech Republic) and 300 teachers (including three teachers from the Czech school) from 60 primary schools all over Montenegro and one primary school from the Czech Republic.

During 174 workshops, on the topic “Democracy and Parliament” and 50 workshops, on the topic “European Union”, a total of 175 children’s newspapers and 49 radio features were compiled. During the reporting period, democracy workshops hosted the President and Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro, 13 members of the Parliament of Montenegro, both from the parliamentary majority and minority, as well as the Speaker of the Austrian Parliament, a member of the European Parliament, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Secretary General of the Hellenic Parliament and others.

In addition to the workshops, on the topic “Democracy and Parliament”, implementation of the workshops, on the topic “European Union” began in June, and due to a large interest of schools, the number of workshops increased from eight to nine workshops per week, as of September 2013.



The project activities also included the visit to Athens by eight students and two teachers of the Primary School “Bajo Pivljanin” from Donja Brezna, Plužine, in August. During their stay in Athens, the students and the teachers visited the Hellenic Parliament, Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum, Plaka, National Archaeological Museum and other historic and cultural sites. Additionally, the Parliament of Montenegro marked the International Day of Democracy – 15 September, by implementing a series of activities within this project and for that it was singled out by the Interparliamentary Union as one of the examples to other parliaments on how to celebrate this significant day. In November, a joint workshop for students of eighth and ninth grade of the primary schools “Bernard Bolzano” from Tabor, Czech Republic, and “Milija Nikčević” from Nikšić, was organised, on the topic “European Union”, with focus on founding and core values of the EU, education and mobility, which also included a tour of the building of the Parliament.



In June and December 2013, certificates were awarded by the President of the Parliament of Montenegro to children from primary schools whose students participated in democracy workshops.

From the beginning of the project implementation, in October 2012, until the end of 2013, a total of 6,519 students participated in the workshops.

In the reporting period, the project “Democracy Workshops” of the Parliament of Montenegro was financially supported by the ERSTE Foundation, with technical and professional implementation of the NGO Forum MNE (Forum Youth and Informal Education).

VI ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

Commitment of the Parliament of Montenegro to continuous strengthening of administrative capacities and performance effectiveness in order to provide quality support to MPs marked this reporting period, as well. In addition to increasing the number of staff, in 2013, great attention was paid to strengthening administrative capacities in terms of quality, entailing a large number of trainings and other activities aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills of employees of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro.

It is important to note that Human Resources Development Strategy was revised in 2013, as a document that defines goals and activities for this and the following two years, with regard to development of this field. In addition to the Strategy, the 2013 Training Plan was adopted, defining specific trainings needed for the employees of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro to promote their knowledge and skills, and, therefore, improve their job performance. Drafting of handbooks for managers, based on the document Management Development Programme, which awaits implementation, is another indicator of continuous work in the field of strengthening capacities. So far, drafts of several handbooks were completed: “Basics of Management”, “Change Management”, “Increasing Performance and Motivation”, “Skills of conducting interviews with managers”, “Teamwork and Leadership”, “Planning and Evaluation of Trainings”, and “Mentorship”.

In addition to adopting the Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service, a series of documents at the Administrative Committee meeting, held on 24 July, were adopted: Decision on Special Advisors in the Parliament of Montenegro; Decision on the Type and Procedure of Awarding a Civil Servant or a State Employee of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro; Rulebook on Advertising Vacancies in the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro; Rulebook on the Type of Aptitude Test during Filling Vacancies and the Manner of Access to Documents of the Advertisement at the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro; Rulebook on the Content, Preparation and Adoption, as well as Methodology of Drafting a Special Programme of Vocational Training of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro, and Rulebook on Criteria and Manner of Evaluation of Civil Servants and State Employees in the Parliament of Montenegro.

The practice of preparing research papers, increasingly on MPs’ request, and providing responses to requests of ECPRD network member states continued. The activities of the Service of the Parliament intensified for the development of e-parliament, for which terms of reference were prepared. In this period, the Intranet portal of the Parliament was established and launched.

With regard to spatial capacities, additional office space was provided in 2013 as a short-term solution.

6.1 HUMAN RESOURCES

Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service was adopted in July 2013. At its 25th meeting, held on 26 December, the Administrative Committee positively assessed the implementation of this act. Based on proposal of the Committee members and the need for certain amendments to the Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service, at the same meeting, the Administrative Committee granted consent to the Rulebook on Amendments to the Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation.

According to the Rulebook on Amendments to the Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation, the Parliamentary Service consists of the following organisational units:

1. Cabinet of the President of the Parliament;
2. Secretary General's Office;
3. Sector for Support to Legislative and Oversight Functions of the Parliament;
4. Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network;
5. Department for Public Relations and Protocol;
6. Internal Audit Department; and
7. Service for Human Resources and Corporate Affairs.

Sector for Support to Legislative and Oversight Functions of the Parliament consists of the following:

- Section for preparation and processing of the working bodies meetings
 - Secretariat of the Constitutional Committee;
 - Secretariat of Legislative Committee;
 - Secretariat of Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration;
 - Secretariat of Security and Defence Committee;
 - Secretariat of Committee on International Relations and Emigrants;
 - Secretariat of Committee on European Integration;
 - Secretariat of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget;
 - Secretariat of Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms;
 - Secretariat of Gender Equality Committee;
 - Secretariat of Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning;
 - Secretariat of Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports;
 - Secretariat of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare;
 - Secretariat of Anti-corruption Committee;
 - Secretariat of Administrative Committee; and
 - Secretariat of Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure.
- Section for preparation and processing of the sittings of the Parliament, audio and written records

Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network consists of the following:

- Parliamentary Institute
 - Research Centre,
 - Library and Documentation Centre, and
 - Education Centre.
- Section for Information and Communication Technologies, and
- Section for Recording and Broadcasting of Sittings.

Service for Human Resources and Corporate Affairs consists of the following smaller organisational units:

- Human Resources Management Bureau,
- Legal Affairs Bureau,
- Financial Affairs Bureau,
- Material Bookkeeping and Maintenance Service Bureau,
- Public Procurement Bureau,
- Registry Office.

6.1.1 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

On 31 December 2013, number of employees in the Parliamentary Service was 134. That number includes Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General, 12 Advisors to the President and Vice Presidents of the Parliament of Montenegro, 119 civil servants and employees (one civil servant has dormant employment rights and responsibilities) and one trainee. In comparison, on 31 December 2012, there were 20 trainees, compared to one trainee a year later, resulting in a lower number of employees at the end of 2013.

Furthermore, during 2013, the Parliamentary Service also had 23 users of the Programme of Professional Training for persons with acquired higher education.

Table No. 11 – Number of employees at the Parliamentary Service on 31 December 2013, with comparative data from 2012

Date	Total number of employees	Number of civil servants and employees
31.12.2013	134	119
31.12.2012	143	113

6.1.2 TRAININGS

The 2013 Training Plan was adopted in May along with the revised Human Resources Development Strategy for 2013–2015. The Plan envisaged 11 trainings for employees in the Parliament of Montenegro, and for each of the trainings the following was determined: target group, training purpose, implementation term, as well as the partner for implementation of the training, if the training is organised in cooperation with other organisations.

In the reporting period, a number of trainings were held, of which Human Resources Management Bureau continually keeps record. In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, a total of 80 trainings was held, attended by 324 participants. Seven trainings were envisaged in the 2013 Training Plan, 34 were organised by the Human Resources Administration in accordance with the Training Implementation Plan, and the employees of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro attended 39 more trainings, organized through cooperation with other domestic, foreign and international organisations.

A detailed table overview of implemented trainings with data on organisers, venues and number of attendees in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 is provided in the Appendix VI of this report.

6.1.3 AWARDS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PARLIAMENT

The practice of awarding best employees and civil servants of the Parliament also continued in 2013. President of the Parliament of Montenegro presented awards to the best employees in 2013 at the awarding ceremony. Addressing the awarded, President Krivokapić said: “With you, my colleagues, we have a chance to be good. This building is not composed of walls, but the spirit of people in it, and the faith that the spirit would create a new and bigger building. Without you, this institution would not be what it is. You are much more than mere civil servants and state employees, you are the spirit of this building”. The awards for the best employees in 2013 were presented to Mr Momir Joksimović,

Secretary of Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare; Ms Vesna Peković, Secretary of the Anti-corruption Committee; Mr Mirko Milošević, employee at Section for Recording and Broadcasting of Sitzings; and Mr Igor Radulović, employee at Department for Public Relations and Protocol.



Ms Nađa Janković, twelve-year old student of the IV grade of the primary music school from Tivat in the class of professor Srđan Bulatović, who won the first award at the International Classical Guitar Competition in Almería (Andalusia), performed during the ceremony of presenting awards. That is her second international award after winning a gold award at the international competition “Days of guitars Krško” in Slovenia.

6.2 BIBLIOTEKA I ISTRAŽIVANJE

New Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro provided for setting up of a new organisational unit – Parliamentary Institute, operating within the Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network, instead of the former Section for research, analysis, library and documentation. Parliamentary Institute consists of the following organisational units: Research Centre, Library and Documentation Centre and Archive, and Education Centre.

As for the research during 2013, eight research papers were prepared over a total of 300 pages. Six research papers were drafted upon MPs’ request on the following topics: “Social benefits in the EU member states”, “Role and competencies of parliamentary working bodies dealing with gender equality”, “Women in the Parliament of Montenegro”, “Standards of Baltic countries in the field of the election process”, “EU standards in the field of the election process”, and “Local self-government bodies: Type, competencies and their role in planning, execution and oversight of the budget”. Additionally, upon initiative by the Section for research, analysis, library and documentation, two more research papers were drafted on the topics “MPs’ Code of Ethics” and “Law on parliament: Legal basis and organisation of the parliamentary work”. Seven papers are available on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro in accordance with the right of the submitter of the request for preparation of the research paper to require publishing of the paper upon expiry of a defined period. The Parliament of Montenegro actively cooperates with the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD), providing access to another rich information source. The research service regularly responds to all requests it receives from other member states of the European

Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD) network. During 2013, it prepared and sent out responses to 70 requests of ECPRD, and submitted two requests for information to other member states. The Section prepared and published online responses to 90% of ECPRD inquiries, addressed to the Parliament of Montenegro. In comparison, most of parliaments of member states of ECPRD network respond on average to 70-80% of received inquiries.

Furthermore, during 2013, the Section has prepared weekly newsletter News from the EU institutions, which is electronically forwarded to all MPs and MP Groups, every Friday, and published on the Intranet portal of the Parliament of Montenegro in order to be available to the employees, as well. That way, by creating new digital information products and services, a significant amount of useful information is accumulated.

On a daily basis, the Section deals with activities within the scope of library work, work with users and procurement of daily and weekly press. With regard to the source of information, during 2013, MPs and employees of the Parliamentary Service had the option of using EBSCO online database, while the Parliament also enabled access to the E-Book Collection database, containing over 100,000 titles. The access was also enabled for magazines in the area of law, politics, economy, technology, medicine, sports etc, majority of which is fully available, while it is possible to browse a large number of diverse publications offering summaries, newspaper overviews and encyclopaedia data. In addition, the Section also performs documentation activities, which entail collecting, processing, keeping and providing for use acts made during the course of regular activities in the Parliament of Montenegro.

6.3 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2013, the Parliamentary Service redesigned the website of the Parliament of Montenegro with its own capacities. With significantly enriched content, redesigned and modernised, in accordance with current technical achievements, significantly enlarged parliamentary activities and, primarily, the needs of the citizens, the new website has been available since 21 May 2013. From 21 May to 31 December 2013, the website was visited 144,837 times, out of which 40,875 were unique visits. The average time spent on the website was 5 minutes and 50 seconds. Additionally, in the reporting period, 624,542 visits to web pages were recorded, out of which 437,788 were unique visits. The average time spent on one page of the website was one minute and 46 seconds. The new website was accessed from 130 countries.

In the reporting period, the IT Section of the Parliament of Montenegro established and launched the Intranet portal of the Parliament, which is constantly being upgraded, both in terms of quantity and quality of published information and documents. The portal can be accessed through the computer network of the Parliament by registered users. On 31 December, there were 115 users. Intranet portal allows access to databases of tables of concordance and screening documents, which are regularly updated. On 31 December 2013, there were 1,784 inputs in the database of tables of concordance, i.e. data for 561 proposals for the laws and 1,223 celex, while 1,504 files are contained in the screening database (screening lists, presentations, reports etc.).

In cooperation with the Secretary General's Office, as well as with other organisational units, the Section prepared "Initial Terms of Reference: Development of the legislative process support system", as well as "Terms of Reference for the design, development and implementation of the parliamentary information and legislative system in the Parliament of Montenegro". Based on these documents, the Terms of Reference for expert support for the development and implementation of the legislative information system within the Strategic Framework of the Parliament of Montenegro was drafted. From 2 to 20 September 2013, expert mission for the support to development of legislative

information system was implemented with the support of the EU Delegation to Montenegro and 2011 IPA funds. The goal of the mission was preparation of the ToR for the development and implementation of legislative information system within the Strategic framework, which would be the basis for the tender procedure of the European Commission to be carried out in 2014.

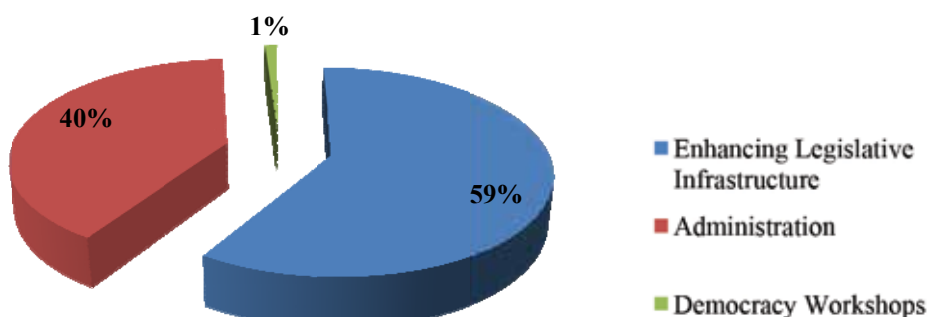
In the reporting period, the representatives of the IT Section of the Parliament participated in the XVIII Scientific and professional gathering “2013 Information Technologies”, which was held in Žabljak. The goal of the gathering was a comprehensive and multidisciplinary overview of the current events in the field of information and communication technologies in Montenegro and worldwide. At the gathering, scientific and professional results were presented, and debates and expository lectures organized. Within the author papers session, the employees of the IT Section presented two papers on the use of information and communication technologies for enhancing support to the legislative and oversight function of the Parliament, as well as its openness and transparency.

VII FINANCES

According to the 2013 Budget Law of Montenegro, the planned funds for the Parliament of Montenegro amounted to 6,569,825.88€. The Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro amounts to 1.10% of the current Budget of Montenegro or 0.48% of the total Budget of Montenegro.

The funds were allocated for three programmes.

➤ Programme – Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure	3,882,200.00€
➤ Programme – Administration	2,637,625.88€
➤ Programme – Democracy Workshops	50,000.00€



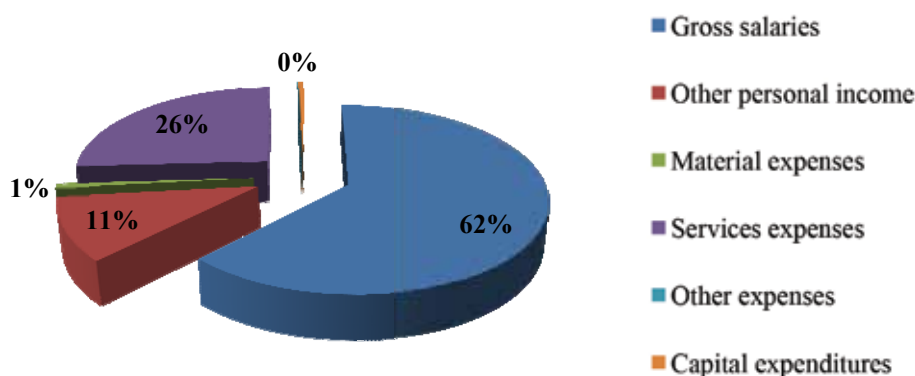
Graphic overview of the 2013 Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro structure, by programmes

Total expenditures of the 2013 Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro amounted to 6,585,204.24€ or 100.23% of the funds planned by the 2013 Budget Law. For the needs of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Government of Montenegro allocated the amount of 150,000.00€ from the funds of the Current Budget Reserve, and for that purpose a total of 140,907.23€ was spent.

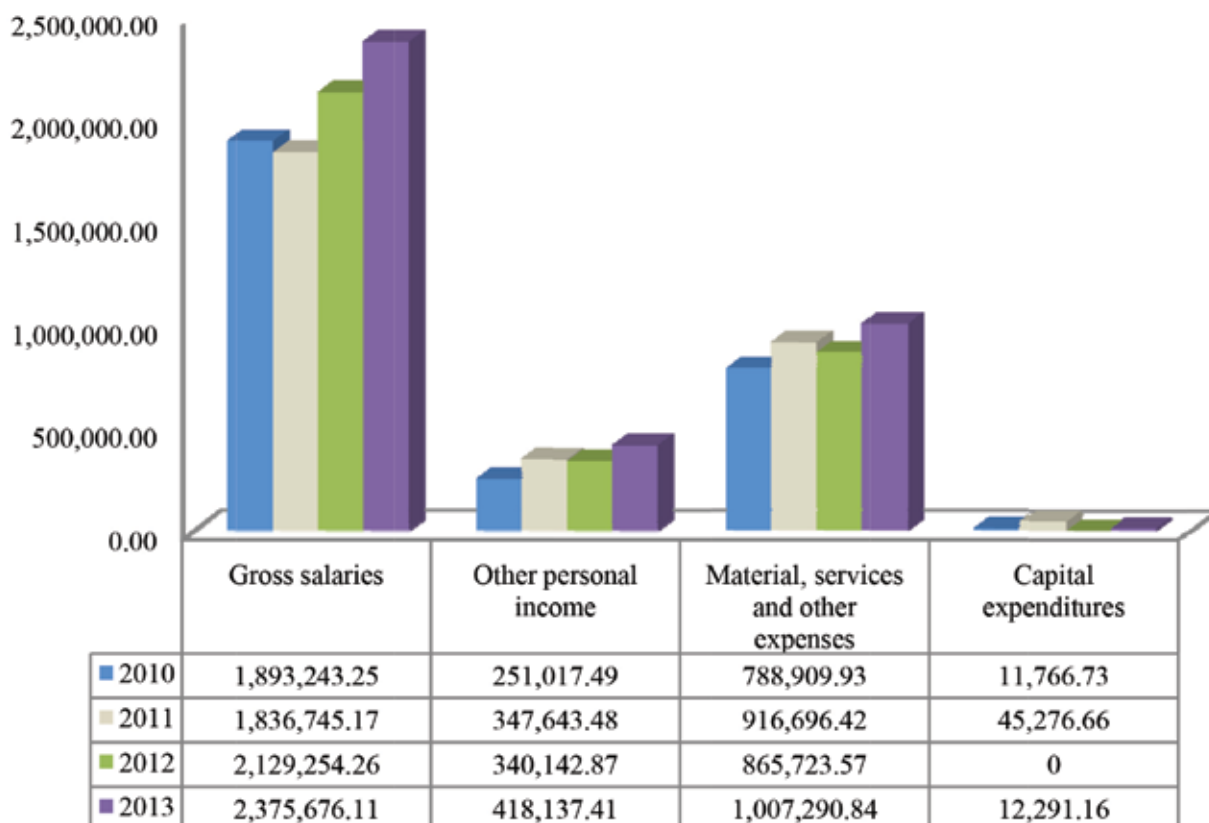
➤ Programme – Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure	3,813,714.60€
➤ Programme – Administration	2,735,951.94€
➤ Programme – Democracy Workshops	35,856.78€

Programme – Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure

The approved amount for the Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure Programme for 2013 amounted to 3,882,200.00€. A total of 3,813,395.52 €, or 98.23% of planned funds of the current budget for this programme was spent by the end of 2013.



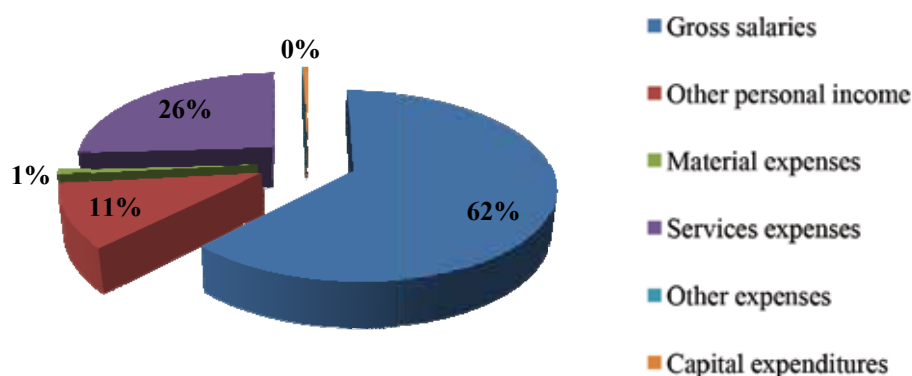
Graphic overview of the 2013 Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro spending structure on the Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure Programme



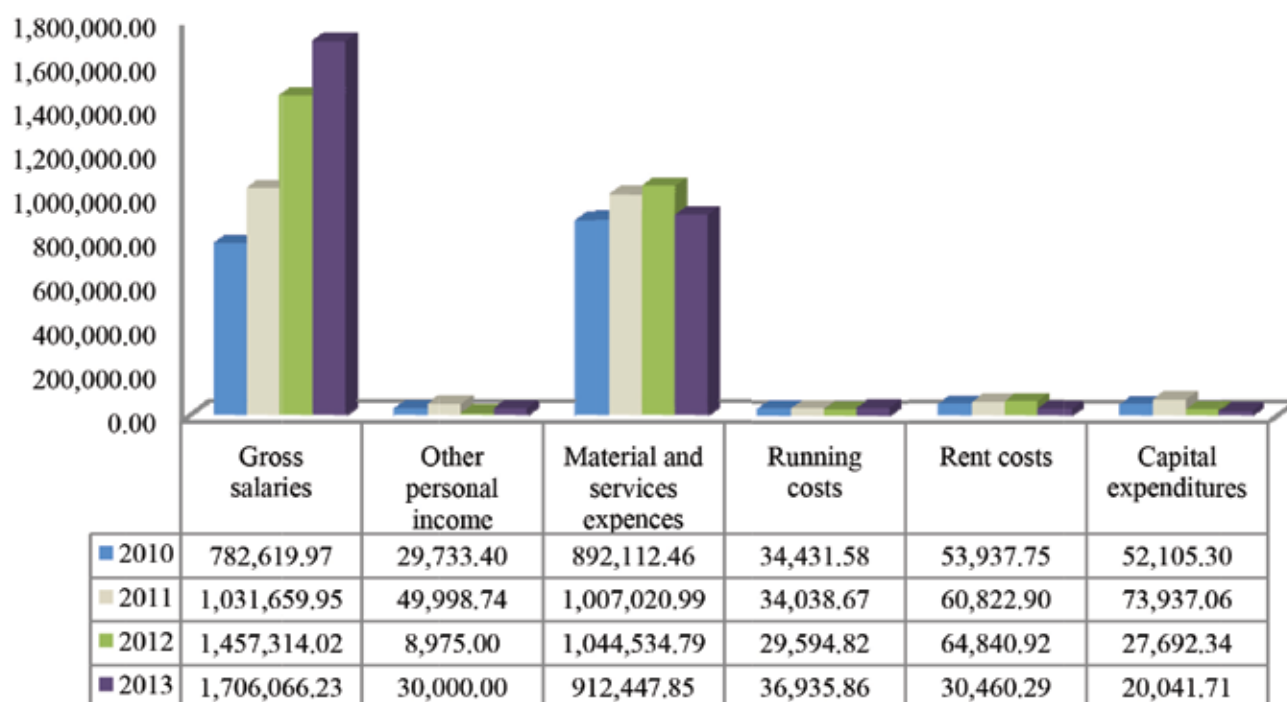
Graphic overview of spending in Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure Programme by positions – comparison for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

Programme – Administration

Planned amount of funds of the current budget allocated for the Administration Programme for 2013 amounted to 2,637,625.88€, and a total of 2,735,951.94€ or 103.73% was spent.



Graphic overview of the 2013 Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro spending structure on the Administration Programme



Graphic overview of spending in Administration Programme by positions – comparison for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

Programme – Democracy Workshops

Planned amount of funds of the current budget allocated for the Democracy Workshop Programme for 2013 amounted to 50,000€, and a total of 35,856.78€ or 71.71%, was spent through transfers to NGOs (item 431).

VIII APPENDIXES

APPENDIX I: LIST OF ADOPTED LAWS

SITTING OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2013

1. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*);
2. Law on Amendments to the Law on Insurance (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*);
3. Law on Amendments to the Law on Securities (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*);
4. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communications (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*);
5. Law on Amendments to the Law on Energy (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*);
6. Law on Amendments to the Law on Medicines (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*);
7. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Media (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 6/13*).

FIRST ORDINARY (SPRING) SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2013

First Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

8. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Police Cooperation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
9. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
10. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Czech Republic on cooperation in the field of combating crime (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
11. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Slovak Republic on cooperation and mutual assistance in natural and other disasters (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
12. Law on Ratification of the Annex to the VI MARPOL 73/78 Convention (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
13. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania on organising border railway traffic (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
14. Law on Ratification of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-

- corruption Academy (IACA) as an International Organisation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 3/13*);
15. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Extradition between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 4/13*);
 16. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Legal Status of Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 4/13*);
 17. Law on Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 4/13*);
 18. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 4/13*);
 19. Law on Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 4/13*);
 20. Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Confidentiality (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 14/13*).

Third Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

21. Law on Railways (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
22. Law on Amendments to the Law on Ports (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
23. Law on Amendments to the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
24. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Exercise of the Rights of the Mentally Ill (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
25. Law on Amendments to the Law on Legal Protection of Industrial Design (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
26. Law on Amendments to the Law on Territorial Organization of Montenegro (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
27. Law on Social and Child Welfare (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
28. Law on Supplement to the Law on Foreigners (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*);
29. Law on Amendments to the Law on Payment of Foreign Currency Assets of Citizens Placed with Domestic Bank Dabim Banka AD Belgrade and Banka Privatne privrede DD Podgorica, Placed via the Company Jugoskandik DD Belgrade (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 27/13*).

Eighth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

30. Law on Amendments to the Law on Value Added Tax (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 29/13*);
31. Law on Prevention of Illegal Business Operations (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 29/13*);
32. Law on Amendments to the Law on Internal Affairs (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
33. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Prevention of Drug Abuse (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 35/13*);
34. Law on Consumer Loans (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 35/13*);



35. Law on Social Housing (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 35/13*);
36. Law on Tax on Turnover of Real Estate (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
37. Law on Protection from the Non-Ionising Radiation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 35/13*);
38. Law on Amendments to the Law on Trade Union Representation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
39. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Citizens of Montenegro Working Abroad (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 35/13*);
40. Law on Amendments to the Law on Sports (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
41. Law on Amendments to the Law on Contracts for Transportation in Road Traffic (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
42. Law on Amendments to the Law on International Legal Aid in Criminal Matters (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
43. Law on Amendments to the Law on National and Other Holidays (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 36/13*);
44. Law on Ratification of the Consular Convention between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 6/13*);
45. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Amendments to the Agreement on TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 6/13*);
46. Law on Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 6/13*);
47. Law on Ratification of the Memorandum on legal and judicial guarantees against unlawful processing of personal data (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 6/13*);
48. Law on Ratification of the Optional Protocol on Communication Procedures to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 6/13*);
49. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”, No. 6/13*);
50. Law on Amendments to the Law on Spatial Planning and Construction (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 35/13*);
51. Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 40/13*).

Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

52. Law on Electronic Communications (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 40/13*);
53. Law on Amendments to the General Law on Education (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 39/13*);
54. Law on Amendments to the Law on Primary Education (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 39/13*);
55. Law on Amendments to the Law on Vocational Education (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 39/13*);
56. Law on Amendments to the Law on Gymnasium (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 39/13*);
57. Law on Amendments to the Law on State Border Supervision (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 39/13*);

58. Law on Amendments to the Law on Travel Documents (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 39/13);
59. Law on Amendments to the Excise Law (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 38/13);
60. Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 38/13);
61. Law on Amnesty of Persons Convicted of Criminal Offences Prescribed by Montenegrin Legislation and Persons Convicted by Foreign Criminal Judgements Executed in Montenegro (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 39/13).

Twelfth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

62. Constitutional Law on Implementation of Amendments I to XVI to the Constitution of Montenegro (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 38/13).

SITTING OF THE EIGHTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2013

63. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 46/13);
64. Law on Amendments to the Law on Courts (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 46/13);
65. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Constitutional Court of Montenegro (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 46/13);
66. Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Prosecution Office (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 46/13).

SECOND ORDINARY (AUTUMN) SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2013

First Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

67. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
68. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Serbia on Readmission (Return and Admission) of Persons Whose Entry or Stay is Illegal, with Implementation Protocol (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
69. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Readmission (Return and Admission) of Persons Whose Entry or Stay is Illegal (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
70. 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 (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
71. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Double Taxation Avoidance and Prevention of Income Tax Evasion (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
72. Law on Ratification of the Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Air-Traffic between the Government of Montenegro and Government of the Republic of Serbia (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);



73. Law on Ratification of the Convention on International Hydrographic Organisation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
74. Law on Ratification of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC-07) (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 9/13);
75. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on Enhancing Cooperation in Infrastructure Construction (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 8/13);
76. Law on Amendments to the Law on Higher Education (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 48/13).

Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

77. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Constitutional Court of Montenegro (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 51/13);
78. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Judicial Council (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 51/13);
79. Law on the Protection of the Natural and Cultural-Historical Area of Kotor (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 56/13);
80. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Commerce (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 56/13);
81. Law on Organic Production (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 56/13);
82. Law on Protection of Public Interests in Mining and Metallurgy Sector¹⁹ (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 58/13);
83. Law on Amendments to the Law on Administrative Fees (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 56/13).

Sixth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

84. Law on Amendments to the Customs Law (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 62/13);
85. Law on Ratification of the Additional Bilateral Agreement to the European Convention on Extradition from 13 December 1957, aimed at facilitating its implementation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro” – International Treaties*, No. 1/14);
86. Law on Ratification of the Additional Bilateral Agreement to the European Convention on Mutual Provision of Legal Assistance from 20 April 1959, aimed at facilitating its implementation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 1/14);
87. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of His Serene Highness the Prince of Monaco in the field of sustainable development (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 1/14);
88. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and Amendments to Article 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro – International Treaties”*, No. 1/14);
89. Law on Private International Law (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 1/14);
90. Law on Payment Operations (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 62/13);
91. Law on Consumer Protection (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 2/14);
92. Law on Safety and Interoperability on the Railway (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”*, No. 1/14);

¹⁹ At the Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of 20 November 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted, and, at the Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of 17 December 2013, re-adopted the Law on Protection of Public Interests in Mining and Metallurgy Sector.

93. Law on Safety of Maritime Navigation (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*);
94. Law on Providing Blood (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 1/14*);
95. Law on Amendments to the Nature Protection Law (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*);
96. Law on Amendments to the Law on Housing and Maintenance of Residential Buildings (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 1/14*);
97. Law on Amendments to the Law on Employment and Exercising Rights with respect to Unemployment Insurance (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*).

Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

98. Law on Interest Write-offs on Tax and Customs Duties (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*);
99. Law on Amendments to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*);
100. Law on Final Budget Statement of Montenegro for 2012 (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 60/13*);
101. Law on Protection of Persons and Property (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 1/14*);
102. Law on Amendments to the Law on Foreigners (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*);
103. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection from Noise in the Environment (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 1/14*);
104. Law on Amendments to the Law on Social Council (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*);
105. Law on Amendments to the Law on Research and Production of Hydrocarbon (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*);
106. Law on Amendments to the Law on Territorial Organization (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*);
107. Law on Amendments to the Law on Games of Chance (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*);
108. Law on Amendments to the Law on Tax on Insurance Premiums (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*).

Eighth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

109. 2014 Budget Law of Montenegro (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*);
110. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*);
111. Law on Amendments to the Law on Fees for Access to Certain Services of General Interest and for the Use of Tobacco Products and Electro-Acoustic and Acoustic Devices (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*);
112. Law on Amendments to the Law on Mandatory Social Security Contributions (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 62/13*).

Tenth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

113. Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law (*“Official Gazette of Montenegro”, No. 61/13*).



APPENDIX II: TABLE OVERVIEW OF SPENDING IN 2013

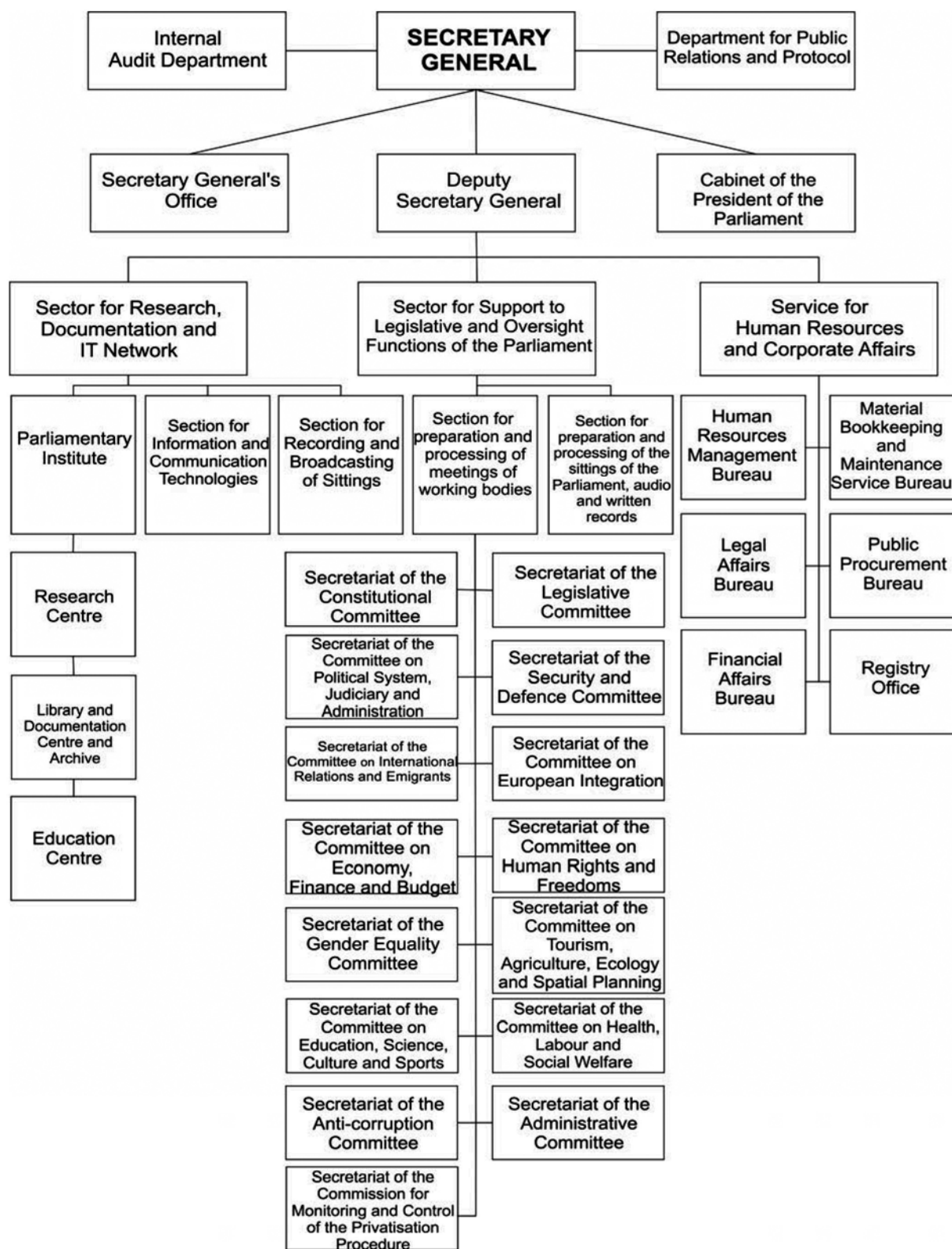
		2013 Budget Law	Operating Budget for 2013	Spent in 2013	% of spending (compared to the planned budget)
20101	Parliament of Montenegro	6.569.825,88 €	6.619.825,88 €	6.585.204,24 €	100,23%
2941	Programme: Promotion of legislative infrastructure	3.882.200,00 €	3.832.714,60 €	3.813.395,52 €	98,23%
411	Gross salaries and employer contributions	2.575.700,00 €	2.377.464,60 €	2.375.676,11 €	92,23%
4111	Net wages	1.578.850,00 €	1.357.226,02 €	1.356.039,61 €	85,89%
4112	Income tax	202.290,00 €	258.542,36 €	258.542,36 €	127,81%
4113	Employee contributions	539.440,00 €	510.293,29 €	509.868,32 €	94,52%
4114	Employer contributions	224.770,00 €	212.621,38 €	212.444,31 €	94,52%
4115	Municipal dues	30.350,00 €	38.781,55 €	38.781,51 €	127,78%
412	Other personal income	397.000,00 €	418.490,00 €	418.137,41 €	105,32%
4122	Rent compensation	10.000,00 €	4.300,00 €	4.266,66 €	42,67%
4125	Severance pay	2.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
4126	Compensation to MPs	360.000,00 €	389.190,00 €	389.120,75 €	108,09%
4127	Other compensations	25.000,00 €	25.000,00 €	24.750,00 €	99,00%
413	Material expenses	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	100,00%
4135	Fuel expenses	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	100,00%
414	Services expenses	774.500,00 €	976.260,00 €	975.792,84 €	125,99%
4141	Business trip	570.000,00 €	728.500,00 €	728.255,82 €	127,76%
4142	Representation	41.500,00 €	49.500,00 €	49.435,03 €	119,12%
4143	Communication services	70.000,00 €	68.500,00 €	68.499,96 €	97,86%
4144	Banking services and negative exchange differences	1.000,00 €	1.000,00 €	901,45 €	90,15%
4147	Consulting services, projects and studies	20.000,00 €	58.310,00 €	58.310,00 €	291,55%
4148	Professional training services	2.000,00 €	450,00 €	450,00 €	22,50%
4149	Other services	70.000,00 €	70.000,00 €	69.940,58 €	99,92%
419	Other expenses	25.000,00 €	1.500,00 €	1.498,00 €	5,99%
4195	Membership contributions to domestic and international organisations.	25.000,00 €	1.500,00 €	1.498,00 €	5,99%
441	Capital expenditures	80.000,00 €	29.000,00 €	12.291,16 €	15,36%
4415	Equipment expenses	80.000,00 €	29.000,00 €	12.291,16 €	15,36%
2951	Programme: Administration	2.637.625,88 €	2.742.111,28 €	2.735.951,94 €	103,73%
411	Gross wages and employer contributions	1.510.324,88 €	1.706.310,28 €	1.706.066,23 €	112,96%
4111	Net wages	960.631,88 €	1.007.416,91 €	1.007.369,91 €	104,87%
4112	Income tax	111.560,00 €	155.274,05 €	155.274,05 €	139,18%
4113	Employee contributions	297.490,00 €	367.151,78 €	367.151,76 €	123,42%
4114	Employer contributions	123.950,00 €	152.978,72 €	152.978,72 €	123,42%
4115	Municipal dues	16.693,00 €	23.488,82 €	23.291,79 €	139,53%
412	Other personal income	31.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	96,77%
4125	Severance pay	1.000,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
4127	Other contributions	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	100,00%
413	Material expenses	180.000,00 €	114.299,00 €	112.455,14 €	62,48%
4131	Administrative materials	110.000,00 €	57.699,00 €	57.647,57 €	52,41%
4133	Special purpose materials	50.000,00 €	34.600,00 €	32.807,57 €	65,62%
4135	Fuel expenses	20.000,00 €	22.000,00 €	22.000,00 €	110,00%
414	Services expenses	673.300,00 €	669.500,00 €	668.364,44 €	99,27%
4141	Business trips	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €	29.921,44 €	99,74%
4142	Representation	14.300,00 €	14.300,00 €	14.298,92 €	99,99%
4143	Communication services	90.000,00 €	92.500,00 €	92.500,00 €	102,78%



4144	Banking services and negative exchange differences	1.000,00 €	500,00 €	295,52 €	29,55%
4147	Consulting services, projects and studies	440.000,00 €	479.500,00 €	478.913,18 €	108,84%
4148	Professional training services	18.000,00 €	2.700,00 €	2.691,00 €	14,95%
4149	Other services	80.000,00 €	50.000,00 €	49.744,38 €	62,18%
415	Running costs	45.000,00 €	36.950,00 €	36.935,86 €	82,08%
4152	Running costs of buildings maintenance	5.000,00 €	1.950,00 €	1.949,53 €	38,99%
4153	Running costs of equipment maintenance	40.000,00 €	35.000,00 €	34.986,33 €	87,47%
417	Rent	35.000,00 €	30.801,00 €	30.460,29 €	87,03%
4171	Building lease	30.000,00 €	21.801,00 €	21.801,00 €	72,67%
4172	Equipment lease	5.000,00 €	9.000,00 €	8.659,29 €	173,19%
0	Other expenses	110.000,00 €	131.800,00 €	131.628,27 €	119,66%
4191	Expenses on the basis of payment of service contracts	60.000,00 €	97.000,00 €	97.000,00 €	161,67%
4193	Software maintenance and development	30.000,00 €	19.400,00 €	19.321,03 €	64,40%
4194	Insurance	20.000,00 €	15.400,00 €	15.307,24 €	76,54%
441	Capital expenditures	53.000,00 €	22.450,00 €	20.041,71 €	37,81%
4415	Equipment expenses	50.000,00 €	19.450,00 €	17.098,51 €	34,20%
4416	Expenses for investment maintenance	3.000,00 €	3.000,00 €	2.943,20 €	98,11%
463	Payment of liabilities from previous years	1,00 €	1,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
4630	Payment of liabilities from previous years	1,00 €	1,00 €	0,00 €	0,00%
3871	Programme: Democracy workshops	50.000,00 €	45.000,00 €	35.856,78 €	71,71%
431	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGO and public sector	50.000,00 €	45.000,00 €	35.856,78 €	71,71%
4319	Other transfers to institutions	50.000,00 €	45.000,00 €	35.856,78 €	71,71%



APPENDIX III: ORGANISATION CHART OF THE SERVICE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO



APPENDIX IV: TABLE OVERVIEW OF DATA ON REQUESTS FOR FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

No.	Submitter of requests	Date of reception	Date of reply	No. of items	Reply
1.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-1 11.1.	15.1.	1	granted
2.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-2 16.1.	17.1.	3	granted
3.	MANS	00-41/13-3 24.1.	31.1.	10	granted
4.	MANS	00-41/13-4 24.1.	31.1.	10	granted
5.	MANS	00-41/13-5 24.1.	31.1.	10	granted
6.	MANS	00-41/13-6 24.1.	31.1.	10	granted
7.	MANS	00-41/13-7 24.1.	31.1.	10	granted
8.	MANS	00-41/13-8 24.1.	31.1.	7	granted
9.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-9 22.1.	25.1.	3	denied
10.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-10 22.1.	25.1.	3	denied
11.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-11 22.1.	25.1.	3	denied
12.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-12 22.1.	25.1.	3	denied
13.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-13 31.1.	1.2.	1	announcement
14.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-14 1.2.	1.2.	1	announcement
15.	Center for Monitoring and Research	00-41/13-15 4.3.	11.3.	1	denied ²⁰
16.	Center for Monitoring and Research	00-41/13-16 4.3.	11.3.	2	denied
17.	MANS	00-41/13-17 11.3.	11.3.	1	announcement
18.	MANS	00-41/13-18 11.3.	12.3.	1	granted
19.	MANS	00-41/13-19 21.3.	21.3.	1	denied
20.	MANS	00-41/13-21 28.3.	2.4.	5	granted
21.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-22 1.4.	4.4.	4	granted
22.	MANS	00-41/13-23 17.4.	18.4.	1	granted
23.	Serbian National Council	00-41/13-24 19.4.	18.4.	4	granted
24.	MANS	00-41/13-25 26.4.	18.4.	4	granted
25.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-26 7.5.	17.5.	6	granted
26.	Ms Mila Radulović Independent Daily "Vijesti"	00-41/13-27 8.5.	17.5.	4	denied

²⁰ Parliament of Montenegro denied 16 requests for free access to information because it did not have the requested information



27.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-28 10.5.	13.5.	1	denied
28.	MANS	00-41/13-28 17.5.	17.5.	4	granted
29.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-30 24.5.	28.5.	2	granted
30.	MANS	00-41/13-31 28.5.	28.5.	38	granted
31.	MANS	00-41/13-32 30.5.	31.5.	25	granted
32.	MANS	00-41/13-33 31.5.	31.5.	1	denied
33.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/13-34 19.6.	5.7.	4	announcement
34.	MANS	00-41/13-35 20.6.	21.6.	1	announcement
35.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-36 30.7.	31.7.	3	granted
36.	CEMI	00-41/13-37 26.8.	5.9.	4	announcement
37.	Institute Alternative	00-41/13-38 3.9.	5.9.	2	denied
38.	Milica Bogdanović Independent Daily "Vijesti"	00-41/13-39 5.9.	13.9.	8	granted
39.	MANS	00-41/13-40 7.9.	5.9.	1	announcement
40.	MANS	00-41/13-41 9.9.	13.9.	1	granted
41.	MANS	00-41/13-42 9.9.	12.9.	1	denied
42.	MANS	00-41/13-43 9.9.	12.9.	1	denied
43.	Serbian National Council	00-41/13-44 12.9.	12.9.	3	granted
44.	MANS	00-41/13-45 16.9.	16.9.	1	granted
45.	MANS	00-41/13-46 23.9.	23.9.	1	denied
46.	MANS	00-41/13-47 3.10.	7.10.	1	denied
47.	MANS	00-41/13-48 4.10.	7.10.	3	granted
48.	MANS	00-41/13-49 4.10.	7.10.	3	granted
49.	MANS	00-41/13-50 10.10.	15.10.	3	granted
50.	MANS	00-41/13-51 10.10.	15.10.	3	granted
51.	MANS	00-41/13-52 10.10.	15.10.	3	granted
52.	MANS	00-41/13-53 10.10.	15.10.	3	granted
53.	MANS	00-41/13-54 10.10.	15.10.	3	granted
54.	MANS	00-41/13-55 10.10.	15.10.	3	granted
55.	MANS	00-41/13-56 15.11.	15.10.	14	granted



56.	Natural Person	00-41/13-57 14.11	21.11.	1	denied
57.	MANS	00-41/13-59 21.11.	6.12.	3	granted
58.	MANS	00-41/13-60 25.12.	31.12.	3	granted
59.	MANS	00-41/13-61 27.12.	jan 2014.	1	
60.	MANS	00-41/13-62 27.12.	jan 2014.	1	



APPENDIX V: TABLE OVERVIEW OF ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SECTOR, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN MEETINGS OF WORKING BODIES

Organisation name	Name and surname of representatives of organisation	Name of working body	Date
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Mr Srdan Keković, Secretary General	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	24.1.2013
Confederation of Trade Unions of Montenegro (SSCG)	Ms Ljiljana Krivokapić		28.1.2013
“Monteorganica”	Mr Jovan Nikolić, Director	Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	30.1.2013
NGO “Institute Alternative” (IA)	Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	31.1.2013
NGO “Civic Alliance” (GA)	Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	6.2.2013
NGO “Institute Alternative” (IA)	Ms Milena Milošević	Anti-corruption Committee	6.2.2013
NGO “Center for Monitoring and Research” (CeMI)	Mr Dragan Bojović		
NGO “Center for Democratic Transition” (CDT)	Ms Milica Kovačević	Committee on European Integration	8.2.2013
NGO “Civic Alliance” (GA)	Mr Edin Koljenović		
NGO “Institute Alternative” (IA)	Ms Milena Janketić		
NGO “Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector” (MANS)	Mr Vuk Maraš and Mr Pavle Čupić		
NGO “Institute Alternative” (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	22.2.2013 28.2.2013 18.3.2013 20.3.2013 25.3.2013
Electric Power Plant of Montenegro JSC Nikšić (EPCG)	Mr Srdan Kovačević, member of the Board of Directors		22.2.2013 28.2.2013
Trade Union of Metalworkers of Montenegro (Trade Union of KAP)	Ms Sandra Obradović, President		22.2.2013 28.2.2013 18.3.2013 20.3.2013 25.3.2013
Independent Trade Union of Bauxite Mine Workers	Mr Borislav Bojanović, President		28.2.2013 18.3.2013 20.3.2013 25.3.2013
Trade Union Organisation of Workers in Aluminium Production Podgorica	Mr Rade Krivokapić, President		28.2.2013 18.3.2013 20.3.2013 25.3.2013

Federation of Associations of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities "Our Initiative"	Mr Milisav Korać	Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	25.2.2013
NGO "Federation of Associations of Paraplegics of Montenegro" (SUPCG)	Ms Aleksandra Popović		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Marija Popović		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Milena Milošević	Anti-corruption Committee	25.2.2013
Federation of Associations of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities "Our Initiative"	Mr Milisav Korać, Executive Director	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	6.3.2013
NGO "Center for Children's Rights of Montenegro"	Ms Rajka Cica Perović, Director		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme		
NGO "Centre for Civic Education" (CGO)	Ms Tamara Milaš		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	6.3.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Milena Janketić	Committee on European Integration	11.3.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	12.3.2013 18.3.2013
Association of Minority Shareholders of HTC ONOGOŠT SC NIKŠIĆ	Mr Milan Jauković, President	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure	14.3.2013 28.3.2013 11.6.2013
Former Trade Union Organisation HTC "ONOGOŠT" SC NIKŠIĆ	One representative		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Edin Koljenović and Ms Sandra Đonović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	15.3.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	18.3.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Administrative Committee	20.3.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Milena Milošević	Anti-corruption Committee	22.3.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Boris Raonić, President and Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	25.3.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Milena Milošević	Anti-corruption Committee	27.3.2013
HTC ONOGOŠT SC NIKŠIĆ	Mr Dragan Smolović, Bankruptcy Administrator	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	28.3.2013



NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Joint meeting of Committee on European Integration and Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	29.3.2013
NGO "Center for Children's Rights"	Ms Rajka Cica Perović, Director	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	29.3.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	1.4.2013
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Suzana Radulović, Secretary General and Ms Rumica Kostić, Legal Advisor	Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	8.5.2013
NGO "Association of War Disabled Civilians of Montenegro"	Mr Fadil Mučić		
NGO "Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro" (UMHCG)	Ms Marina Vujačić		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Dragana Radović		
Union of Municipalities of Montenegro	Ms Snežana Mijušković and Ms Ljubinka Radulović		
NGO "Union of Blind of Montenegro"	Mr Goran Macanović		
NGO "Federation of Associations of Paraplegics of Montenegro" (SUPCG)	Ms Aleksandra Popović		
Federation of Associations of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities "Our Initiative"	Mr Milisav Korać		8.5.2013 10.5.2013
NGO "Association of Parents"	Ms Milica Kadović		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Administrative Committee	8.5.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	9.5.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	10.5.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	16.5.2013
Law Faculty Centre for Human Rights	Mr Siniša Bjeković, Executive Officer of Law Faculty Centre for Human Rights and member of ECRI from Montenegro	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	17.5.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Zoran Vujičić	Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	23.5.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Boris Raonić, President and Mr Milan Radović, Coordinator of Human Rights Programme	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	24.5.2013

NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	27.5.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	27.5.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	3.6.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Association of Parents"	Ms Kristina Mihailović, Executive Director	Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	5.6.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Dejan Milovac	Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	6.6.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	10.6.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Mr Vukašin Zogović		
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Mr Vukašin Zogović		
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Suzana Radulović		
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Suzana Radulović		
HTC ONOGOŠT SC NIKŠIĆ	Vojislav Goranović, former Deputy Director General	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	11.6.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Dejan Milovac	Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	14.6.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	14.6.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
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NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		



NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Marija Popović	Security and Defence Committee	17.6.2013
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Ms Ivana Mihajlović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	17.6.2013
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Ms Ivana Mihajlović	Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	17.6.2013
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Rumica Kostić		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Vuk Maraš, Monitoring Programme Director	Legislative Committee	18.6.2013
NGO "4 Life"	Mr Saša Mijović, Executive Director	Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	19.6.2013
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Mr Miodrag Vučetić	Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	20.6.2013
Trade Union of Bauxite Mine Workers SC Berane	Mr Ratko Došljak and Mr Ljubo Gledović	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	20.6.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	26.6.2013
Chamber of Engineering of Montenegro (IKCG)	Mr Ljubo Dušanov Stjepčević, Mr Pero Vukčević and Ms Maja Velimirović	Legislative Committee	27.6.2013
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Mr Miodrag Vučetić	Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	1.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	3.7.2013
NGO "Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro" (UMHCG)	Ms Marina Vujačić and Miroslava-Mima Ivanović	Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	9.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	16.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
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NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro" (UMHCG)	Ms Marina Vujačić and Miroslava-Mima Ivanović	Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	16.7.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	17.7.2013
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Mr Srđa Keković		
NGO LGBT Forum "Progress"	Mr Zdravko Cimbaljević		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Ines Mrdović	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	18.7.2013
Trade Union of HTC "Vektra Boka" SC Herceg Novi	Mr Vojin Miljanić	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	18.7.2013 29.7.2013

Trade Union Organisation of HTC "Vektra Boka" SC Herceg Novi	Mr Pavle Radović	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	18.7.2013 29.7.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Čupić	Anti-corruption Committee	24.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Milena Janketić	Committee on European Integration	24.7.2013
NGO "Center for Democratic Transition" (CDT)	Mr Dragan Koprivica, Executive Director		24.7.2013 25.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	26.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
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NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
HTC "Vektra Boka" SC Herceg Novi	Mr Milić Popović	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	29.7.2013
"Vektra Montenegro"	Mr Dragan Brković		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	29.7.2013 29.7.2013 30.7.2013 30.7.2013 30.7.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Association of Gambling Providers" (AGP)	Mr Marko Piletić		
NGO Association of Gaming and Betting Operators "Montenegro Bet"	Mr Aleksandar Špadijer		
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Marijana Ratković		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Edin Koljenović	Committee on European Integration	30.7.2013
Group of Citizens – Bar	Two representatives	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	16.9.2013
SC Marina Bar	Mr Mladan Marjanović, President of Board of Directors and Mr Tomislav Markolović, Executive Director		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Ines Mrdović		
Trade Union Organisation SC "MARINA" BAR	Ms Tatjana Vukčević, President	Legislative Committee	17.9.2013
NGO "Center for Monitoring and Research" (CeMI)	Mr Vlado Dedović, Director of Legal Department		
NGO "Igman Initiative for Montenegro"	Mr Branko Lukovac, Co-Chair	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	19.9.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	25.9.2013

NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	25.9.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	26.9.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
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NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Ms Marija Popović	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	26.9.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Zorica Ćeranić	Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	30.9.2013
Health Institution Public Health Institute	Mr Boban Mugoša, Director		
PI "Water Supply and Sewage Corporation" Berane	Mr Faruk Pačarić, Director		
PHI Medical Centre "Dr Nika Labović" Berane	Mr Goran Ćukić, epidemiologist and Mr Milovan Živković		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	1.10.2013
Trade Union of Military of Montenegro	Mr Nebojša Čobeljić, President	Legislative Committee	2.10.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić	Security and Defence Committee	3.10.2013
Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro	Mr Aleksandar Mitrović	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	7.10.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	9.10.2013



NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Veselin Radulović	Anti-corruption Committee	11.10.2013
NGO "Centre for Political Education"	Mr Dragiša Janjušević		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Civil Banking Ombudsman"	Ms Dejana Savićević	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	14.10.2013
NGO "Consumers Protection Center Montenegro" (CEZAP)	Ms Olga Nikčević and Ms Milica Vujisić		
Professor at the University of Montenegro	Ms Olivera Komar	Gender Equality Committee	18.10.2013
-	Ms Marijana Pajvančić		
NGO "Women's Rights Centre"	Ms Maja Raičević, Executive Director		
NGO "Center for Monitoring and Research" (CeMI)	Ms Nikoleta Tomović, Executive Director		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Ms Edina Čobaj		
Coordination Board of Former Workers of "Gornji Ibar" SC Rožaje and Forest Enterprise SC "Rožaje" Rožaje	One representative	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	18.10.2013
Former Workers of "Gornji Ibar" SC Rožaje	One representative		
Former Workers of Forest Enterprise SC "Rožaje" Rožaje	One representative		
Former Workers of "Gornji Ibar" SC Rožaje and Forest Enterprise SC "Rožaje" Rožaje	One representative		
Former Workers of "Gornji Ibar" SC Rožaje and Forest Enterprise SC "Rožaje" Rožaje	One representative		
Commercial Court in Bijelo Polje	Mr Huzeir Nurković, Bankruptcy Administrator	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	21.10.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Ines Mrdović		
Coalition of NGOs "Cooperation to Goal"	Mr Goran Đurović		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Goran Krivokapić		
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Boris Raonić and Mr Edin Koljenović		
Mountaineering club "Highlanders of Montenegro"	Mr Milan Radović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	22.10.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović		
NGO "Human Rights Action"	Ms Tea Gorjanc Prelević		
NGO Federation of Associations of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities "Our Initiative"	Mr Milisav Korać		



NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Vuk Maraš	Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	23.10.2013
Clinical Centre of Montenegro (KCCG)	Mr Milan Mijović, Director	Joint meeting of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	25.10.2013
Health Institution Pharmacies of Montenegro "Montefarm"	Mr Budimir Stanišić, Director		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Stevo Muk, President of Management Board		
NGO "Center for Monitoring and Research" (CeMI)	Mr Dragan Bojović, Programme Coordinator		
Commercial Court in Podgorica	Mr Veselin Perišić, Bankruptcy Administrator	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	31.10.2013
Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP)	Mr Nebojša Dožić, Head of Managerial Team		
Trade Union of Aluminium Plant Podgorica	Ms Sandra Obradović, President		
Trade Union Organisation of Workers in Aluminium Production Podgorica	Mr Rade Krivokapić, President		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	4.11.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
Independent Trade Union "Bauxite Mine" JSC Nikšić	Mr Borislav Bojanović	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	4.11.2013
Trade Union of Workers of "Bauxite Mine" Nikšić	Mr Ilija Đilas		
Trade Union Organisation of Workers in Aluminium Production Podgorica	Mr Rade Krivokapić		
Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP)	Mr Veselin Perišić, Bankruptcy Administrator		
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Suzana Radulović	Legislative Committee	11.11.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Stevo Muk	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	11.11.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Milan Radović	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	11.11.2013
NGO "Civic Alliance" (GA)	Mr Edin Koljenović, Coordinator of Good Governance Programme	Committee on European Integration	14.11.2013

PI Combined High School "Danilo Kiš" in Budva	Ms Božena Jelušić	Gender Equality Committee	18.11.2013
-	Ms Ljiljana Zeković, Art Historian		
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Ms Sanija Šljivančanin		
NGO "Center for Monitoring and Research" (CeMI)	Ms Nikoleta Tomović, Executive Director		
NGO "Centre for Civic Education" (CGO)	Ms Neda Krstajić		
PI Gymnasium "Slobodan Škerović" in Podgorica	Ms Irena Ivanović	Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	18.11.2013
Disabled Workers of Bijelo Polje, Rožaje and Mojkovac	Three representatives		
NGO "Women's Safe House"	Ms Ljiljana Raičević, Director	Gender Equality Committee	25.11.2013
NGO Open Centre "Bona Fide" Pljevlja	Ms Sabina Talović, Executive Director		
NGO "Hotline for Women and Children Victims of Violence Nikšić"	Ms Nataša Mededović, Executive Coordinator		
NGO "Women's Rights Centre"	Ms Ana Jaredić, Psychologist		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Ines Mrdović	Legislative Committee	3.12.2013
NGO "Women's Rights Centre"	Ms Maja Raičević, Executive Director	Gender Equality Committee	4.12.2013
NGO "Women's Safe House"	Ms Ljiljana Raičević	Gender Equality Committee	5.12.2013
NGO "Women's Rights Centre"	Ms Maja Raičević		
NGO "NOVA Feminist Culture Centre"	Ms Nataša Nelević, Ms Marija Todorović, Ms Zora Todorović, Ms Iva Bošković, Ms Aleksandra Đaković		
University Donja Gorica	Three representatives		
NGO "Montenegrin American Youth Alumni Association" (MAYAA)	Ms Ivana Kotlaja, Ms Ksenija Vukmirović, Mr Ivan Vuksanović, Ms Jelena Grupković, Mr Nemanja Ostojić, Ms Jelena Mrdović, Ms Smilja Vuksanović, Mr Miloš Lakićević, Ms Miljana Mićunović, Mr Đorđe Čadenović and Mr Leon Bibezić		
NGO "Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students" (MAPSS)	Ms Ksenija Martinović, Ms Nevena Šarac and Mr Radovan Ognjanović		
NGO "Montenegrin Federation of Associations of Veterans of the People's Liberation War in Yugoslavia" (SUBNOR)	Ms Gospava Kovačević, Ms Bosa Mijajlović, Ms Milosava Strunjaš, Ms Vesna Čadenović, Mr Zoran Raičević and Mr Milo Đurović		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		



NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	6.12.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Marko Sošić and Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	9.12.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Marko Sošić and Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	9.12.2013 16.12.2013
Strike Committee of the company "Montavar-Metalac" SC Nikšić	Three representatives	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	11.12.2013
NGO Federation of Associations of Parents of Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities "Our Initiative"	Mr Milisav Korać	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	13.12.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Marko Sošić and Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Joint meeting Security and Defence Committee and Anti-corruption Committee	16.12.2013
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Ms Ines Mrdović	Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	16.12.2013
Trade Union Organisation of SC "CONTAINER TERMINALS AND GENERAL CARGO" BAR	Mr Zoran Tajić		
NGO "Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector" (MANS)	Mr Pavle Ćupić	Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	17.12.2013
NGO "Center for Children's Rights"	Ms Rajka Perović, Director	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	17.12.2013
NGO "Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro" (UMHCG)	Ms Marina Vujačić, Director		
Union of Free Trade Unions of Montenegro (USSCG)	Mr Srđa Keković, Secretary General	Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	17.12.2013
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Marko Sošić and Ms Dina Bajramspahić	Security and Defence Committee	18.12.2013
NGO "Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro" (UMHCG)	Ms Miroslava Ivanović	Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	18.12.2013
Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro	Ms Lidija Rmuš		
NGO "Union of Employers of Montenegro" (UPCG)	Ms Ana Rašović		
NGO "Montenegrin Association of 1990s War Veterans" (UBR-90 CG)	Mr Radan Nikolić		
Confederation of Trade Unions of Montenegro (SSCG)	Mr Marko Nikčević		
NGO "Institute Alternative" (IA)	Mr Stevo Muk		
University Donja Gorica	Ms Jadranka Kaluđerović		
NGO "Montenegro Business Alliance" (MBA)	Ms Bojana Kalezić		



NGO “Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector” (MANS)	Mr Veselin Radulović	Anti-corruption Committee	20.12.2013
NGO “Centre for women and peace education – Anima”	Ms Ljubomirka Kovačević and Ms Margita Bećirović	Gender Equality Committee	27.12.2013
NGO “Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector” (MANS)	Mr Dejan Milovac	Anti-corruption Committee	27.12.2013

APPENDIX VI: TABLE OVERVIEW OF CONDUCTED TRAININGS AND DEVELOPMENTS

2013 TRAINING PLAN

No.	Date	Name of Training	Organiser	Venue	Number of Participants
1.	18 January	Integrity Plan	Human Resources Administration in cooperation with the Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	15
2.	21-25 January	Effective Negotiating Techniques	British Council (BC)	Podgorica	23
3.	8 February	Role of the Service in monitoring and evaluating harmonisation of Montenegrin legislation with the EU acquis	Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	40
4.	20-22 February	Intensive training on the topics "EU working groups meetings" and "Effective Negotiating Techniques"	British Council (BC)	Podgorica	10
5.	5 June	Training for Compiling Handbooks	Northern Ireland Co-Operation Overseas (NiCo)	Podgorica	3
6.	7 September	Training for e-Parliament governance	Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	5
7.	4 December	Workshop "SWOT analysis"	Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	8

TRAININGS BY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

No.	Date	Name of Training	Venue	Number of Participants
1.	12 February	Procedure of adopting and harmonising regulations – Signing international treaties	Podgorica	1
2.	13 February	Presentation Skills	Podgorica	3
3.	15 February	European Court of Human Rights – practice	Podgorica	1
4.	19 February	Awaiting the new Law on Civil Servants and State Employees	Podgorica	3
5.	26 February and 1 March	Combating Corruption	Podgorica	1
6.	4 March	Business Correspondence	Podgorica	12
7.	4-8 March	Training for taking a professional exam for work in state bodies	Podgorica	1
8.	14 March	EU Legal Systems and Legal Acts	Podgorica	10
9.	15 March	Public Procurement System in Montenegro	Podgorica	4
10.	15 March	European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	Podgorica	7
11.	19 and 20 March	General Administrative Procedure	Podgorica	2
12.	21 March	Accessing EU web databases	Podgorica	15
13.	22 March	EU institutions and decision-making	Podgorica	11
14.	15 May	Drafting and adopting laws	Podgorica	3
15.	17 May	Public Administration System	Podgorica	1
16.	23 May	Signing international treaties	Podgorica	2
17.	24 May	European Union	Podgorica	1
18.	27 May	Free Access to Information	Podgorica	1

19.	24-28 June	Training for taking a professional exam for work in state bodies	Podgorica	3
20.	27 June	Public Procurement	Podgorica	1
21.	28 June	Drafting and adopting laws	Podgorica	6
22.	2 July	Accessing web databases	Podgorica	4
23.	5 July	Code of Ethics	Podgorica	1
24.	8 July	Office operations	Podgorica	4
25.	9 July	EU Accession Negotiations	Podgorica	4
26.	13 July	Code of Ethics	Podgorica	1
27.	1 October	Drafting and adopting laws	Podgorica	1
28.	11 October	Public Administration System	Podgorica	1
29.	16 October	Procedure of drafting acts on internal organisation and systematisation	Podgorica	1
30.	14-18 October	Training for taking a professional exam for work in state bodies	Podgorica	8
31.	30 October	Implementation of the Personal Data Protection Law	Podgorica	1
32.	14 November	Anti-discrimination	Podgorica	1
33.	11-15 November	Training for taking a professional exam for work in state bodies	Podgorica	1
34.	12 December	Mentorship Skills	Podgorica	1

OTHER TRAININGS

No.	Date	Name of training	Organiser	Venue	Number of participants
1.	19–21 February	Seminar on the topic “Defence Accountability within the Common Security and Defence Policy”	Regional Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC)	Rakitje, Croatia	1
2.	21 February	Parliamentary seminar on the topic “The EU energy policy and its impact on the pre-accession countries”	European Parliament	Brussels, Belgium	1
3.	4–5 March	Seminar on the topic “Combating Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering”	European Parliament	Brussels, Belgium	1
4.	7 March	Experiences of Italy, Bulgaria and the Balkans in research, confiscation and administration of property acquired through illegal activities. Best practices and comparison of legal framework	Italian province Caserta within the SAPUCCA project	Podgorica	7
5.	7–8 March	Strengthening capacities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the field of financial oversight	Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)	Podgorica	6
6.	18–19 March	Institutional PR and media relations for the Parliament of Montenegro	British Council (BC)	Podgorica	16
7.	23–24 March; 30–31 March; 8 April; 13–14 April; 22 April; 7 May; 1 June	Public Policy School	Institute Alternative in cooperation with Center for Monitoring and Research with support of Commission for Distribution of a Portion of Income from Games of Chance	Podgorica	1



8.	22-24 March	Regional Conference “Western Balkans 2013–2020: Political, Economic and Security Challenges”	Initiative Group Alpbach Podgorica (IGAP)	Tivat	1
9.	25-28 March	Study visit to the Republic of Slovakia (Strengthening administrative capacities for harmonisation of Montenegrin legislation with the acquis, with focus on Slovakian experience before and after joining the EU)	SlovakAid	Bratislava, Slovakia	1
10.	28 March	Workshop on the topic “New Law on Public Procurement: Lessons learned in the first year of implementation”	SIGMA Programme in cooperation with Human Resources Administration	Budva	1
11.	4. April	Study visit of Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget to the Energy Community Secretariat	Energy Community Secretariat	Bratislava, Slovakia	1
12.	4-5 April	ECPRD Seminar “Parliamentary researches and diversity of information sources available to the MPs”	Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic	Prague, The Czech Republic	2
13.	17-20 April	Environmental dimension in policy-making: Sustainable development in the Danube Strategy countries	Robert Schuman Institute in cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Budapest, Hungary	1
14.	23 April	Capacity building in Montenegro for harmonisation of laws and other regulations with the EU acquis	SlovakAid	Danilovgrad	3
15.	24-26 April	Regional Workshop “Overcoming challenges in implementing control function of the parliamentary committees”	National Democratic Institute (NDI)	Bečići	1
16.	26-27 April	Strengthening parliamentary control of the public procurement system	Institute Alternative	Miločer, Budva	16
17.	13 May	Conference: “Western Balkans at the Crossroads: Challenge of European Integration in Times of Crisis”	Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (AFC), Austrian Embassy in Montenegro, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro and Centre for Civic Education	Podgorica	2
18.	4-5 June	Approach to Negotiations on Public Procurement of the Government	Public Procurement Administration in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and World Trade Organization (WTO)	Podgorica	2
19.	6-7 June	Guidelines for implementation of integrity plans	Directorate for Anti- corruption Initiative	Podgorica	1

20.	12-14 June	Regulation techniques and processes	Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA)	Danilovgrad	1
21.	12-15 June	Meeting Social and Economic Challenges in the Danube Region: Sustainable Development in the Danube Strategy countries	Robert Schuman Institute in cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Budapest, Hungary	1
22.	19-20 July	Seminar on Gender Equality	ODIHR	Bar	5
23.	26-31 August	Sixth regional Euro-Atlantic Camp REACT 2013	NGO Alfa centre	Plav	1
24.	9-12 September	EU Formal Communication Skills	British Council (BC)	Podgorica	1
25.	18 September	Online discussion on the topic "Police in the community, success and shortcomings of the reform process"	Centre for Security, Development and the Rule of Law (DCAF)	Podgorica	1
26.	19 September	ECPRD Seminar "Modern technologies for supporting parliamentary activities – tradition and challenges"	ECPRD in cooperation with Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation	Saint Petersburg, Russia	1
27.	20 September	Public Procurement Training	Public Procurement Administration	Danilovgrad	1
28.	26 September	Workshop on Amendments to the Law on Public Procurement in Utility Sector and Public Procurement in the field of Defence	SIGMA and Public Procurement Administration	Podgorica	2
29.	3-4 October	Use of programming equipment COBISS3/FOND	Central National Library "Đurđe Crnojević"	Cetinje	2
30.	7-11 October	Police reform in the Western Balkan countries	Centre for Security, Development and the Rule of Law (DCAF)	Tivat	1
31.	8 October	Combating corruption with regard to MPs, judges and public prosecutors	Directorate for Anti-corruption Initiative	Podgorica	2
32.	17-19 October	Annual Conference of Correspondents of European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD)	ECPRD in cooperation with the Senate and Sejm of the Republic of Poland	Warsaw, Poland	2
33.	28-29 October	Expert Seminar of National Convention on European Integration of Montenegro, Working Group V – Competition, on the topic "Economic Analysis in the Area of Competition"	NGO European Movement in Montenegro	Podgorica	1
34.	6 November	Institutional framework of cohesion policy	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and UNDP	Podgorica	2
35.	4-7 November	EU Negotiation Skills	British Council (BC)	Podgorica	1



36.	29-30 November	Parliamentary oversight of IPA funds	Regional Network of Parliamentary Committees on Economy, Finance and European Integration of the Western Balkans with EFD in Macedonia	Skopje, Macedonia	4
37.	3 December	Seminar on mechanisms available to national parliaments to counter corruption	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs of the Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe	Beograd	1
38.	4 December	Seminar for Integrity Managers	Directorate for Anti-corruption Initiative	Podgorica	2
39.	1-7 December	Study and dialogue programme for MPs and expert associates of the Parliament of Montenegro	Bundestag	Berlin, Germany	5