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FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Dear citizens,

The Parliament of Montenegro presents its Performance Report from January to December 2016. In this Report, the parliamentary staff prepared a detailed overview of activities from the previous calendar year. Numbers, tables, graphs, acts and everything else that this Report contains represent a sort of an annual ID of the Parliament of Montenegro.

The year behind us represented a special challenge in the work of the Parliament. The 2016 was an election year, with two parliamentary convocations, three presidents and a mandatory pre-election vacuum.

The new 26th Parliament was formed in November 2016, when the leadership of the Parliament was elected and the forming of working and other bodies began. Regular activities continued both domestically and internationally. The Parliament has begun to implement the plan which will continue in 2017: even more efficient work in part regarding the adoption of legal acts and oversight activities, greater focus on the public, more systematic approach to organisation of work, timelier implementation of internal control mechanisms, and improvement of the work environment. A good practice of international parliamentary diplomacy continues, aimed at strengthening the reputation of its institutions and the country of Montenegro as a whole, as a vanguard for implementation of projects from the field of economy, culture, science and all other aspects of interest to our citizens.

A systematised overview of activities, shown in the Performance Report, may be a good indicator of weaknesses which need to be worked on, as well as an indicator of good practice which should be continued.

In the coming period, there will be demanding, intensive and hard work before the Parliament of Montenegro, but a basis for all further steps of the administration will be high quality, precision, and comprehensiveness of response to the tasks.

I am convinced that we have a clear vision of how to move forward, because we work with dedication on concrete solutions and new models which will ensure management of the most complex tasks, improve and increase the overall efficiency of our work. At this stage of the European integration we need high quality, modern, educationally strong administration which would respond in the best possible manner to the challenges before us. We continue with enhancing the transparency of work, cooperating with the media, opening doors and encouraging participation of civil society in decision-making. The Parliament of Montenegro must be a central place for a dialogue, the citizens' trust and the strengthening of democracy.

I also believe that this year's report will contribute to an even greater openness of work of the Parliament and understanding of the role of the highest legislative body of the state of Montenegro.

Ivan Brajović



I INTRODUCTION

In 2016, the Parliament of Montenegro held 16 sittings of the ordinary session and five sittings of the extraordinary session, where a total of 209 acts were adopted, of which: 121 laws, 15 decisions, 38 decisions on elections and appointments, 33 conclusions, and two resolutions;

In 2016, a total of six of special sittings of the Parliament of Montenegro were held. Four special sittings of the Parliament were dedicated to the Prime Minister's hour (two sittings) and to the Prime Minister's hour and parliamentary questions (two sittings).

The Seventh - Special Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 was dedicated to the tenth anniversary of Montenegro's declaration of independence, while at the Eleventh - Special Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016, in accordance with Article 89 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, the MPs were addressed by Mr Ilir Meta, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania, as a guest.

On 7 November 2016, the First - Constitutive Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro in 2016 was held, where the President and vice presidents of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro were elected, as well as the Chairperson and members of the Administrative Committee.

The Prime Minister of Montenegro was asked 21 questions, while the members of the Government were asked 70, with 5 supplementary questions;

In the same period, working bodies held a total of 214 meetings, in 215 days, for a total of 272 hours and 48 minutes; wherein 745 items of agenda were considered, including 267 proposals for laws as well as 975 amendments.

In addition, working bodies held 10 control and 32 consultative hearings.

The Parliament in 2016 in figures

- *A total of 209 acts were adopted, of which: 121 laws, two resolutions, 15 decisions, 33 conclusions and 38 decisions on elections and appointments;*
- *16 sittings of ordinary session and 12 sittings of extraordinary session of the Parliament were held, in duration of 336 hours and 40 minutes;*
- *The Prime Minister was asked 21 questions and the members of the Government were asked 70, with 5 supplementary questions;*
 - *214 meetings of working bodies of the Parliament were held, in 215 days, for a total of 272 hours and 10 minutes; wherein 745 items of the agenda were considered, including 267 proposals for laws and 975 amendments.*
- *10 control and 32 consultative hearings were held;*
- *3 518 pieces of information, announcements and statements illustrated with 5 475 photos were posted on the News page of the website;*
 - *342 hours and 3 minutes of programme was produced;*
- *268 permanent credentials for journalists and camerapersons/photographers were issued, as well as 163 daily credentials;*
- *100 individual journalists' questions concerning parliamentary activities were responded to;*
- *88 requests for free access to information were submitted;*
- *9 research papers were prepared and published, and around 75 queries by national parliaments of other countries were responded to;*
 - *213 democracy workshops were hosted, wherein 4,622 students from 75 primary schools participated;*
- *On 31 December 2015, 155 persons were employed in the Parliamentary Service.*



The Collegium of the President of the Parliament, this year as well, adopted the 2016 Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro and the 2016 Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro. In accordance with the previous practice, the working bodies adopted annual work plans for 2016.

In 2016, Montenegro has continued the implementation of activities aimed at achieving further progress in accession negotiations with the European Union. In the reporting period, the Committee on European Integration considered, inter alia, the Fourth Quarterly Report on the overall activities within the process of Montenegro's integration in the European Union, for the period July – December 2015. The Committee supported the reports and proposed to the Parliament to adopt thereof.

Within the Stabilisation and Association Process, the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC), composed of member of the European Parliament and Parliament of Montenegro, follows the application of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement. In the reporting period, SAPC held one meeting, where a declaration was adopted.

Intensive international cooperation marked 2016 through numerous bilateral and multilateral meetings and numerous regional and international gatherings.

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 2016, are given below. Appendixes include the list of laws adopted by the Parliament in this period, the number of parliamentary questions per MP, a tabular overview of spending, an overview of requests for free access to information, a list of research papers done in 2016 as well as a tabular overview of conducted trainings and specialisations.

Employees of all organisational units of the Parliamentary Service, in accordance with their responsibilities, were involved in the preparation of this report. The resources were primarily minutes from parliamentary sittings as well as reports and minutes from meetings of working bodies, monthly reports of organisational units, and other reports.

Presentation of data in the form of this report was prepared by the Educational Centre in cooperation with other organisational units of the Parliamentary Service.

All references in this text to natural persons in the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine gender.



II GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2016

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE 25th PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO (UNTIL 7 NOVEMBER 2016)

COALITION EUROPEAN MONTENEGRO – MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ

1. Ranko Krivokapić
2. Mevludin Nuhodžić
3. Milutin Simović
4. Rifat Rastoder
5. Andrija Popović
6. Raško Konjević from 24 February 2016 to 18 May 2016 (termination of office)
Mubera Kurpejović from 31 May 2016
7. Tarzan Milošević
8. Predrag Sekulić
9. Filip Vuković
10. Radivoje Lala Nikčević
11. Miodrag Vuković
12. Šefkija Murić
13. Vuk Roćen
14. Slobodan Krušo Radović
15. Saša Pešić
16. Veljko Zarubica
17. Branko Čavor
18. Luigj Lubo Shkrela
19. Milorad Vuletić
20. Obrad Mišo Stanišić
21. Zoran Jelić
22. Marta Šćepanović
23. Marija Maja Čatović
24. Draginja Vuksanović
25. Džavid Šabović



25. Džavid Šabović
26. Husnija Šabović
27. Nikola Gegaj
28. Željko Aprcović
29. Maida Bešlić
30. Prim. dr Izet Bralić
31. dr Halil Duković
32. mr Branka Tanasijević
33. Rešid Adrović
34. Radovan Obradović
35. Nada Drobnjak
36. Žana Filipović
37. dr Jasmin Sutović
 - * dr Damir Šehović
 - * Mićo Orlandić

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. Nik Gjelošhaj

FORCA FOR UNITY – FORCA PËR BASHKIM

GENCI NIMANBEGU – VASEL SINISHTAJ – ZANA SARVAN

1. Genci Nimanbegu



DEMOCRATIC FRONT – MIODRAG LEKIĆ

1. Ljiljana Đurašković until 30 August 2016 (termination of office)

Nataša Jevrić from 30 August 2016

2. Branka Bošnjak

3. Milan Knežević

4. Janko Vučinić

5. Andrija Mandić until 1 July 2016

Radojica Živković from 4 July 2016

6. Nebojša Medojević

7. Predrag Bulatović

8. Branko Radulović

9. Strahinja Bulajić

10. Slaven Radunović

11. Koča Pavlović

12. Vladislav Bojović

13. Emilo Labudović

14. Veljko Vasiljević

15. Milutin Đukanović

16. Budimir Aleksić from 31 May 2016

* Goran Danilović until 18 May 2016 (termination of office)

* Novica Stanić

* Miodrag Lekić

* Radovan Asanović

* Jelisava Kalezić

BOSNIAK PARTY – RAFET HUSOVIĆ

1. Almer Kalač

2. Suljo Mustafić

3. Rešad Sijarić



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

1. Srđan Milić
2. Snežana Jonica
3. mr Danko Šarančić
4. mr Aleksandar Damjanović
5. Danijela Danka Marković
6. dr Radosav Nišavić
 - * Neven Gošović
 - * Velizar Kaluđerović
 - * Obrad Gojković

POSITIVE MONTENEGRO – DARKO PAJOVIĆ

1. Darko Pajović
2. Azra Jasavić until 28 June 2016
Zorica Martinović from 30 June 2016
3. Srđan Perić until 17 February 2016 (termination of office)
 - * Miloš Konatar from 24 February 2016
4. Goran Tuponja
 - * Mladen Bojanić
 - * Dritan Abazović
 - * Zoran Miljanić

CROATIAN CIVIC INITIATIVE (HGI) – DETERMINED

1. Ljerka Dragičević

Note: Asterisk marks names and surnames of MPs whose membership ceased in MP groups constituted at the beginning of the 25th Parliament.



**LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE 26TH PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO
(FROM 7 NOVEMBER 2016)**

- SAFE STEP! DPS - MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ

1. Milo Đukanović until 16 December 2016 (resignation)
Nikola Rakočević from 16 December 2016
2. Duško Marković until 28 November 2016 (resignation)
Mihailo Anđušić from 16 December 2016
3. Milutin Simović until 28 November 2016 (resignation)
Miomir M. Mugoša from 16 December 2016 to 29 December 2016 (resignation)
4. Daliborka Pejović
5. Mevludin Nuhodžić until 28 November 2016 (resignation)
Dragutin Papović from 16 December 2016
6. Tarzan Milošević
7. Branimir Gvozdenović
8. Zorica Kovačević until 16 December 2016 (resignation)
Jovanka Laličić from 16 December 2016
9. Miodrag Radunović
10. Vladan Vučelić until 16 December 2016 (resignation)
Miloš Nikolić from 16 December 2016
11. Andrija Popović
12. Marta Šćepanović
13. Petar Ivanović
14. Nikola Janović until 28 November 2016 (resignation)
Nada Drobnjak from 16 December 2016
15. Obrad Stanišić
16. Marija Čatović
17. Andrija Nikolić
18. Mirsad Murić
19. Ana Nikolić
20. Maja Bakrač
21. Halil Duković



22. Predrag Bošković until 28 November 2016 (resignation)
Petar Smolović from 16 December 2016
23. Predrag Sekulić
24. Suzana Pribilović until 28 November 2016 (resignation)
Petar Porobić from 16 December 2016
25. Pavle Goranović
26. Suad Numanović
27. Bogdan Fatić
28. Aleksandra Vuković
29. Miodrag Vuković
30. Luigj Shkrela
31. Filip Vuković
32. Sanja Vlahović
33. Branko Čavor
34. Milorad Vuletić
35. Željko Aprcović
36. Nela Savković Vukčević until 16 December 2016 (resignation)
Branka Tanasijević from 16 December 2016

- “SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF MONTENEGRO - IVAN BRAJOVIĆ - CONSISTENTLY”

1. Ivan Brajović
2. Prof.dr Vujica Lazović

- CROATIAN CIVIC INITIATIVE - HGI FROM THE HEART

1. Adrijan Vuksanović

**- ALBANIANS DECISIVELY FORCA-DUA-AA
SHQIPTARËT TË VENDOSUR FORCA-UDSH-ASH**

1. Genci Nimanbegu



- “DEMOCRATIC FRONT - US OR HIM” - (NEW SERB DEMOCRACY, MOVEMENT FOR CHANGES, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S PARTY OF MONTENEGRO, WORKERS’ PARTY, DEMOCRATIC SERB PARTY, MOVEMENT FOR PLJEVLJA, SERB RADICAL PARTY, YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY OF MONTENEGRO, PARTY OF UNITED PENSIONERS AND THE DISABLED OF MONTENEGRO, AND A GROUP OF VOTERS - RESISTANCE TO HOPELESSNESS)

1. Andrija Mandić
2. Nebojša Medojević
3. Milan Knežević
4. Dr Ljiljana Đurašković
5. Janko Vučinić
6. Dr Branko Radulović
7. Predrag Bulatović
8. Doc.dr Branka Bošnjak
9. Dr Strahinja Bulajić
10. Slaven Radunović
11. Milutin Đukanović
12. Dr Vera Bulatović
13. Koča Pavlović
14. Dr Budimir Aleksić
15. Jovan Jole Vučurović
16. Marina Jočić
17. Milun Zogović
18. Mr Veljko Vasiljević

SDP - RANKO KRIVOKAPIĆ - COUNTRY FOR EVERYONE

1. Ranko Krivokapić
2. Mr Raško Konjević
3. Džavid Šabović
4. Doc.dr Draginja Vuksanović



- “BIG COALITION - KEY - DEMOS, SNP, URA - THE BEST FOR MONTENEGRO”

1. Miodrag Lekić
2. Srđan Milić
3. Žarko Rakčević do 24. novembra 2016. godine (resignation)
Neđeljko Rudović od 28. novembra 2016. godine
4. Anka Vukićević
5. Mr Aleksandar Damjanović
6. Goran Danilović
7. Danijela Pavićević
8. Dritan Abazović
9. Goran Radonjić

- “MR ALEKSA BEČIĆ - DEMOCRATS - VICTORIES, NOT DIVISIONS”

1. Mr Aleksa Bečić
2. Zdenka Popović
3. Boris Bogdanović
4. Mr Momo Koprivica
5. Mijomir Pejović
6. Danilo Šaranović
7. Dženan Kolić
8. Dr Valentina Minić

- BOSNIAK PARTY - RAFET HUSOVIĆ - OUR STRENGTH

1. Ervin Ibrahimović
2. Nedžad Drešević



2.2. MP GROUPS IN 2016

MP GROUPS OF 25TH PARLIAMENT

In the period from 7 November 2016, i.e. until the end of the 25th convocation, the following nine MP groups were in the Parliament of Montenegro:

MP Group of the Democratic Party of Socialists	30 members;
MP Group of the Democratic Front	16 members;
- in the reporting period, one MP joined the Group	
MP Group of the Socialist People's Party	seven members;
- in the reporting period, one MP joined the Group	
MP Group of the Social Democratic Party	five members;
- in the reporting period, a membership in the MP group ceased for one MP	
MP Group of the Positive Montenegro	three members;
- in the reporting period, a membership in the MP group ceased for one MP	
MP Group of the Albanian party FORCA, HGI and LPCG	three members;
- in the reporting period, a membership in the MP group ceased for one MP	
- in the reporting period, the name "MP Group of the Albanian parties (FORCA, DP), HGI" was changed into the name above	
MP Group of the Bosniak Party	three members;
Special MP Group	11 members;
- in the reporting period, a membership in the MP group ceased for three MPs, and two MPs joined the Group	
- in the reporting period, the name "MP Group of Independent MPs" was changed into the name above	
MP Group of the Albanian Alternative	

MP GROUPS OF 26TH PARLIAMENT

MPs groups of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro, on 31 December 2016

MP Group of the Democratic Party of Socialists	34 members;
MP Group of the Democratic Front	18 members;
MP Group of the Democrats	eight members;
MP Group of Demos	four members;
MP Group of the Bosniak Party, Coalition "Albanians decisively" and Croatian Civic Initiative	four members;



MP Group of the Social Democratic Party	four members;
MP Group of the Social Democrats of Montenegro and the Liberal Party of Montenegro	three members;

* Five MPs are not members of any MP Group.

2.3.PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2016

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE 25TH PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO, SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

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

At the same sitting, Željko Šturanović (deceased) and Suljo Mustafić, as well as Branko Radulović, as a candidate of parliamentary minority, were elected vice presidents of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro.

At the Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, held on 27 December 2014, Milutin Simović was elected President of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro.

At the Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, held on 19 May 2016, Ranko Krivokapić was dismissed from office of the President of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro.

At the Sixth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, held on 2 June 2016, Ranko Krivokapić was elected President of the 25th Parliament Montenegro.

At the Fourth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the Parliament of Montenegro, held on 11 November 2014, Siniša Stanković was elected Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE 26TH PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO, SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

At the First - Constitutive Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro, held on 24 November 2016, Ivan Brajović was elected President of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro.

At the same sitting, Branimir Gvozdenović and Genci Nimanbegu were elected vice presidents of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro.

At the Fourth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the Parliament of Montenegro, held on 11 November 2014, Siniša Stanković was elected Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro.



RANKO KRIVOKAPIĆ

President of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, elected to the office on 6 November 2012, until 19 May 2016.



He was born in Kotor on 17 August 1961

Graduated lawyer, passed the oral MA examination at the Faculty of Law in Belgrade – field of international relations. He paid study visits to the Congress of the United States of America and the British Lloyds in London. He is an alumni of the Atlantic Partnership Program “The Council’s transatlantic young leaders program”, which gathers 30 high-ranking politicians from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

EMPLOYMENT

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro from 2003, in the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th Parliament;
- President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly;
- Chairperson of the Constitutional Committee;
- In the beginning of the 90’s he was one of the founders of the Democratic Forum which was formed with the aim of establishing the multiparty system in Montenegro.
- Elected MP in nine convocations. First time in 1989 in the Parliament of Montenegro; in the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from 1993 - 1997, and in the Parliament of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro from 2003 to 2006;
- In October 2006, following the referendum on the state legal status of Montenegro, he was elected President of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro and Chairperson of the Constitutional Committee of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro, until the proclamation of the Constitution of Montenegro in 2007.
- He was a head of the Montenegrin Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for ten years. At its XXII Annual Assembly, held in Istanbul, he was elected 12 President Emeritus of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; Upon completing a one year term as President, he was elected President Emeritus on 2 July 2014.



He was a member of the Montenegrin delegation to the Council of Europe as well as the Parliamentary Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;

- Founder of the regional initiative “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum” in 2004,

which traditionally gathers parliamentarians from the Region, with the aim of sharing constructive experiences in different areas of political work.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

His political engagement started in the late 80's. He was a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro in 1990, headed by the last Prime Minister of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Ante Marković. He was an anti-war activist during the 90's, a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro in 1990, and co-founder of the Democratic Forum;

President of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro (SDP) 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-fledged member of the Socialist International (SI) since 1996 and a member of the Party of European Socialist since 2009.

He speaks the English language.



DARKO PAJOVIĆ,

**President of the 25th Parliament of
Montenegro, elected to the office on 2 June
2016, until 24 November 2016.**



He was born in Podgorica on 24 November 1972.

He graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences – Major in Biology, at the University of Montenegro. He underwent professional development in the field of in vitro fertilization (human reproduction) at the University Medical Centre Maribor, Slovenia. He is a graduate biologist-embryologist.

He started his service as a professor of biology in Petar I Petrović Njegoš Grammar School in Danilovgrad. Today he works as an embryologist in a medical institution for artificial insemination “Life”, where in 2003, the first Montenegrin test-tube baby was conceived in laboratory. He has been a member of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology since 2004.

He began his social engagement as an activist in the civil sector. He is a founder and long-time director of the NGO Green Home. During his twelve-year long experience in the civil sector, he was a member of the National Council for Sustainable Development, the Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), etc.

He had study visits and underwent professional development in multiple European states (Norway, Austria, Slovenia, etc.), as well as in the United States of America.

He was elected President of the Positive Montenegro at their founding congress of 2012. He became an MP that same year. He is a member of the Security and Defence Committee, the Anti-corruption Committee, and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.

He was elected President of the Parliament of Montenegro on 2 June 2016.

He speaks the English language.

Married, father of three



IVAN BRAJOVIĆ,
President of the 26th Parliament of
Montenegro, elected to the office on 24
November 2016.



Ivan Brajović was born in Podgorica on 9 March 1962.

He finished primary and secondary school in Danilovgrad, and graduated from the Faculty of Civil Engineering - course of study Transport, in Podgorica.

Prior to introduction of the multi-party system, he was a delegate in the Local Assembly of Danilovgrad, a member of the Presidency of the Council of the Socialist Youth of Yugoslavia, Secretary of the Montenegro Youth and Vice President of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Montenegro.

He is one of the founders of the Socialist Party of Montenegro, the Alliance of Reform Forces of Yugoslavia in Montenegro and the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro.

As a member of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro and on its behalf, he served as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the SDP CG, councillor and Vice President in the Municipality of Danilovgrad, MP in the Parliament of Montenegro, MP in the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, member of the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

At the fifth congress of the SDP CG in 2001, he was elected Vice President of the SDP, and he was elected Member of the Parliament of Montenegro at parliamentary elections of 2002 and 2006.

Following parliamentary elections of 29 March 2009, on 10 June of the same year, he was elected Minister of Interior Affairs and Public Administration. In the period 2012 - 2016, he served as Minister of Traffic and Maritime Affairs.

At the founding assembly of the Social Democrats of Montenegro (SDCG) of 31 July 2015, he was elected responsible person of the SDCG, and at the first Congress of 31 January 2016, he was elected first president of the SDCG.

He has received several awards and recognitions, including - Award on the occasion of Liberation Day of Danilovgrad "9. decembar" and Student Award on the occasion of Liberation Day of Podgorica "19. decembar".

-He is married, spouse Dragana, daughters Maša and Dunja and son Tomo.

- He has basic knowledge of the English and Russian language.



mr MILUTIN SIMOVIĆ,
Vice President of the 25th Parliament of
Montenegro, elected to the office on 27
December 2016, until 24 November 2016.



He was born in Nikšić on 29 December 1961.

- Graduated as the valedictorian at the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad, in 1986.
- Obtained a master degree at the Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad, in 1991.

Work and Political Experience

The Institute of Agriculture, Podgorica

- Senior researcher at the Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops Government of Montenegro
- Assistant Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, in 1997;
- Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management in seven mandates, in the period 1997-2010; Parliament of Montenegro
- Head of the DPS MP Group in the 24th Parliament (January 2011 – November 2012) and in the 25th Parliament (November 2012 – December 2014);
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro (December 2014 -); Democratic Party of Socialists
- Member of the Presidency
- Head and associate on several scientific and research projects, studies and elaborates
- Author and co-author of a number of scientific papers
- Long-time President of the Society of Agricultural Engineers and Technicians of Montenegro

Place of residence: Podgorica

Married, father of three

BRANKO RADULOVIĆ

**Vice President of the 25th Parliament
of Montenegro, elected to the office on 6
November 2012, until 24 November 2016**

Born in Podgorica on 10 July 1950. He finished primary and grammar school in Titograd. Graduated from the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy in Skopje in 1975, obtained a master degree at the Faculty for Materials and Metallurgy in Ljubljana in 1986 and PhD degree at the Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy in Belgrade in 1989.



From 1976 to 1986 he worked at MZT – Skopje, at various management positions. In the period while he was a director of the factory, it was pronounced to be the best industry organisation in SFRY and in 1986 it won the AVNOJ award.

From 1986 to 1990 he worked at the Institute for Technical Research in Podgorica, at the position of the Head of HTM Bureau. Since 1990 he has been working 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 Physics Metallurgy, Head of the Postgraduate studies and Vice President of the Senate of the University of Montenegro.

He is an author and co-author of more than 200 scientific papers, presented at prestigious conferences and congresses, and published in leading worlds scientific magazines from SCI list, such as “Materials Science and Technology”, “Journal of Engineering and Performance”, “ISIJ International”, “Materials and Technologies” etc; He participated in and managed more than 30 scientific research and development projects. He is an author and co-author of 5 university textbooks and holder of 3 patents. He was a mentor on a few dozen successfully defended graduate, MS 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 extraordinary results in the field of technical sciences and listed him as a leading world’s scientist.

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 the MP in 23rd and 24th Parliament of Montenegro, Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration and Foreign Affairs, a member of the National Council for European Integration, and a member of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure as well as Head of the MP Group of the Movement for Changes in 24th Parliament; He was the Vice-President of the Parliament and MP of the Movement for Changes within the coalition Democratic Front during the 25th Parliament of Montenegro.

Married, wife Natka - architect, daughter Ljiljana- Specialist in neurology and PhD student and son Petar- MA student of banking.

SULJO MUSTAFIĆ

Vice President of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, elected to the office on 6 November 2012, until 24 November 2016.



- Born in Bar on 8 October 1973.
- - Professor of the South Slavic and Comparative Literature, graduated in 1997 from the University in Novi Sad, Serbia.
- - He completed a one-year specialisation in journalism (electronic and print media), at the Regional School of Media Plan, under the auspices of the French Government, Sarajevo, B&H, 2000.

Employment and Political engagement

- Vice President of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, from 7 December 2012.
- Member of the Constitutional Committee, the Security and Defence Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC)
- MP of the 24th Parliament of Montenegro (2009–2012) and the 25th Parliament (from 2012)
- Head of MP group of the Bosniak Party in the 24th Parliament
- Member of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) in the 24th Parliament;
- Member of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, the Security and Defence Committee and the SAPC in the 25th Parliament;
- He was a journalist in the Radio Bar and was a correspondent of several daily newspapers, in the period 1998 – 2007;
- He was an editor-in-chief of the Radio Bar from 2002 to 2007;
- He is a teacher at Madrasa in Podgorica, teaching the Native language and literature, since 2008.
- He is a member of the Bosniak Party from 2006;
- Chief of the media team and spokesperson of the Bosniak Party, since 2007;
- Member of the Bosniak Party Presidency since 2007;
- Head of the Bosniak Party MP Group, in the 24th Parliament (2009-2012);
- Political Director of the Bosniak Party since 2015:

He has basic knowledge of the English language. Married, father of two

BRANIMIR GVOZDENOVIĆ

Vice President of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro, elected to the office on 24 November 2016.



Branimir Gvozdenović was born in 1961 in Bar. He graduated from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Podgorica. He began his professional career in the Secretariat for Development of Montenegro, in the organisational affairs, where he coordinated a young team of experts which, in the 90's of the past century, initiated the IT development of Montenegro on the new ICT platforms. He was later appointed Assistant Secretary at the Secretariat, and in 1999 he was elected Executive Director of the Post Office of Montenegro.

He became Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy and Economic Development in 2001, and he performed those duties during three terms of office. In that period, he was the President of the Municipality of Bar for 18 months. In the following term of the Government, he was the Minister of Economic Development. Following the parliamentary elections of 2009, he was elected Minister of Spatial Planning and Environment and he exercised that office until the end of 2010.

From February 2011 to December 2012 he covered the position of Political Director of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro. In the period from December 2012 to November 2016 he exercised the office of Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism.

During his career, Mr Gvozdenović, among other things, was the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Elektroprivreda Crne Gore and a member of the Management Board of the PE PTT of Montenegro. He was one of the initiators for holding of the Festival of IT Achievements (INFOFEST) as the most significant regional ICT manifestation, as well as a series of projects which yielded concrete results with regard to the development of the country.

He was elected member of the Parliament of Montenegro several times.

He is a member of the Presidency of the Democratic Party of Socialists.

Furthermore, he is a member of several associations and thematic societies. He is President of the Assembly of the Women's Handball Club "Budućnost", and he also exercised the office of the President of the Assembly of the Handball Association of Montenegro and of the Chairman of the Management Board of the Women's Handball Club "Budućnost".

His professional affinities relate to the intensifying of economic and democratic development, as well as the acceleration of the process of European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

GENCI NIMANBEGU

Vice President of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro, elected to the office on 24 November 2016.



Born in Ulcinj on 6 September 1971.

He worked in international organisations, association of entrepreneurs, and he is the founder of numerous non-governmental organisations.

Member of the Parliament of Montenegro as of 2009, in 24th and 25th Parliament;

Member of numerous parliamentary working bodies and the SAPC.

Founder and Vice President of the Albanian party FORCA.

He graduated from the Faculty of Economy in Podgorica.

Married, father of two.

**IN MEMORIAM
SINIŠA STANKOVIĆ**

**Secretary General of the Parliament of
Montenegro, elected to the office on 11
November 2014.**



Born in Podgorica on 20 December 1957, and deceased in Podgorica on 9 January.

He graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering - field of mechanics.

He started his career as a mechanical engineer in Factory “19 Decembar” (1986 – 1998). After this he worked as a Secretary of the Secretariat for Labour, Health and Social Welfare of the Capital City (1998 – 2000) as well as Assistant Minister at the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, the Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection, and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Spatial Planning. Finally, he was appointed Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, on 11 November 2014, where he worked until his death on 9 January 2017.

During his rich career, he attended a number of trainings and professional developments (Training on sustainable development of the city - US Institute for International Education (Congress of USA); International Leadership program on the theme “Sustainable Urban Development in the U.S., United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and other).

“Our Secretary General’s mission was to create environment where people will work thoroughly and seriously, in good conditions and good atmosphere. The last two years he spent in the Parliament were sufficient for permanent respect of MPs and staff of the Montenegrin Parliament”

President of the Parliament Ivan Brajović,
on behalf of MPs of the 26th Parliament



2.4. WORKING BODIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

Table No 1 –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 ¹
Constitutional Committee	Ranko Krivokapić	13
Legislative Committee	Džavid Šabović / Draginja Vuksanović²	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	13
Committee on European Integration	Slaven Radunović	13
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	Aleksandar Damjanović	13
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	Halil Duković	11
Gender Equality Committee	Nada Drobnjak	11
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	Predrag Sekulić	13
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	Branka Tanasijević	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 the Privatisation Procedure	Janko Vučinić	8

¹ Number of members including the chairperson of a committee

² By the Decision of the Parliament of Montenegro of 7 December 2015, Džavid Šabović was dismissed from office, and Draginja Vuksanović was elected Chairperson of the Committee.

*Table No 2 –Working Bodies of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro with data on chairpersons and number of members*

Working bodies	Chairperson	Number of members
Constitutional Committee	Miodrag Vuković	13
Legislative Committee	Marta Šćepanović	13
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	Željko Aprčović	13
Security and Defence Committee	Obrad Mišo Stanišić	13
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	Andrija Nikolić	13
Committee on European Integration	Adrijan Vuksanović	13
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	Vujica Lazović	13
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	Halil Duković	11
Gender Equality Committee	Nada Drobnjak	11
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	Petar Ivanović	13
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	Pavle Goranović	11
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	Miodrag Radunović	11
Anti-corruption Committee	Daliborka Pejović	13
Administrative Committee	Luigi Shkrela	13
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure³	-	-

³ During 2016, the composition of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure was not established.



III LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

In 2016, the Parliament of Montenegro held a total of 16 sittings of ordinary session and 12 sittings of extraordinary session, adopting a total of 209 acts, of which 121 laws, 15 decisions, 38 decisions on elections and appointments, 33 conclusions, and two resolutions.

In 2016, a total of six sittings of extraordinary session of the Parliament were held, of which two devoted to the Prime Minister's Hour, two devoted to the Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions, the Seventh - Special Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 devoted to decade of proclamation of Montenegro's independence, while, in line with Article 89 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania Mr Ilir Meta addressed the MPs at the Special Eleventh Sitting of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016.

21 questions were referred to the Prime Minister, and 70 to members of the Government, with 5 supplementary questions.

In the same period, working bodies held 214 meetings, for a total of 215 days, 272 hours and 48 minutes; where 745 items of agenda were considered, including 267 proposals for laws as well as 975 amendments.

In addition, working bodies held 10 control and 32 consultative hearings.

Collegium of the President of the Parliament adopted in this year also the 2016 Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro and the 2016 Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Security and Defence Committee, in line with the Law on Parliamentary Oversight of Security and Defence Sector, adopted the 2016 Plan of Parliamentary Oversight.

More detailed information on the work of the Parliament and its working bodies is presented below. The Appendix I contains a list of laws adopted in 2016.

3.1. SITTINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT

In the reporting period, i.e. in the period 1 January 2016 – 31 December 2016, the 25th and 26th Parliament of Montenegro⁴ held 16 sittings of ordinary session and 12 sittings of extraordinary session, during which the Parliament adopted 209 acts, namely: 44 laws, 77 laws on amendments to the laws, 15 decisions (of which six with regard to consideration of financial plans), 38 decisions on elections, appointments and dismissals, 33 conclusions and two resolutions.

Table No 3 - Total number of adopted acts

	JANUARY - DECEMBER 2016
Number of adopted acts ⁵	121
Decisions ⁶	53
Conclusions	33
Other acts	2
TOTAL NUMBER OF ADOPTED ACTS	209

⁴ 26th Parliament of Montenegro was constituted on 7 November 2016.

⁵ Comprising the total number of laws and laws on amendments to the laws

⁶ Presented decisions include decisions on elections, appointments and dismissals



Table No 4 – Statistical data on sittings of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period 1 January - 31 December 2016

	ORDINARY SESSIONS		EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
Number of sittings held	18	16 ⁷	5	12
Duration in days	75	67	21	24
Duration in hours	280 h and 15 min	297 hours and 10 minutes	97 hours and 25 minutes	39 hours and 30 minutes
Number of discussed items of the agenda	173	183	31	8
Number of adopted laws	45 laws and 55 laws on amendments to the laws	43 laws and 73 laws on amendments to the laws ⁸	14 laws and 11 laws on amendments to the laws	1 law and 4 laws on amendments to the laws
Number of proposals for acts not adopted	one proposal for a law, 22 proposals for laws on amendments to the laws	6 proposals for laws ⁹ and one decision	two proposals for laws on amendments to the laws	-
Number of adopted decisions	20	15 ¹⁰	-	-
Number of adopted decisions on elections, appointments and dismissals	39	36 ¹¹	-	2
Number of adopted declarations	-	-	-	-
Number of adopted resolutions	-	2	-	-
Number of adopted conclusions	25	33 ¹²	-	-
Number of considered interpellations	-	-	-	-
Number of questions put to the Prime Minister	56	21	-	-
Number of parliamentary questions	272 and 25 supplementary	91	-	-
Votes of confidence/votes of no-confidence	-	1	-	1
Number of considered reports of certain bodies	19	39 ¹³	-	-

⁷ Four sittings of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2016 were held during the 26th convocation

⁸ 24 laws, of which 15 laws on amendments to the laws were adopted during the 26th convocation

⁹ Two proposals for laws were not adopted during the 26th Parliament

¹⁰ Eight decisions were adopted in the 26th Parliament

¹¹ Six decisions on elections and appointments were adopted in the 26th Parliament

¹² Ten conclusions were adopted in the 26th Parliament

¹³ 17 reports were considered in the 26th Parliament



3.1.1 PROPOSED ACTS

In the period 1 January – 31 December 2016, MPs submitted: one proposal for law, 34 proposals for laws on amendments to laws, two proposals for decisions, three proposals for resolutions, the Proposal for amending the Constitution of Montenegro and the Proposal for initiating the procedure to determine whether the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution.

In the same period, the Government submitted: 32 proposals for laws, 60 proposals for laws on amendments to laws, four proposals for decisions, and three reports. By constituting the 26th Parliament of Montenegro, the Government re-submitted seven proposals for laws, 11 proposals for laws on amendments to laws, one draft decision and two reports.

Defence and Security Council submitted two proposals for laws.

In this period, citizens did not submit proposals for laws via authorised MPs.

In the period 1 January – 31 December 2016, four laws were withdrawn from procedure, namely: the Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on deployment of the Armed Forces of Montenegro units to the international forces and participation of members of civil defence, police and public administration employees in peacekeeping missions and other activities abroad, the Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on National and Other Holidays, the Proposal for the Law on Amendment and Supplements to the Law on Territorial Organisation of Montenegro, and the Proposal for the Law on Amendments and Supplement to the Law on Public Sector Salaries.

3.1.2 ADOPTED ACTS

In the period 1 January – 31 December 2016, upon the proposal of MPs, the following was adopted: one law, eight laws on amendments to laws, one decisions and two resolutions.

In the same period, upon the Government's proposal, the following was adopted: 43 laws, 69 laws on amendments to the laws and five decisions.

Two decisions were adopted upon the proposal of the Defence and Security Council.

In the period 1 January – 31 December 2016, 12 laws and one decision were adopted under simplified procedure.

3.1.3 NUMBER OF CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSALS FOR ACTS

In the period 1 January – 31 December 2016, a total of 801 amendments to proposals for acts were considered at parliamentary sittings, of which 636 were accepted.

Committees submitted 416 amendments, of which 415 have become integral parts of the proposals for acts, namely: the Legislative Committee 303 amendments; the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration 31 amendments; the Security and Defence Committee five amendments; the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants 12 amendments; the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget 16 amendments; the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms one amendment; the Gender Equality Committee one amendment; the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning 26 amendments; the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports four amendments and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare 30 amendments.

MPs submitted 284 amendments, of which 120 were accepted, 85 were not accepted and MPs abandoned 79 amendments.

The Government submitted 101 amendments, which have become integral parts of the proposals for acts.



3.1.4 VOTES OF CONFIDENCE/VOTES OF NO-CONFIDENCE

Motion for confidence in the Government of Montenegro was considered at the Sitting of the First Extraordinary Session in 2015 of the 25th Parliament. Pursuant to Article 106 of the Constitution of Montenegro, the Government of Montenegro raised the issue of confidence in it before the Parliament. The Parliament granted confidence to the Government of Montenegro.

3.1.5 PRIME MINISTER'S HOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

In 2016, a total of four special sittings of the Parliament devoted to the Prime Minister's Hour (two sittings) and the Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions (two sittings) were held.

21 questions were put to the Prime Minister, namely:

- MP Group of the Democratic Party of Socialists - two questions;
- MP Group of the Democratic Front - one question;
- Special MP Group - four questions;
- MP Group of the Socialist People's Party - two questions;
- MP Group of the Social Democratic Party - three questions;
- MP Group of the Positive Montenegro - two questions;
- MP Group of the Bosniak Party - two questions;
- MP Group of the Albanian parties (FORCA, DP), HGI and LPCG - two questions; and
- MP Group of the Albanian Alternative - three questions;

70 questions were put to members of the Government, namely:

- MP Group of the Democratic Front - 21 questions;
- Special MP Group - 11 questions;
- MP Group of the Socialist People's Party - 24 questions;
- MP Group of the Social Democratic Party - one question;
- MP Group of the Positive Montenegro - four questions;
- MP Group of the Albanian parties (FORCA, DP), HGI and LPCG - two questions; and
- MP Group of the Albanian Alternative - seven questions;

Table No 5 – Number of sittings devoted to the Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions and number of questions put to the Prime Minister and members of the Government in 2016, with comparative data for 2015

Year	Number of sittings devoted to Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions	Number of questions put to the Prime Minister	Number of parliamentary questions
2015	8	56	272 and 25 supplementary
2016	4	21	70 and 5 supplementary



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

The Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted at the beginning of 2016 the 2016 Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro, the 2016 Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro and the Calendar of Activities of the Parliament, for the period 1 January - 31 July 2016.

2016 Legislative Work Plan of the Parliament of Montenegro contains an overview of proposals for laws that were to be considered during 2016. It comprises 167 proposals for laws, including 35 proposals for laws whose adoption was planned for the purpose of harmonising with the European Union legislation. In addition to proposals for laws, this document comprises the review of reports which some bodies, in accordance with the law, submit to the Parliament as well as proposals for financial plans of independent regulatory bodies which are considered together with the proposal for the budget law. The parliamentary service is preparing information on the Legislative Work Plan, and they are available at the web page of the Parliament.

Information note on implementation of the plan by the end of the First (Ordinary) Session i.e. by the end of July 2016 was prepared and published in September, while at the beginning of 2017 the information note for the overall 2016 will be published.

In line with the previously established practice initiated by the 2010 Action Plan, aimed at contributing to projected, systematic and coordinated activities of all stakeholders involved in the parliamentary work, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament adopted the 2016 Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro.

The 2016 Action Plan contains 64 activities and measures, with explanations, holders, deadlines of implementation and success indicators. Activities and measures envisaged by this Action Plan are grouped into three parts - strengthening the legislative and oversight functions of the Parliament of Montenegro; strengthening of administrative and professional capacities of the Parliament; and further improvement of openness and transparency of the Parliament towards citizens and civil society organisations.

The report on implementation of the Action Plan will be prepared and published in early 2017.



First - Constitutive Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2016 of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro



Sitting of the Twelfth Extraordinary Session in 2016

3.2. WORK OF THE WORKING BODIES

In 2016, working bodies held 214 meetings, for a total of 215 days, 272 hours and 48 minutes; wherein 745 items of agenda were considered, including 267 proposals for laws as well as 975 amendments.

Overview of data on the work of the working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro of the 25th and 26th Parliament, with comparative data for 2015 is presented below.

Table No 6 – Meetings of working bodies in the period 1 January - 31 December 2016, with comparable data for the period 1 January - 31 December 2015

	Number of sittings	Duration of meetings (in hours)	Duration of meetings (in days)	Number of discussed items of the agenda	Number of considered proposals for laws	Number of considered amendments
2015	323	502 h and 10 min	337	1047	340	2225
2016	214	272 h and 48 min	215	745	267	975



Table No 7 – Statistical data on meetings of the working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period 1 January - 31 December 2016 with comparable data for the period 1 January - 31 December 2015

	Number of sittings		Duration of meetings (in hours)		Duration of meetings (in days)		Number of discussed items of the agenda		Number of considered proposals for laws		Number of considered amendments		Participation in line with Article 67 of the Rules of Procedure	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Constitutional Committee	-	1	-	1 h	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Committee	49	34	75 h and 15 min	35 h and 43 min	50	36	297	195	158	131	1136	497	154	132
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	37	20	63 h and 35 min	31 h and 20 min	42	20	98	60	30	26	312	82	199	121
Security and Defence Committee	19	8	37 h and 55 min	11 h and 10 min	22	8	41	25	4	5	43	6	93	34
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	28	17	26 h and 25 min	11 h and 50 min	29	17	59	24	26	13	33	-	48	1
Committee on European Integration	15	8	26 h and 50 min	9H and 15 min	15	8	43	29	1	1	-	-	112	47
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	41	38	78 h and 5 min	70 h and 30 min	44	39	181	150	57	34	287	132	296	261
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	15	9	17 h and 49 min	14 h and 55 min	17	9	46	32	4	4	35	3	117	79 + 1 ¹³
Gender Equality Committee	20	12	29 h and 45 min	16 h and 30 min	20	12	29	29	2	3	5	-	216	155
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	14	13	18 h and 15 min	7 h and 20 min	14	13	56	42	26	16	164	172	129	63
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	15	15	15 h and 50 min	15 h and 25 min	13	13	28	27	8	9	2	20	62	35
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	40	21	64 h and 50 min	22 h and 45 min	39	20	78	55	22	25	208	63	107	56
Anti-corruption Committee	11	5	19 h and 40 min	6 h and 30 min	11	5	18	7	2	-	-	-	7	10
Administrative Committee	14	12	16 h and 10 min	17 h and 35 min	14	13	61	67	-	-	-	-	15	5
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure	5	1	12 h and 35 min	1 h	7	1	12	2	-	-	-	-	31	5
TOTAL:	323	214	502 h and 10 min	272 h and 48 min	337	215	1047	745	340	267	2225	975	1586	1005

13 participation on the request, and with approval by chairperson of the committee



3.2.1 CONTROL AND CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS

Within the oversight role, working bodies of the Parliament regularly conduct control and consultative hearings of representatives of state bodies and other persons, on various topics. The working bodies held 10 control and 32 consultative hearings.

CONTROL HEARINGS

At the 111th meeting of 10 February, the **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** conducted control hearing on the topic: “Past application in practice and the effects of new institutes from the CPC (plea agreement, witness collaborator, etc.), their scope and limitations, as well as the application of the Law on the Special Public Prosecutor - effects and problems, with particular reference to the model of the election of the chief of the special investigative team”. The control hearing was organised with the aim of collecting information and expertise regarding legislative solutions related to institutes of plea agreement and witness collaborator, as well as norms of the Law on the Special Public Prosecutor related to the election of the chief of the special investigative team. The meeting was attended by responsible representatives: Ivica Stanković, Supreme State Prosecutor, Milivoje Katnić, Chief Special Prosecutor, Zoran Pažin, Minister of Justice, Marijana Laković-Drašković, Director General of the Directorate of Justice.

On 22 February 2016, the **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget** held a control hearing of Branimir Gvozdenović, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism, and Zoran Mrdak, Director of the Public Enterprise for National Parks of Montenegro, regarding the negative opinion of the State Audit Institution on the financial audit and audit of regularities of the Public Enterprise for National Parks of Montenegro.

On 18 April 2016, the Committee held a control hearing of Branimir Gvozdenović, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism, and Biserka Dragičević, Acting Secretary of the Secretariat for Development Projects, for the purpose of determining facts and circumstances with regard to validity of the issued guarantee, in line with Annex to the Contract, on completing construction works on the hotel “As” in Perazića Do. With regard to the said control hearing, the Committee proposed five conclusions and the Parliament adopted them.

On 27 April 2016, a control hearing of Pavle Goranović, Minister of Culture, and Žarko Mirković, Director of the PI Musical Centre of Montenegro, was held with regard to the negative opinion on the financial audit and conditional opinion on audit of regularities of the 2014 Financial Report of the PI Musical Centre of Montenegro by the State Audit Institution.

A control hearing of Budimir Šegrt, Minister of Health, with regard to the state of affairs in the health system of Montenegro and the allocated amount of funds for medical devices was held on 2 June 2016. A control hearing of Raško Konjević, Minister of Finance, and Miomir M. Mugoša, Director of the Tax Administration, with regard to the opinion of the State Audit Institution on audit of success of the “Efficacy of Tax Administration in Implementing Measures for Tax Debt Collection” was held on 20 June 2016.

On 20 April 2016, the **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** held a control hearing of representatives of the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, and Protector of Property and Legal Interests of Montenegro. The reason for holding the subject control hearing was the Report on audit of success “Expenditures from the budget of Montenegro for litigations arising from labour relations” of the State Audit Institution SAI, No 40113/16-023-13/25 of 31 March 2016. On this occasion, the Committee adopted six conclusions.



At its 53rd meeting held on 1 July, which was closed to the public, the **Security and Defence Committee** held a control hearing of the Supreme Public Prosecutor, Minister of Interior, and Director of the National Security Agency with regard to the unsolved murders in Montenegro, and it considered the information on the security situation in the Kotor Municipality and the activities undertaken by the authority bodies in that respect. Upon invitation, the meeting was attended by the following: Supreme Public Prosecutor Ivica Stanković, Minister of Interior Goran Danilović, Director of the Police Administration Slavko Stojanović, Assistant Director, Head of the Criminal Police Sector Milovan Pavićević, and Director of the National Security Agency Dejan Peruničić, with his associate.

At its 61st meeting of 29 February, the **Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms** held a control hearing of the Coordinator of the Coordination Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Strategy for permanently resolving the issue of displaced and internally displaced persons in Montenegro with special regard to the Camp Konik I and II, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Zorica Kovačević, on the topic: “Implementation of the Strategy for permanently resolving the issue of displaced and internally displaced persons in Montenegro with special regard to the Camp Konik” was held.

In September 2016, the **Temporary committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets in 2016** held a control hearing of Supreme Public Prosecutor Ivica Stanković and Chief Special Prosecutor Milivoje Katnić. You can find more information in part of the report on temporary working bodies.

CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS

At its 115th meeting held on 2 March 2016, the **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** held a consultative hearing of the applicants to the Public Notice for election of two members of the Prosecutorial Council from among the reputable jurists. The candidates who applied to the Public Notice and were heard were the following: Bošković Zoran, Delić Milan, Dragović Slobodan, Đurović Srđan, Živković Zoran, Laković Bego Novak, Murati Jakup, Murić Velija, Radojičić Zoran, Radulović Branislav, Rakočević Velimir, Ratković Vesna, and Smolović Borka.

At its 72nd meeting held on 15 March, the **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants** provided a positive opinion on the proposal of the Government for appointing Hamdi Hasani as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on a non-residential basis, based in Podgorica. At its 74th meeting held on 2 June, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Boro Vučinić, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Republic of Croatia, on a residential basis, based in Zagreb. At its 75th meeting, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Ljiljana Tošković, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Republic of Poland, on a residential basis, based in Warsaw. At its 79th meeting held on 24 June, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Igor Jovović, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Russian Federation, on a residential basis, based in Moscow. At its 81st meeting held on 19 July, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Dušan Mrdović, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Republic of Albania, on a residential basis, based in Tirana. At its 83rd meeting held on 26 July, the Committee held a consultative hearing where it provided a positive opinion on Bojan Šarkiće, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary - Head of Montenegro's Mission to the European Union, on a residential basis, based in Brussels.



At its 84th meeting held on 26 July, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Milorad Šćepanović, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary - Head of Montenegro's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva, on a residential basis, based in Geneva. At its 86th meeting held on 15 September, the Committee considered the proposal of the Government on Nebojša Kaluđerović, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the United States of America, on a residential basis, based in Washington, and it provided a positive opinion thereon. At its 87th meeting held on 16 September, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Aleksandar Moštrokol, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro in Hungary, on a residential basis, based in Budapest. At its 88th meeting held on 16 September, the Committee provided a positive opinion on Ferhat Dinoša, a candidate for the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Montenegro to the Republic of Kosovo, on a residential basis, based in Prishtina.

The **Committee on European Integration** held 19 consultative hearings of the Chief Negotiator for negotiations between Montenegro and the EU Aleksandar Andrija Pejović and other representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, and on that occasion it considered:

- Fourth semi-annual report on the overall activities within the integration process of Montenegro to the European Union, for the period July – December 2015, Eighth quarterly report on the overall activities within the integration process of Montenegro to the European Union, for the period October - December 2015, Fourth quarterly report on the implementation of commitments stemming from the Montenegro's Programme of Accession to the European Union, for the period 2015 -2018, Montenegro's Programme of Accession to the European Union, for the period 2016 -2018, Report on the implementation of the 2015 Action Plan for the implementation of the 2014-2018 Strategy for informing the public on the EU accession process of Montenegro, 2016 Action Plan for the implementation of the 2014-2018 Strategy for informing the public on the EU accession process of Montenegro (15 April);

- * semi-annual reports on the implementation of the action plans for chapters 23 and 24 for the period January - June and July - December 2015 (24 June);

- * reports on the following negotiation chapters: 5 - Public procurement, 10 - Information society and media, 20 - Enterprise and industrial policy, and 30 - External relations (20 July);

- * Ninth quarterly report on the overall activities within the process of Montenegro's integration in the EU, for the period January - March 2016;

- * First and Second quarterly report on the implementation of commitments stemming from the Montenegro's Programme of Accession to the European Union 2016 - 2018, for the period January - March and April - June 2016;

- * Addenda to the European Commission's 2016 Progress Report on Montenegro, for the period 1 September 2015 - 20 May 2016 and 20 May - 1 September 2016 (16 September).



At its 56th meeting held on 28 July, the **Security and Defence Committee** held a consultative hearing of the military and diplomatic representative of Montenegro Lieutenant Colonel Mitar Klikovac prior to his assuming the office. Following the comprehensive discussion, the Committee expressed its full support to the activities presented by Lieutenant Colonel Mitar Klikovac as priorities for military and diplomatic cooperation of Montenegro with the United States of America, Canada and Iceland, with assessment that it would contribute to the full promotion of the Army of Montenegro and military diplomacy.

At its 43rd meeting held on 27 April 2016, the **Anti-corruption Committee** held a consultative hearing of the Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, on the topic: “Exercise of jurisdiction of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption”. The Committee assessed that the Agency for Prevention of Corruption has successfully implemented obligations stemming from the Law on Prevention of Corruption in its previous work.

Table No 8: Control and consultative hearings at the meetings of the working bodies of the Parliament for the period 1 January - 31 December 2016, with comparable data for the same period of 2015

Working bodies	Control hearings		Consultative hearings	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
Constitutional Committee	-	-	-	-
Legislative Committee	-	-	-	-
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	1	1	2	1
Security and Defence Committee	-	1	1	1
Committee on International Relations and Emigrants	1	-	12	10
Committee on European Integration	-	-	24	19
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	1	5	-	-
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	-	1	-	-
Gender Equality Committee	-	-	1	-
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	-	-	-	-
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	-	-	-	-
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	2	1	1	-
Anti-corruption Committee	2	-	-	1
Administrative Committee:	-	-	-	-
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure	-	-	-	-
Temporary committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets in 2016		1		-
TOTAL	7	10	43	32

3.2.2. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING BODIES

Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration

- On 24 May 2016, members of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration: Rifat Rastoder, Chairperson of the Committee, and MPs Marta Šćepanović and Danijela Marković, met with experts for the field of media freedom, who stayed in Montenegro within the expert mission for reviewing media freedom, carried out by the European Commission.
- On 27 May 2016, Chairperson of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration Rifat Rastoder met with Bent Nørby Bond, Director of Media Progress Europe, on the topic: „Establishing a regional Programme of Support to Public Broadcasters in the South East Europe”, organised by the European Union.
- On 31 May 2016, representatives of the Committee met with Maurizio Mensi, independent expert in the field of media freedom, within the expert mission for reviewing media freedom, carried out by the European Commission.
- On 14 June 2016, representatives of the Committee met with experts for Chapter 10 - Information society and media, carried out by the European Commission.



129th meeting of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration

Anti-corruption Committee

- At its 45th meeting, the Anti-corruption Committee considered special performance reports of the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office and Special Public Prosecutor's Office for the period 1 January to 1 June 2016, pursuant to the Decision reached by the Anti-corruption Committee at its 44th meeting.



44th meeting of the Anti-corruption Committee

Security and Defence Committee

- The working visit of the Committee to the Sector of the Border Police, organised by the Ministry of Interior, was implemented on 25 March. Within the visit to the Sector of the Border Police, members of the Committee toured the border police office in the Port of Bar as well as the Joint Border Crossing Sukobin - Murićan, learning about the manner of functioning and regular check procedures performed by the Department of Border Security Ulcinj. Bearing in mind that the work of the border police has an essential importance for security of the state and its citizens, and particularly in the context of current security challenges, members of the Committee noted the importance of implementing activities regarding suppression and prevention of illegal migrations, cross border crime, as well as continuation of cooperation with border police services of neighbouring countries. In addition to the above, considering that securing state borders implies permanent strengthening of its oversight system, the Committee voiced full support to the activities regarding the strengthening of infrastructural, material-technical, and staff capacity of the Sector of the Border Police;
- The Committee's visit to the Directorate of Emergency Management of the Ministry of Interior was implemented on 28 March. The interest of the Committee members was focused on activities implemented during enforcement of laws and other regulations from the subject field, the issues of resources of the protection and rescue system, international cooperation, as well as the issues of funding. A part of the meeting was dedicated to the visit of the Aviation and Helicopter Unit in Golubovci during which the Committee members were informed on the capacities and the manner of operations of this organisational unit. The Committee members also visited the Operational and Communication Centre 112 which monitors and registers occurrences and events from the field of security, as needed undertakes and organises emergency and more extensive operative measures, and coordinates and directs the work of organisational units of the Police Administration;

- The Committee members Obrad Mišo Stanišić and Luigj Lubo Shkrela took part in the Round Table “Perspective of the Army of Montenegro as a NATO member”, held on 4 April, organised the Atlantic Council of Montenegro with the support of NATO and Communication Team of the Council for NATO Membership;
- The Committee member Luigj Lubo Shkrela took part in the Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy, which took place in The Hague, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in the period 6-8 April, within the parliamentary dimension of the Netherlands chairing the Council of the EU in 2016;
- On 16 June, Deputy Chairperson of the Security and Defence Committee Snežana Jonica and member of the Committee Luigj Lubo Shkrela met with members of the German Bundestag Alexander Neu and Inge Höger;
- The Committee member Luidž Ljubo Škrelja took part in the workshop and annual discussion on the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security, which was organised by the OSCE and took place in Vienna, the Republic of Austria, on 21 and 22 June;



56th meeting of the Security and Defence Committee

- On 19 September, Chairperson of the Committee Mevludin Nuhodžić met with NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) General Dennis Mercier. The participants in the meeting also included Deputy Commander Mathieu Hedoin, Executive Assistant of the NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation Colonel Marc Lobel, Special Assistant Lieutenant Colonel Jose Gonzales and Camp Assistant, Captain Adeline Blanvillan. Furthermore, the meeting was attended by the Head of the General Staff of the Army of Montenegro Admiral Dragan Samradžić and Colonel Ilija Daković;
- Chairperson of the Committee Mevludin Nuhodžić participated in the OSCE regional workshop, held in the period 19-21 September, organised by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro;
- The Committee member Luigj Lubo Shkrela participated in the Regional Round Table on the topic: “The role of parliaments of the Western Balkans in oversight over measures for prevention and fight against non-violent forms of extremism”, which took place in Prishtina, the Republic of Kosovo, on 30 November, organised by the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF);

On 30 November and 1 December, the Committee member Obrad Mišo Stanišić took part in the Round Table on the topic “Internal Control of the Police - Independence, Strategies and Methods”, organised within the Norwegian project relating to the strengthening of integrity in security structures, and supported by the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Defence

Committee on Economy

- Deputy Chairperson of the Committee Damir Šehović attended the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance, which took place in Brussels, Belgium, on 17 February.
- Chairperson of the Committee Aleksandar Damjanović attended the Interparliamentary Conference on Energy, including some aspects of innovation, with special reference to circular economy, which took place in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 3 and 4 April.
- On 9 September, Chairperson of the Committee Aleksandar Damjanović and members of the Committee Veljko Zarubica, Filip Vuković, and Nik Gjelošhaj took part in the regional parliamentary conference on the topic “Strengthening regional cooperation in the Western Balkans parliaments with the aim of improving public financial management”, organised by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, in cooperation with the World Bank and the Regional Network of Parliamentary Committees on Economy, Finance and European Integration of the Western Balkans countries, which took place in Belgrade, Serbia.
- The Chairperson of the Committee took part in the second meeting of Parliamentary Plenum of the Energy Community, which took place in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 13 October. The meeting was held with representatives of the parliaments of the Energy Community member states during which the previous work results were reviewed, as well as the future activities of the Energy Community. The 2016 Implementation Report of the Secretariat of the Energy Community was presented at the meeting, and it related to the degree of transposing the *acquis* from the field of energy into the national legislation. During the meeting, they also discussed the activities of the Plenum for the following year, Draft Rules of Procedure of the Plenum, as well as the opportunities for cooperation with the members of the European Parliament.
- Within the parliamentary dimension of the semi-annual Slovak chairing of the Council of the EU, the Chairperson of the Committee attended the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance which took place in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 17 and 18 October.



159th meeting of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget

Committee on International Relations

- Meeting with Ambassador of Romania to Montenegro Ferdinand Nagy was held on 21 January.
- Within the official visit to Montenegro by Chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Policy of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament Mr László Borbély, which lasted from 7 to 9 March, meetings were held with the Committee and the Montenegro-Romania parliamentary Friendship Group.



84th meeting of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants

- On 8 April, a delegation of the Parliamentary Group for Cooperation with South East Europe from the German Bundestag met Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović, who was at that time Chair of the Montenegro-Romania parliamentary Friendship Group, and members of the Committee.
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović received a delegation of the Republic of Malta, headed by Jose A. Herrera, Parliamentary Secretary for Competitiveness and Economic Development at the Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business.
- Vice President of the Parliament Suljo Mustafić and Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations Miodrag Vuković, upon the invitation of the Consulate General of Montenegro, attended the celebration of Independence Day of Montenegro, titled “Montenegrin culture, literature and poetry”, held in Frankfurt, on 8 May 2016. Also, the roundtable on the topic “Improving cooperation between emigrants and their country of origin - Montenegro” was organised on this occasion.
- Upon the invitation of Zsolt Németh, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Hungary, Miodrag Vuković attended on 13 May a ceremonious sitting, where the Hungarian Parliament ratified the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro. Mr Vuković also had an official meeting with Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament László Kövér.
- On 24 May, the Chairperson of the Committee met Ambassador of Hungary to Montenegro Krisztián Pósa.

- Upon the invitation of President of the Bosniak Diaspora from Montenegro in Switzerland Esmir Rastoder, Miodrag Vuković attended the ceremonious marking of the 10th anniversary of Montenegro's independence, held on 29 May in Zurich.
- On 1 July, Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Miodrag Vuković met Director of the Diaspora Administration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Predrag Mitrović. Within continuous cooperation between the Committee and the Administration, the significance of intensive communication was emphasised, aimed at synchronising action directed towards resolving the issues especially dedicated to emigrants from Montenegro

Committee on European Integration

- On 29 January, the Committee organised a public debate devoted to chapters 11 - Agriculture and rural development and 12 - Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, where the following spoke: Marija Maja Čatović, Deputy Chairperson of the Committee, Benoit Esmanne, Programme Manager for Agriculture and Rural Development at the EU Delegation to Montenegro, Danijela Stolica, negotiator for chapters 11 and 12, and Zorka Prljević, Head of Working Group for Chapter 12.
- On 4 February, members of the Committee held a meeting with Angelina Eichhorst, Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey at the European External Action Service.
- Deputy Chairperson Marija Maja Čatović and member Danko Šarančić took part in the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union - COSAC, held in the Hague, on 7 and 8 February, in the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union.
- On 4 March, members of the Committee had a working lunch with the Committee on European Affairs of the National Assembly of the Republic of France.



51st meeting of the Committee on European Integration



- On 14 March, the Committee organised a public debate titled “Montenegro and EU: negotiations on free movement of goods”, where Deputy Chairperson of the Committee Marija Maja Čatović and Nina Vujošević, Head of the Working Group for Preparation of Negotiation in Chapter 1 were keynote speakers.
- On 23 March, Deputy Chairperson of the Committee Marija Maja Čatović met Italian Ambassador to Montenegro Vincenzo del Monaco.
- On 8 April, members of the Committee held a meeting with delegation of the Parliamentary Group for Cooperation with South East Europe from the German Bundestag.
- Members of the Committee Predrag Sekulić and Azra Jasavić took part in the XII meeting of the Conference of the Parliamentary Committees on European Integration/Affairs of the States Participating in the Stabilization and Association Process in South East Europe (COSAP), held in Sarajevo on 8 April;
- On 22 April, delegation of the Committee paid a visit to Pljevlja, where MPs held a debate with students of Tanasije Pejatović Grammar School on the topic of EU accession. They also had a meeting with representatives of the Local Assembly and local NGOs in Pljevlja on the topic of using EU funds;
- On 26 April, delegation of the Committee paid a visit to Kotor, where MPs held a debate with students of Kotor Grammar School, and after that a meeting with President of the Municipality Aleksandar Stjepčević and his associates, on the topic of using IPA funds;
- On 28 April, members of the Committee had a meeting with the Committee on European Union Policies of the Italian Senate.
- Deputy Chairperson of the Committee Marija Maja Čatović and member of the Committee Azra Jasavić took part in the Plenary Meeting of the LV COSAC, held on 13 and 4 June in the Hague.
- On 23 June, members of the Committee on European Integration held a meeting with members of the Council of the EU’s Working Party on Enlargement.
- Deputy Chairperson of the Committee Marija Maja Čatović and member of the Committee Danko Šarančić took part in the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union - COSAC, held in Bratislava, on 10 and 11 July, within Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms

- Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković took part in the conference “Protecting children from violence and exploitation”, which took place in Podgorica, on 29 January 2017;
- Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković took part in the conference “Law, Policy, Society, and Discrimination”, held in Podgorica on 19 and 20 April 2016.
- Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković met EC’s human rights expert Ivana Roagna, in Podgorica on 19 and 20 April 2016;
- Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković met John L. Wodatch, attorney specialised for rights of peoples with disabilities, in Podgorica on 18 May 2016;



63rd meeting Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms

- Member of the Committee Husnija Šabović participated in the CE's Workshop on building capacities, organised for representatives of the Montenegrin institutions dealing with preparation of national reports on implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, held in Strasbourg on 13 and 14 June 2016;
- Delegation of the Committee consisting of: Vuk Roćen, Head of Delegation, and members Rešad Sijarić, Zoran Miljanić, and Dritan Abazović participated in the Inter-parliamentary Conference "The EU Immigration and Asylum Policy: Implications for the Parliaments of the Enlargement Countries", held in Brussels, on 20 and 21 June 2016.
- Member of the Committee Zoran Miljanić took part in the Seminar "From words to deeds - towards the integration of Roma", held in Podgorica on 5 July 2016;
- Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković met with the Council of Europe expert Quentin Reed, in Podgorica, on 21 December 2016; and
- Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Halil Duković met with the Council of Europe expert for Roma integration Fernando Villarreal, in Podgorica, on 22 December 2016.

Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports

- Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports Branka Tanasijević and a member of the Committee Jelisava Kalezić held a meeting with representatives of the European Students' Union and the Student Parliament of the University of Montenegro on 27 January. The meeting is organised with a view to analyse the state of affairs in the higher education.

- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević held a meeting with Secretary General of the International School Sport Federation Jan Coolen, in the Parliament of Montenegro on 3 February. Branka Tanasijević presented activities of the Committee to Mr Coolen and other guests. A special attention was devoted to the system of school sports, legal provisions and funding, as well as challenges in the organisation of sports activities for secondary school age. The meeting emphasised that the state was committed to regulate in details the said field.
- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević attended on 16 March the meeting organised by the World Bank Office to Montenegro within the Country Partnership Framework for 2016-2020. The meeting indicated that stronger engagement of Montenegro, as a new state on the road to the EU, could be the basis for deeper cooperation, which will be even more strategic in the future.



74th meeting of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports

- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević attended the event on the main city square in Podgorica, by which European Independent Living Day - 5th May was marked, in the organisation of the Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro.
- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević attended the student event “Baklja”, held on 25 May in the Multimedia Hall of the University Sports and Culture Centre in Podgorica, organised by the Student Parliament of the UCG and the University of Montenegro. The program was implemented in cooperation with student councils of the Faculty of Dramatic Arts, the Music Academy and the Faculty of Fine Arts, marking the anniversary celebrations - 10 years since the renewal of Montenegro’s independence.
- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević attended the manifestation “Iz vrtića kreće oro, svanula si majska zoro“, held in Nikšić on 25 May, hosted by PI “Dragan Kovačević“ on the occasion of the PI Day and decades of independences of Montenegro.
- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević and member of the Committee Andrija Popović met with representatives of the Women’s Football Club “Breznica” from Pljevlja, in the Parliament of Montenegro on 6 June.



- Chairperson of the Committee Branka Tanasijević attended the meeting within the process of evaluating the programme “Montenegro - Investing in Early Childhood Development and Education”, held on 2 November in the UNICEF Office to Montenegro, Podgorica. It was noted that during the 25th Parliament of Montenegro, the Committee cooperated very successfully with the UNICEF Office to Montenegro, which includes a number of joint activities aimed at increasing the pre-school education enrollment rate, as well as improving the quality of this type of education.

Gender Equality Committee

- On 27 January, Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak had a meeting with Head of OSCE Mission to Montenegro Janina Hřebíčková. Ambassador Hřebíčková praised the previous cooperation with the Committee, adding that its continuation was important for the purpose of mainstreaming policies and presenting experiences of men and women that would create a democratic society and peace in the region. The Chairperson of the Committee thanked to the OSCE Mission to Montenegro for the support they have provided to the Committee, particularly in the segment of monitoring the application of the Law on Gender Equality, cooperation with the local communities and organising education workshops on gender equality.
 - Chairperson of the Gender Equality Committee Nada Drobnjak took part in the TAIEX workshop on the topic: “Gender Equality in the Media”, held in Podgorica on 29 January, organised by the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights in cooperation with TAIEX Programme of the European Commission. The aim of the workshop is to inform the representatives of the media on gender equality policy, whereby obligations stemming from the Action Plan for Achieving Gender Equality in Montenegro 2013-2017 and the Action Plan for Chapter 23 Judiciary and Fundamental Rights are being implemented.
 - On 9 February, Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak and member of the Committee Nikola Gegaj had a meeting with President of Montenegro Filip Vujanović. The Delegation informed the President on the Intergovernmental conference “General and specialised services of assistance to women who experienced violence - guarantees of availability and quality of service”, held in Podgorica, on 25 November as a part of the campaign ““16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence”. The Podgorica Declaration was adopted at the conference, as an important document for strengthening gender equality at the local, national and regional level. The President expressed his support to the Podgorica Declaration, expecting that it would obtain the regional support also.
 - On 14 February, Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak joined the campaign “One Billion Rising against violence against women”, organised by the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the UNDP Office to Montenegro and NGO “Women’s Safe House”. The campaign is designed to support women victims of violence. Every year, on this day, the protest about violence against women is expressed around the world by dance.
 - Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak and members Nikola Gegaj and Branka Tanasijević participated in the Inter-parliamentary Meeting, held in Brussels on 3 March, on the occasion of International Women’s Day. The meeting was organised by the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) of the European Parliament, and it was titled “Women refugees and asylum seekers in the EU”.
- Delegation of the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the panel titled “Gender and healthcare: the situation of refugees and asylum seekers”.
- On 8 March, the Committee hosted the Fifth Session of “Women’s Parliament”. More information available in the part of the Report Women’s Parliament
 - On 4 April, Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak met Deputy Chair of the Institute for Inclusive Security Miki Jačević. They talked at the meeting about the need for making the Action Plan for the implementation of UN SC Resolutions 1325 and about future cooperation with the Committee.



62nd meeting of the Gender Equality Committee

Chairperson and member of the Committee - Nada Drobnjak and Nikola Gegaj took part in the Annual Regional Conference of Women Parliamentarians, held in Tirana, from 26 to 28 April, in the organisation of the Albanian Parliament with the support of the UN Women. Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak spoke within the panel “Strengthening the role of Women in Central Governance”.

- Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak, and MPs Aleksandar Damjanović, Branka Tanasijević, Mladen Bojanić, Dritan Abazović and Miloš Konatar took part in the gathering on marking European Independent Living Day, held in Podgorica on 5 May, and co-hosted by the Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro (UMHCG) and the Center for Multimedia Production (CEZAM), with financial support of the US Embassy to Montenegro.

- On 9 June, Chairperson of the Committee and a member Nada Drobnjak, and Branka Tanasijević, as well as MPs Marija Maja Čatović, Draginja Vuksanović, Azra Jasavić, and Mubera Kurpejović met President of the Republic of Malta Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca. Particular attention at the meeting was devoted to gender equality and human rights of women. They also spoke about the results achieved with regard to application the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), with special reference to the “Podgorica Declaration against violence against women and domestic violence”. The interlocutors agreed that both countries had a good legislative framework in the field of gender equality and emphasised the importance of its effective implementation.

- Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak participated in the final conference “Strengthening of Regional Cooperation on Gender Mainstreaming in Security Sector Reform in the Western Balkans”, hosted by the UNDP/SEESAC on 15 June in Belgrade. The conference was held under the Project “Gender Equality in the Armed Forces in the Western Balkans”.

- On 23 June, Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak attended the roundtable on the topic “Exercising the right to compensation by victims of violent crimes in Montenegro”, organised by the NGO “Women’s Rights Centre”, within the project “Balkans ACT (Against Crime of Trafficking) Now”, supported by the European Union within the Partnership Programme for Civil Society Organisations. The gathering was organised in order to present the Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes.

- On 29 June, Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak hosted a representative of the European Commission Mr Gordon Purvis, in charge of monitoring of the regional project - Joint efforts towards new European standards in protection of women from gender based violence. During the meeting the Chairperson of the Committee presented work results in the fields of gender equality and violence against women, emphasising the cooperation of state institutions with the civil sector.
- Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak participated in the roundtable on the topic “Draft Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Women, Peace and Security (2016-2017)”, held in Podgorica on 5 July, and hosted by the Ministry of Defence.
- Chairperson of the Committee Nada Drobnjak participated in the roundtable on the topic “Draft Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Women, Peace and Security in Montenegro (2016-2017)”, held in Bijelo Polje on 6 July, and hosted by the Ministry of Defence.
- On 21 July 2016, the exhibition of tapestries titled “The thread is a trail”, by author MP Jelisava Kalezić, was opened in the Hall of the Parliament of Montenegro. More information available in the part of the Report *Visits, exhibitions and other events*

Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning

- Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning and the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning held on 25 February 2016 in the Parliament of Montenegro the Draft of the National Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 (NSOR), where MPs participated: Predrag Sekulić, Jelisava Kalezić, Goran Tuponja and Danko Šarančić as well as a team of experts: Jelena Knežević, Gordana Đurović and Olivera Komar. Leading expert Gordana Đurović and a process coordinator and a member of the expert team for drafting this document Jelena Knežević pointed out that the basic principle of NSOR 2030 was production of goods and provision of services key for promotion of material, mental and spiritual welfare of all generations.



58th meeting of the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning



- On 20 September, Chairperson of the Committee Predrag Sekulić held a meeting with Lia Magnaguagno, OSCE Mission to Montenegro Democratization Programme Manager. At the meeting they considered the Draft analysis of practices and mechanisms of cooperation between civil society and the Committee by means of consultative and control hearings in the field of protection of environment, whose drafting was supported by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare

- Within the implementation of policies in the field of health, work and social welfare, the Committee adopted five conclusions at the 117th meeting of 1 March 2016 with regard to consultative hearing (held on 112th meeting of 15 December 2015) on the topic “Efficiency of using funds from contributions to professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities”. On 29 March 2016, the Committee held 119th meeting on the topic “Current situation in the field of narcotic drugs in Montenegro” and adopted ten conclusions with regard to that. Members of the Committee were joined by representatives of the Ministry of Health, the Institution for accommodation, rehabilitation and resocialisation of psychoactive substances’ users in Montenegro - Kakaricka gora, the Department for fight against narcotic drugs and trafficking in the Police Administration, the Secretariat for Social Welfare of the Capital City of Podgorica, the Public Health Institute of Montenegro, and representatives of three NGOs (NGO 4 Life - NGO for fight against narcotic drugs, NG= “Juventas” and NGO “CAZAS”). Also, on 14 June 2016, the Committee held 125th meeting, where, in the presence of representatives of the negotiation team of workers of the Aluminium Plant Podgorica it considered the Law on settling obligations towards the workers of Aluminium Plant who retired early due to bankruptcy of the company (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 42/12 of 29 July 2015) and adopted one conclusions with regard to that.
- MPs Izet Bralić, Novica Stanić and Radosav Nišavić paid a study visit to the Kingdom of Sweden, in the period 26-30 September 2016.



121st meeting of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare

3.2.3. TEMPORARY WORKING BODIES

Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the events relating to the actions of competent state authorities in the protection of state property and public interest during the sale of assets of the JSC Tobacco Plant Podgorica in bankruptcy

Two officials of the Committee Secretariat did professional and administrative tasks for the needs of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the actions of competent state authorities in the protection of state property and public interest during the sale of assets of the JSC Tobacco Plant Podgorica in bankruptcy. During 2016, the Inquiry Committee held 2 meetings, which lasted altogether one hour and, in accordance with the Law on Parliamentary Investigation, it submitted the Report with proposed measures to the Parliament of Montenegro.

Committee on monitoring the application of the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs in the part relating to the media

The Committee held a total of three meetings (the third meeting started on 20 September, during which objections to the conduct of the media were being considered, was adjourned after two hours and 30 minutes, and the announced continuation did not happen), during three days, lasting a total of 5 hours and 5 minutes. In line with Article 67 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, 11 persons participated in the meetings of the Committee (nine representatives of the electronic media and two representatives of the civil sector).

Committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets in 2016

The Committee held three meetings, for a total of 5 hours and 20 minutes. Committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets held two meetings in August. The first, constitutive, where the co-chairs of the Committee were elected, and the second where the decision on the control hearing was unanimously adopted. In August the meetings lasted 2 hours and 30 minutes. In September 2016, the Committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets held a meeting, during which it conducted control hearing of Supreme State Prosecutor Ivica Stanković and Chief Special Prosecutor Milivoje Katnić). The meeting lasted 2 hours and 50 minutes. In line with Article 67 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, two persons participated in the work of the Committee (Supreme Public Prosecutor and Chief Special Prosecutor)



Meeting of the Committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets in 2016



Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process held 7 meetings. The meetings lasted 16 hours and 55 minutes.

The first meeting unanimously adopted the model of co-chairs as the most adequate manner of work of this temporary working body of the Parliament of Montenegro. Milutin Simović was elected co-chair from among parliamentary majority, while Draginja Vuksanović was elected co-chair from among the opposition MPs/parliamentary minority. During the second meeting of the Committee, the participants discussed monitoring provisions of the Law on Voters' Register within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Interior. At their third meeting, the Committee discussed monitoring provisions of the Law on Voters' Register and the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs within the jurisdiction of the State Audit Institution. The fourth meeting of the Committee considered the applications of provision of the Law on Funding of Political Parties and Election Campaigns within the jurisdiction of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption. The fifth meeting considered the information of the Ministry of Interior with regard to conclusions adopted at the second meeting of the Committee of 23 August and the Action Plan for implementation and monitoring of electoral legislation of the Ministry of Interior from within the purview of Directorate for Administrative Interior Affairs. The sixth meeting of the Committee considered the Report of the State Election Commission on implemented activities regarding application of provisions of the Law on Voters' Register and the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs. The seventh meeting of the Committee considered the Report on the enforcement of the Action Plan for the implementation of the electoral legislation within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Interior. At the meeting, the participants discussed mutual cooperation and coordination between the Ministry of Interior and the State Election Commission.

3.3. CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCLUSIONS

In 2016, the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration sent the Proposal for Conclusions (15) to the Parliament with regard to consideration of the 2015 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council and Public Prosecution Office and with regard to the 2015 Annual Performance Report of the Judicial Council and the overall state of the judiciary.

At the 129th meeting of the Committee, held on 29 June 2016, the Committee unanimously decided to refer a proposal of conclusions (eight) to the Parliament with regard to the 2015 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council and the Public Prosecutor's Office. On 30 June 2016, at its Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Conclusions (eight) with regard to consideration of the 2015 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council and Public Prosecution Office.

With regard to the 2015 Annual Performance Report of the Judicial Council and the overall state of the judiciary, the Committee unanimously decided to refer a proposal of conclusions (seven) to the Parliament. At its Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Conclusions (seven) with regard to consideration of the 2015 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council and the Public Prosecutor's Office.

At its 47th meeting, the Anti-corruption Committee considered special performance reports on the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office and Special Public Prosecutor's Office for the period 1 January to 1 July 2016, in line with the Decision reached by the Anti-corruption Committee at their 44th meeting.

In 2016, the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget was focused on following the implementation of parliamentary conclusions in accordance with the 2016 Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro. The Committee considered the implementation of six parliamentary conclusions. Namely, at the 128th meeting, held on 1 February 2016, the Committee considered the implementation of six conclusions (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No 46/15) adopted with regard to control hearing held on the subject: "Implementation of policy, or law in the field of concessions, with reference to implementation of conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted regarding consideration of 2013 Performance Report of the Commission for Concessions (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 31/14 of 24 July 2014)".



Starting from the opinions, attitudes and evaluations in relation to the level of implementation of six parliamentary conclusions, the Committee noted that the conclusions 1, 2 and 3 were implemented, 5, 6 were in the implementation phase, while conclusion 4 was not implemented.

At its 64th meeting of 25 May 2016, in addition to consideration of the 2015 Status Report on Personal Data Protection and Access to Information in Montenegro, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms also followed the implementation of the Conclusions by the Parliament of Montenegro adopted with regard to consideration of the 2014 Status Report on Personal Data Protection and Report on the Access to Information in Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No 3/16). In addition to consideration of the 2015 Annual Performance Report of the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture, at its Second Meeting of 28 December 2016, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms dealt with the implementation of the Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted with regard to consideration of the 2014 Annual Performance Report of the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No 3/16).

At its 117th meeting of 1 March, the Committee on Health adopted the Proposal for a decision on considering the position of persons with disabilities in Montenegro with regard to consideration of the implementation of the conclusion No 1, being a part of the Conclusions of the Committee No 00-63-12/15-63/2 of 28 December 2015 (at its 113th meeting with regard to the 110th meeting devoted to marking International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Committee adopted two conclusions). On 3 March 2016, the Committee sent this Proposal for the Decision to the Parliament of Montenegro, for putting it into procedure. The proposed decision refers to the obligation of the responsible state administration body to submit annually a report on the position of persons with disabilities in Montenegro to the Parliament of Montenegro.



IV PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

4.1. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

In 2016, Montenegro has continued to actively fulfil obligations related to process of negotiating with the European Union, and the implement reforms aimed achieving European standards.

In 2016, four negotiation chapters have been opened at intergovernmental conferences on accession to the EU, namely: 11 - Agriculture and rural development, 12 - Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, 13 – Fisheries and 19 - Social policy and employment. Thus Montenegro has opened 26 negotiation chapters in total, of which to have been temporarily closed (25 – Science and Research and 26 – Education and Culture).

Parliamentary contribution to the process of European integration has been continued through the work of the Committee on European Integration, which in 2016 considered a total of four draft negotiation positions, for chapters 1- Free movement of goods, 11 - Agriculture and rural development, 12 - Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy and 22 - Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments. Also, the Committee considered four reports on the following negotiation chapters: 5 - Public procurement, 10 - Information society and media, 20 - Enterprise and industrial policy and 30 - External relations. Within its responsibility to consider information on negotiation process, the Committee also considered a number of other reports of the responsible ministry, by organising consultative hearings (see 3.2.1).

The highest level of cooperation of the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament is archived through the work of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC). In the reporting period, the SAPC held one meeting in Podgorica, on 19 and 20 May. Declaration with recommendations was adopted at the meeting, and the current state of the accession negotiations and relations between the European Union and Montenegro was discussed, as well as the monitoring of the recommendations adopted at the previous meeting, the rule of law and the implementation of the electoral legislation, fundamental rights with a focus on gender equality and children's rights, environmental protection and energy, and the fight against corruption in connection with economic development.

The EC's Report on Montenegro, published on 9 November, and covering the period October 2015 - September 2016, gives an overall assessment of progress in negotiations with the EU. Concerning Montenegro's ability to assume the obligations of membership, the Report says that Montenegro has achieved good progress in fields, such as: free movement of goods, agriculture and rural development, safety of food, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, energy, environment and climate change, foreign relations and financial control, while in the future it should be particularly focused on protection of competition and economic and monetary policy.

When it comes to parliamentary diplomacy within the EU accession, members of the Parliament of Montenegro regularly participate in meetings organised within the EU presidency. In the reporting period, members of the Committee on European Integration participated in meetings of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC), namely at the meeting of chairpersons and plenary session held during the Dutch presidency (7-8 February and 12-14 June) and at the meeting of chairpersons held during the Slovak presidency (10-11 July). Members of Parliament also participated in other meetings organised within the Presidency of the Netherlands and Slovakia: Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (17 February and 16 - 18 October); Meeting of Chairpersons of Committees on Energy (3 and 4 April); Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Common Foreign Policy and Security Policy (CFSP) and on Common Security and Defence Policy (6-8 April and 2-4 September).

Members and staff of the Parliament of Montenegro also participate in activities organised within Assistance programme of the European Parliament to help aspirant countries prepare for EU membership. In the reporting period, the representatives of the Parliament participated in inter-parliamentary meetings on the following topics: Immigration Policy of the European Union and Asylum Policy; Interaction of political groups, parties, and the government in the process of European integration; Combating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities.



Members of the Committee on European Integration at the meeting of the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)

4.2. VISITS OF OTHER STATES' REPRESENTATIVES

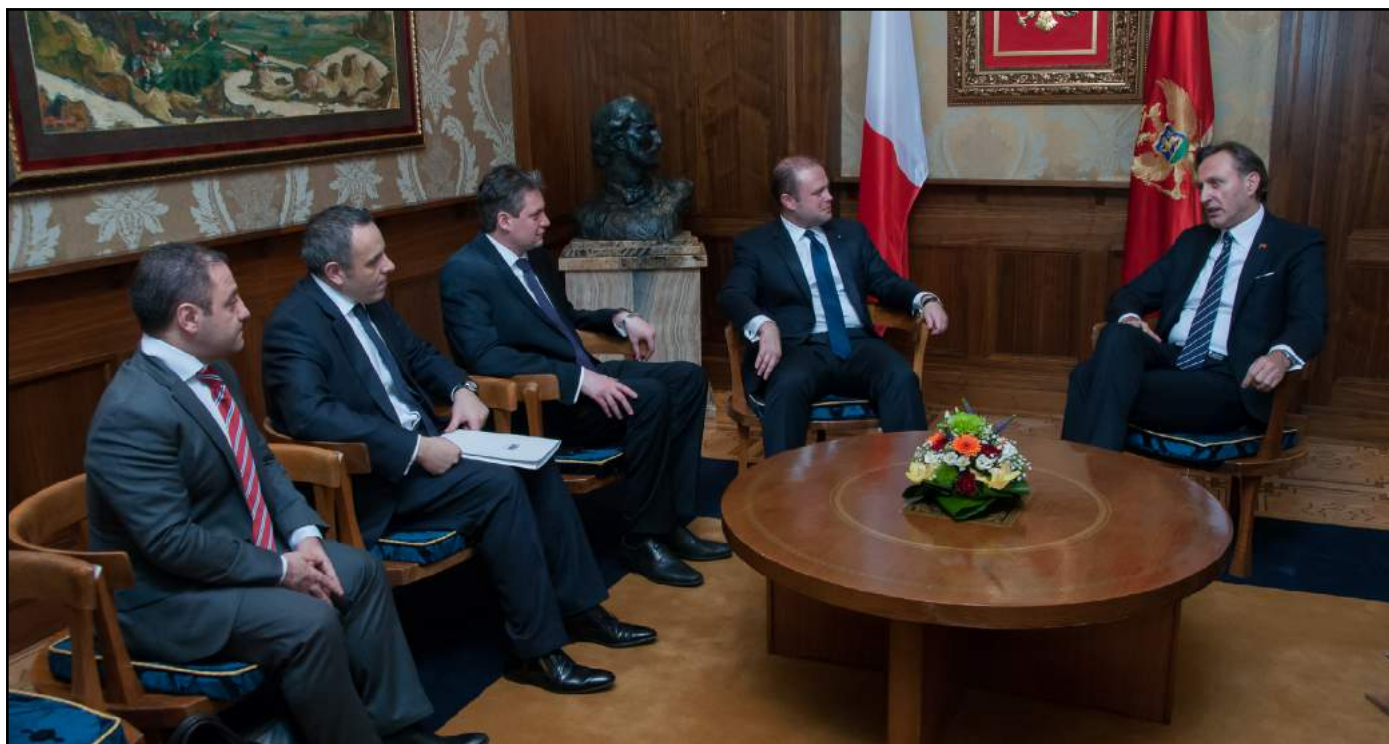
ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

- On 11 January, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received Joseph Muscat - Prime Minister of Malta. During the meeting with President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić, Prime Minister of Malta Joseph Muscat expressed his pleasure with the existing bilateral relations and expressed desire for further promotion of relations between Montenegro and Malta.
- On 20 January, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia Edward Nalbandian. The interlocutors exchanged opinions on current political situation, frozen conflicts of the Republic of Armenia and recent developments on the Montenegrin political scene.
- On 22 January, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received in a farewell visit H.E. Frantisek Lipka, Ambassador of Slovakia to Montenegro. During the meeting, President Krivokapić and Ambassador Lipka assessed that relations of Montenegro and Slovakia have been traditionally good and strong, particularly in the field of providing support to the European and Euro-Atlantic integrations.



- On 3 February, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić hosted Philip M. Breedlove, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. The interlocutors estimated that Montenegro's accession to NATO Alliance was mutually beneficial. Montenegro was estimated as a country which, among other things, provided a significant contribution to regional stability with its good international relations and especially good neighbourly relations, while NATO contributed to Montenegro in various domains, but mostly in promotion of security and stability.
- On 4 February, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met Angelina Eichhorst, Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey at the European External Action Service.
- On 10 February, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić hosted Roman Hloben - newly appointed Ambassador of the Slovak Republic. President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić welcomed Ambassador Hloben, pointing out that the Slovak Republic was a very important factor in achieving historic goals of Montenegro - renewal of independence and NATO membership. Ambassador Roman Hloben expressed his pleasure with becoming the Ambassador to Montenegro in the year when Montenegrins celebrated the tenth anniversary of their renewed independence. Sebastian Kurz, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, was the guest of President Krivokapić on the same day. The interlocutors assessed the maintaining the constant political course was necessary for progress and successful European integration, while building trust in the election system was a step which should be undertaken on that path.
- On 19 February, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić hosted Miro Kovač, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia. The interlocutors assessed that the continuously good relations needed to proceed, namely by strengthening cooperation in the fields of culture, tourism, economy, and education.
- On 3 March, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić hosted Petr Pavel - Czech General, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee. The interlocutors assessed that hard work in the field of strengthening democracy and rule of law was a basis for achieving full-fledged membership in NATO. Chairman of the NATO Military Committee Petr Pavel stressed the progress of Montenegro in the Euro-Atlantic integration, but also the goals that should be fulfilled.
- On 4 March, President of the Parliament of Montenegro met the Delegation of the European Affairs Committee of the lower house of the French National Assembly, headed by Chairperson of the Committee Danielle Auroi.
- On 9 March, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met Dirk Lange, Head of Unit D1 for Montenegro at the Directorate of the European Commission for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, and Clive Rumbold, Deputy Head of Western Balkans Division at European External Action Service. President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić informed his interlocutors on the course of the Parliamentary Dialogue which was greeted by the European Commission and the European Parliament, and launched with a view to creating conditions for fair and free elections.
- On 8 April, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met Ambassador Marcel Pesko, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre. For the most part, the meeting was dedicated to current political developments, Parliamentary Dialogue, i.e. creation of conditions for fair and free elections. On the same day, President Krivokapić received delegation of the Parliamentary Group for Cooperation with South East Europe from the German Bundestag headed by Peter Weiss. The delegation from the German Bundestag was also hosted by members of the Committee on European Integration as well as by Vice President of the Parliament Milutin Simović.
- On 18 April, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received attendees of the prestigious leadership development program of the German Marshall Fund, hosted by the Centre for Civic Education. The interlocutors concluded the Parliament of Montenegro had influenced positively on democratic order by its previous work, particularly when it comes to transparency in work and inclusion of the civil society, which has been recorded in the official documents of the European Union and civil society organisations.

- On 28 April, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić received the delegation of the Committee on European Union Policies of the Italian Senate headed by Senator Vannino Chiti. The interlocutors concluded that Montenegro and Italy had traditionally good relations, founded on common values.
- On 6 May, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met Alexander Vershbow, NATO Deputy Secretary General. During the meeting, they shared opinions on the current political situations, with accent on the need for implementing fair and free forthcoming parliamentary elections.



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić with the President of the Republic of Malta

- On 3 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received Ambassador of Hungary to Montenegro Krisztian Posa. The interlocutors agreed that relations of the two countries were traditionally friendly, and stressed that there was potential for their further development, particularly in the field of economy.
- On 6 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met Ambassador of the Republic of Romania to Montenegro Ferdinand Nagy. Ambassador Nagy said that Romania supported Montenegro's full membership to Euro-Atlantic Alliance and was a partner for its European path.
- On 7 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received US Ambassador to Montenegro Margaret H.E. Ann Uyebara. President Pajović expressed gratitude for the support of the US Embassy to Montenegro, which had been a significant partner in the process of Montenegro's Euro-Atlantic integration.
- On 9 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro H.E. Mitja Drobnič. Mr Pajović announced that the Parliament of Montenegro would continue good relations and cooperation with the EU Delegation. On the same day, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received H.E. President of the Republic of Malta Ms Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca. President Pajović emphasised that the two countries may have useful exchange of experiences, particularly in the field of environment protection and that cooperation in tourism should be improved.



- On 10 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received H.E. Ambassador of Austria to Montenegro Johann Fröhlich. Mr Fröhlich stressed that Austria had been following Montenegro's progress on its path of Euro-Atlantic integration with great interest. The Austrian Ambassador was especially interested in the work plan of the Montenegrin Parliament in the upcoming period. President Pajović said that the intention was for the parliament to maximally speed up its work dynamics, especially having in mind that a large number of laws and other acts was in the parliamentary procedure, waiting to be adopted.
- On 13 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Montenegro Roman Hloben. President Pajović thanked Ambassador Hloben for congratulating him on the appointment and for his words of support, informing him about the plan of activities he had already initiated in the Parliament, aimed to return the Parliament on the course of the legislative power to which it belongs. On the same day, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Montenegro H.E. Vincenzo Del Monaco.
- On 15 June, President of the Parliament Darko Pajović met Ambassador of the Great Britain H.E. Ian Whitting. The interlocutors voiced mutual pleasure over bilateral relations of the two countries, while President Pajović thanked for the British help to Montenegro in European and NATO integration. On the same day, President Pajović met Head of the Montenegro Unit at the Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations Dirk Lange and Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro H. E. Mitja Drobnič. Current political situation was the topic of the meeting. On this occasion, President Pajović stressed that the activities envisaged by the Agreement on Creating Conditions for Free and Fair Elections, and which fell under responsibilities of the Parliament, would be completely implemented, and that this was primarily related to the temporary committee that would monitor the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process.
- On 20 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović held a meeting with ambassadors of NATO member states. President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović expressed his gratitude to NATO member states that have already ratified the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro, expressing hope that other members will follow their example. NATO ambassadors accredited in Montenegro praised Montenegro's progress in Euro-Atlantic integration, stating that the ratification of the Accession Protocol was a confirmation of that.
- On 21 June, President of the Parliament Darko Pajović met with the media representatives who follow the work of the Parliament. Mr Pajović said that he expected that part of the parliamentary obligations under the Agreement on conditions for fair and free elections between the government and the opposition, concerning the establishment of two parliamentary committees, will be realised soon. One of these will be the committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlet, therefore this is expected to improve the work in the media field. On the same day, President Pajović received in a farewell visit H.E. Elisabeth Gudrun Steinacker, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Montenegro. The President thanked Ambassador Steinacker for the support of the German Federal Republic to Montenegro during her mandate, in particular for the projects related to environmental protection. The interlocutors also discussed the future purpose and sustainability of the solution for the Saltworks.
- On 24 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received H.E. Constantinos Eliades, newly appointed Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus. The interlocutors discussed the importance of stronger political and economic integration of smaller European countries, in order to protect their national interests, and the Summit of Presidents of Parliaments of Small European Countries is an example of good practice in that respect. On the same day, President Pajović received H.E. Mohamed Bougamra, newly appointed Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia. The interlocutors also suggested that lead parliaments committees should consider opportunities for strengthening cooperation and exchange of experiences in the field of tourism and agriculture.

- On 29 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received H.E. Serhat Galip, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Montenegro. The President handed over a letter of condolence to Ambassador Galip concerning the terrorist attack on the Istanbul airport that took place the previous day and thanked Turkey for supporting the process of Euro-Atlantic integration.
- On 30 June, President Pajović received Ambassador of the Republic of France H.E. Ms Véronique Brumeaux. President of the Parliament Darko Pajović thanked the Ambassador for France's support to Montenegro's European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, while the Ambassador said that France was expected to begin the process of ratification of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro.
- On 12 July, President of the Parliament Darko Pajović met Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania Ilir Meta, who was paying an official visit to Podgorica. The interlocutors noted that relations between Montenegro and Albania should serve as an example of good neighbourly relations relying on mutual respect, understanding, trust, support, and cooperation.



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović with Speaker of the Albanian Parliament Ilir Meta.

On the same day, President Pajović received Secretary General of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Lamberto Zannier. President Pajović informed his interlocutor on the current political developments in the country, with a special reference to recently established Government of electoral trust, stressing that Montenegro had shown democratic maturity to resolve political challenges at the table. On the same day, President Pajović talked with Michael Carpenter, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. President Pajović expressed gratitude for the support in Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro, emphasising as especially significant that the USA had recognised the significance of this historic moment, not only for Montenegro but also for the entire region.



- On 25 July, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr Darko Pajović received in a farewell visit Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro Ambassador Mitja Drobnič. President Pajović expressed satisfaction over the fact that in these four years, during Ambassador Drobnič's term of office, relations of Montenegro and European Union have initiated better phase, which, institutionally as well as essentially, implied the highest possible level of relations between the EU and non-member states. Ambassador Drobnič stressed that these four years were a good opportunity to analyse track records. He said that decision of the EU to open negotiations with Montenegro by the end of 2012 proved to be right.
- On 27 July, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received H.E. Sotirios Athanasiou, Ambassador of the Republic of Greece to Montenegro. The President thanked for the support to European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro. Ambassador Athanasiou informed the President that the Hellenic Parliament would soon ratify the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro and that it would have the support of all political parties in the Parliament.
- On 2 August, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received H.E. Cui Zhiwei, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Montenegro. The interlocutors agreed that there was room for further strengthening of cooperation in the fields of common interest, in accordance with the needs of the state development of Montenegro.
- On 3 August, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received new Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Podgorica H.E. Mr Hans Günther Mattern. President Pajović congratulated to the Ambassador on assuming the new position and expressed expectation that good cooperation will be continued and also strengthened in the following period, particularly in the field of economy. According to Ambassador Mattern, the process of ratification of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro in the German Bundestag will not last long, because Germany wants to see Montenegro in NATO and EU.
- On 7 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received in a farewell visit Ambassador of the Republic of France to Montenegro Ambassador Véronique Brumeaux. President Pajović thanked to Ambassador Brumeaux for the cooperation and support, particularly emphasising visibly improved relations of the two countries at the parliamentary level.
- On 19 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received delegation of NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT), led by General Denis Mercier.
- On 21 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission for elections in Montenegro, led by Mr Roman Jakič, Head of the Mission. During the meeting, they talked about election process, conditions for election campaign as well as the role of the Mission in Montenegro.
- On 22 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received in the Parliament Aivo Orav, new Head of the European Union Delegation to Montenegro and Plamena Halacheva, Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section in the European Union Delegation to Montenegro.



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović with Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro Janina Hrebickova

- On 29 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received Ambassador of France to Montenegro Ms Christine Toudic. President Pajović expressed satisfaction with the high level of relations between the two countries, as well as the need for more intensive cooperation between the parliaments of Montenegro and France.
- On 3 October, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received in Villa Gorica Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs Hoyt Brian Yee. The President of the Montenegrin Parliament expressed his gratitude to the United States of America for their engagement concerning the ratification of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro.
- On 14 October, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović hosted a delegation of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for monitoring parliamentary elections in Montenegro, led by Head of the observation mission Azay Quliyev and special coordinator Margareta Cederfelt. The participants of the meeting talked about conditions for holding parliamentary elections on Sunday, 16 October. The President of the Parliament informed the OSCE delegation on the results achieved by the Parliament and its new leadership when it comes to preparation of free and fair elections,
- On 30 November, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received U.S. Ambassador H.E. Margaret Ann Uyebara. Ambassador Uyebara congratulated President Brajović on the election, wishing him success in the new office. During the meeting, they discussed the work of the new convocation of the Parliament, as well as the continuation of the European integration process. The interlocutors agreed that Montenegro should continue strengthening its democratic capacities on the progress path in integration processes.
- On 1 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received Ambassador of Slovakia to Montenegro Roman Hloben, who stressed the importance of leading the state parliament in the forthcoming key period of Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro. The interlocutors emphasised a very important role of Slovakia in respect of Montenegro, which presided of the European Union in the second half of 2016, as well as proved friendship of the two countries in the previous decade.
- On 2 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received Ambassador of Hungary to Montenegro H.E. Kristizian Posa, who presented to him a letter by Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament László Kövér with congratulatory message and expressions of the best wishes for successful work and cooperation of the two parliaments.

- On 6 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Montenegro Mitja Močnik, who delivered to him a congratulatory letter of his Slovenian counterpart Mr Milan Brglez.
- On 7 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director for the Western Balkans at the Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations of the European Commission, Dirk Lange, Head of Unit for Montenegro in the Directorate General for Enlargement of the European Commission, and Aivo Orav, Ambassador of the European Union to Montenegro. The meeting also discussed the priorities of the Parliament in the upcoming period, especially with regard to completion of the Euro-Atlantic integration process. The interlocutors agreed that constructive political dialogue in the Parliament was of key importance for the country in the integration process
- On 8 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn. The interlocutors agreed that a lot of obligations were before the Parliament, especially those from the European agenda, and that the commitment to the European perspective was proven, among other things, via parliamentary dialogue. On the same day, at the meeting with Ambassador of the Great Britain to Montenegro Ian Whitting, President Brajović thanked for the continuous support of the Great Britain to European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro, which was once again confirmed by a rapid ratification of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro. On the same day, President Brajović met UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for Montenegro Ms Fiona McCluney. At the meeting, they discussed the achievements of the Parliament of Montenegro in relation to gender equality. Also, they spoke about preparations for the upcoming conference “Advancing the Gender Equality Agenda in the Western Balkans and Turkey”.



Meeting of President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović with Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn

On 13 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović had a meeting with Cihan Sultanoğlu, UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The interlocutors noted significant progress of Montenegro since its independence of 2006, particularly in the field of democratisation, reform of legislation and European integration processes. Those are the fields where UNDP and Montenegro have very active cooperation through numerous programmes, including the Parliament.

- On 16 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with the ambassadors of the European Union member states to Montenegro. The gathering was hosted by Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro Aivo Orav and Ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia, presiding EU country Roman Hloben. As Mr Hloben said, today's meeting is the last meeting with the ambassadors of the European Union in Podgorica during the Slovak presidency of the EU. The meeting was also attended by vice president of the Parliament Branimir Gvozdenović and Genci Nimanbegu.



- On 23 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received Ambassador of Turkey to Montenegro Mr Serhat Galip, and on that occasion he expressed gratitude for the continuous support of Turkey in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro. The best confirmation of that support is the early ratification of the NATO Accession Protocol to Montenegro in the Turkish Parliament. On the same day, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Montenegro Hafsa Al-Ulama. President Brajović emphasised that, owing to continuous engagement of Ambassador Ulama, relations between Montenegro and the Emirates had been significantly improved and their ties strengthened. At the meeting, they pointed out excellent cooperation on political, cultural, and economic levels, with stress on significant investments of the Emirates in our country.
- On 26 December, President of the Parliament Ivan Brajović received Ambassador of Kosovo to Montenegro Skender Durmishi. The significance of improvement of trust and mutual commitment to strengthening relations appropriate to neighbouring countries was emphasised at the meeting. On the same day, President of the Parliament Ivan Brajović met Ambassador of Palestine to Montenegro Rabii Al-Hantouli in the Parliament of Montenegro. Mr Brajović expressed pleasure over the opening of the Palestinian Embassy to Montenegro and stressed the importance of strengthening political dialogue at all levels. He reminded of the need for intensifying parliamentary cooperation and cooperation within parliamentary committees.

ACTIVITIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT

- on 24 February, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with Head of Political and Economic Section at the US Embassy Eric Holmgren. Mr Mustafić pointed out the significance of partnering relations and thanked for the support of the United States of America given to Montenegro in its integration to the EU and NATO Alliance.
- Within the official visit to Montenegro by Chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Policy of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament László Borbély on 8 and 9 March, meetings were held with the Friendship Group with the Romanian Parliament and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants of the Parliament of Montenegro. On that occasion, Chair of the Friendship Group and Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić pointed out the continuity of very good cooperation between Montenegro and Romania, which was substantiated by intensive contacts at the highest political level.
- On 20 April, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović received the delegation of the Republic of Malta, headed by Jose A. Herrera, Parliamentary Secretary for Competitiveness and Economic Development at the Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business. The meeting between Vice President Simović and Jose A. Herrera went by in a constructive conversation, during which they agreed on the need for further intensifying political cooperation and cooperation in the area of our country's accession to the European Union.
- On 23 June, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović met with members of the Working Group of the Council of the European Union on Enlargement (COELA), who are paying an official visit to Montenegro.

Addressing the attendees, Vice President Simović said that the meeting with members of the Working Group represented an excellent opportunity, in this year of special significance for Montenegro, to make a kind of review of the situation and analyse what had been done, emphasising that Montenegro certainly represented a stable, democratic country, committed to its further development and the EU and NATO integration, a country developing good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation.

- On 26 June in Podgorica, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić spoke with Deputy of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey Hüsnüye Erdoğan. They emphasised, at the meeting, that relations of the two countries were friendly, and that they had been increasingly improved in political, economic, cultural and educational field. It is necessary to intensify contacts via parliamentary friendship groups, particularly by holding joint meetings in Montenegro and Turkey.
- On 30 June, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro and Chair of the Parliamentary Friendship Group of Montenegro with Azerbaijan Suljo Mustafić received for farewell visit Deputy Head of the Diplomatic Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Montenegro Seyran Mirzazadeh. They jointly noted that the relations between Montenegro and the Republic of Azerbaijan have been significantly improved in numerous social and political spheres and that diplomatic mission in Podgorica had an important role in that.

During the official visit paid by Speaker of the Albanian Parliament Ilir Meta, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić hosted a working lunch also attended by MPs Goran Tuponja, Aleksandar Damjanović, Nikola Gegaj, Almer Kalač, and Nik Gjelošhaj. The meeting passed in a constructive conversation, during which the interlocutors agreed on the need for further intensifying political and overall cooperation of the two countries for which there was mutual interest.

- On 15 July, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis. Vice President Mustafić said that Montenegro was dedicated to meeting important strategic goals relating to further integration towards the European Union and the NATO Alliance. It was agreed that it was necessary to improve legislative regulation from Chapter 28 - Consumer and health protection, relating to the field of infectious diseases, tobacco products, and substances of human origin.



Meeting of Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić with European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Vytenis Andriukaitis



- On 27 July, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with the Charge d’Affaires at the UAE Embassy. Political cooperation represents a very important part of the overall relations between Montenegro and the United Arab Emirates, and it is possible to strengthen them further through establishment of parliamentary friendship groups, the interlocutors concluded during today’s meeting between Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić and Charge d’Affaires at the UAE Embassy to Montenegro Ibrahim Al Alawi. They noted that cooperation of the two countries in the field of economy and culture was good, with room for its further improvement.
- On 28 July, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) for Serbia and Montenegro Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes. It was noted at the meeting that the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with its project activities, contributed to development of democracy and social and political ambience of Montenegro, in the fields such as: promotion of parliamentary democracy and strengthening of institutions, support to the process of European integration, and support to reforms in the field of the rule of law.
- On 12 September, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Milutin Simović received Ms Plamena Halacheva, the newly appointed Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section at the EU Delegation to Montenegro. Vice President Simović voiced his pleasure over the first official visit of Ms Halacheva and congratulated her on assuming office, with assessment that the meeting was a significant incentive to continuation of good cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the EU Delegation. Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section Plamena Halacheva pointed out that the Parliament of Montenegro was one of key interlocutors of the EU Delegation, with regard to the election process.
- On 22 September, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić also received the newly appointed Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro Aivo Orav. They jointly noted that the previous achievements obliged Montenegro to continue with its principled policy of fulfilling criteria for its full membership in the European Union.

4.3. VISITS ABROAD

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

- On 8 June, during their official visit to Slovenia, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović and Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Miodrag Vuković attended the Ceremonious Session of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, which was the first EU member state to ratify the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Montenegro. During the meeting with President of the Republic of Slovenia Borut Pahor, Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro thanked for the friendly support of Slovenia, which was pointing out the importance of Montenegro’s membership in this moment at all important international addresses.
- On 23 June, within the official visit to the Republic of Albania, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania Ilir Meta. President Pajović voiced gratitude to Albania for its continuous support in the process of Euro-Atlantic integration, as well as for the prompt procedure of ratifying the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro, thus becoming the first member state of the Alliance from our immediate neighbourhood to do so. Within the official visit, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović also held meetings with the Prime Minister Edi Rama, President of Albania Bujar Nishani, and representatives of the Association of Montenegrin Diaspora in Albania - Doclea and Alba Montenegro.
- On 30 June, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović paid a visit to Sofia, where he attended the sitting of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, where the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro was ratified by a vast majority. In the conversation with Bulgarian officials, President Pajović expressed gratitude for the continuous support of Bulgaria to the process of European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

- On 4 July, during his stay in Tbilisi, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović was officially received by President of Georgia Giorgi Margvelashvili. President Pajović thanked Georgia for its messages of support, following the invitation and signing of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro.
- On 31 August, in Warsaw, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Ismail Kahraman, during the parliamentary meeting of the Central and Eastern European countries titled “Solidarity and Sovereignty”. President of the Montenegrin Parliament voiced his gratitude for the ratification process of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro, which Turkey had begun on 9 August. On the same day, President Pajović also met with his counterparts from neighbouring countries - Trajko Veljanoski from Macedonia, Mladen Bosić from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Maja Gojković from Serbia. All interlocutors expressed satisfaction with the good neighbourly relations as well as the desire to strengthen cooperation in all fields. They focused on parliamentary cooperation, particularly on the exchange of experiences related to the process of European integration of these countries.
- On 4 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović took part in the Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), which was held in Bratislava. Mr Pajović had a presentation during the debate on the topic: “The EU as a global player: Looking for an Effective Multilateral diplomacy model”. On the sidelines of the Conference, President Pajović met with Chairperson of the European Parliament’s Committee on Foreign Affairs Elmar Brok and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia Miroslav Lajčák.
- On 15 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović took part in the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament of the Council of Europe member states, which was held in Strasbourg. Mr Pajović had a series of bilateral meetings with the highest officials of the Council of Europe. Mr Pajović informed his interlocutors on political developments in Montenegro ahead of parliamentary elections, having in mind the fact that opposition for the first time in history of Montenegro enters the election race from the positions of participating in the government and controlling the election process



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović at the European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the Council of Europe



- On 27 September, in Brussels, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with President of the Chamber of Representatives of the Federal Parliament of the Kingdom of Belgium Siegfried Bracke. The interlocutors voiced pleasure over the bilateral relations of the two states at the political level, agreeing that there was a lot of room for improvement of the cooperation at the economic level, especially in the fields of sustainable development and agriculture. They agreed to intensify cooperation of the Belgian and Montenegrin parliaments, with an emphasis on the working bodies in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration.
- On 4 October, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović paid an official visit to Romania. President Pajović voiced gratitude for rapid ratification which was of great significance not only for Montenegro but also for the region. President of the Montenegrin Parliament pointed out that friendly countries were sending a message to our citizens that Montenegro belonged in the West, with democratic, developed states and there was no more turning to the past and to destructive policies.
- On 6 October, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović was a guest of the Parliament of Latvia. On that occasion, President of the Parliament of Montenegro met with the delegation of the Parliament of Latvia, headed by Speaker of the Parliament Ināra Mūrniece. At the meeting they discussed the significance of Montenegro's accession to NATO and the EU, as well as the cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and Latvia. President Pajović has thanked for quick ratification of the Protocol, with which one step closer had been made to permanent peace and stability of Montenegro and the region.
- On 25 November, upon invitation by Speaker of the Croatian Parliament Božo Petrov, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović attended the sitting of the Croatian Parliament where the Law on Ratification of the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro was adopted. During his meeting with the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, President Brajović thanked Croatia for its strong support to European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro and expressed pleasure over the fact that Croatia was the first country he visited as President of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- On 14 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg and high officials of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović attended the vote on the NATO Accession Protocol for Montenegro, and prior to that, he met with President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg Mars Di Bartolomeo as well as with high officials of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.



President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović visits Luxembourg



ACTIVITIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT

- On 5 February, upon the invitation by members of the U.S. Congress, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić attended the 64th National Prayer Breakfast, in Washington, whose host and main speaker was the American President Barack Obama. During the event gathering representatives of more than 160 states from all over the world, Mr Mustafić had meetings with representatives of parliaments of several states - Austria, Germany, Serbia, BiH, Macedonia, Kosovo, and Albania.
- On 14 February, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić paid a visit to Chicago. During the meeting with around one hundred members of the Association Culture Centre “Rumija” in Chicago, Mr Mustafić pointed out that the state, through its institutions, should devote more attention to all emigrants. He reminded of the diaspora’s contribution to the renewal of independence and its help through numerous donor activities and financial assistance to families and relatives in the homeland.
- Upon the invitation by the Consulate General of Montenegro in Frankfurt, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić and Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Miodrag Vuković attended the celebration of 21 May, Independence Day of Montenegro, held on 7 May 2016 and titled “Montenegrin culture, literature and poetry”.

4.4. PERMANENT DELEGATIONS

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)



During 2016, the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE participated in ordinary sessions and numerous other activities of the Parliamentary Assembly, including meetings of the PACE committees and subcommittees and the PACE observation mission.

At the PACE Winter Session, held from 25 to 29 January, a new President and vice presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly were elected. Agenda of the session, among other things, included debates on: migrant and refugee crisis, fight against international terrorism, strengthening the protection and role of the protector of human rights, escalation of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh, situation in Kosovo, and corruption in the judiciary. The PACE also considered the request for granting the partner for democracy status, submitted to the Parliamentary Assembly by the Parliament of Jordan. An alternate member of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE Snežana Jonica took part in the session.

The PACE Spring Session, held in Strasbourg from 18 to 22 April 2016, was marked by debates on the refugee and migrant crisis in Europe, a stronger European response to the inflow of Syrian refugees, the human rights of refugees and migrants in the Western Balkans, as well as a new challenge of forced migration. Other items on the agenda included debates on assessing the impact of measures to enhance women’s participation in politics, preventing the radicalisation of children, humanitarian concerns with regard to people captured during the war



in Ukraine, the key issues faced by the world regarding public health emergencies, and the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe. Head of Delegation Predrag Sekulić, member Marija Maja Čatović, and alternate member Snežana Jonica took part in the session.

Key topics covered at the PACE Summer Session, held in Strasbourg from 20 to 24 June 2016, included the position of refugees in Greece, violence against migrants, functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey, transparency and openness in European institutions, and position of women in the armed forces. In addition to the above, MPs also debated on the culture and democracy, educational and cultural networks of emigrants, term of office and immunity of members of the Parliamentary Assembly, and the role of the Parliamentary Assembly as a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation. Head of Delegation Predrag Sekulić, member Goran Tuponja, and alternate member Snežana Jonica took part in the session.

The final ordinary Autumn PACE session in 2016 was held from 10 to 14 October in Strasbourg. Special interest was sparked by debates on the political consequences of the Ukraine conflict and on legal remedies for human rights violations in areas not under Ukrainian control, “Panama Papers”, and fiscal and social justice, as well as cooperation with the International Criminal Court (ICC). The agenda of the session also included discussion on the protection of unaccompanied migrant minors, activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in the period 2015-2016 and the rights of the child with regard to surrogate mothers. Alternate member Snežana Jonica took part in the PACE Autumn Session.

In line with the Statute of the Council of Europe, Montenegro is entitled to a delegation consisting of three members and three alternate members in the Parliamentary Assembly. The Delegation of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE in 2016 consisted of: Predrag Sekulić, Head of Delegation, Draginja Vuksanović, and Goran Tuponja, members of Delegation, as well as Marija Maja Čatović, Rifat Rastoder, and Snežana Jonica, alternate members of Delegation.

Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Alliance (NATO PA)



The Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Alliance (NATO PA) participated in several meetings and seminars held and organised by the NATO PA, including two annual sessions, held in Tirana and Istanbul.

Head of Delegation Mevludin Nuhodžić and member Obrad Mišo Stanišić participated in the visit to the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security - Sub-Committee on Democratic Governance in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, in the period from 7 to 10 March, organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina and National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. This visit was aimed at analysing the level of internal and external political development of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Serbia and the related security challenges, with reference to European and Euro-Atlantic integration and development of geopolitical situation in the Western Balkan countries.

Member of the Permanent Delegation Obrad Mišo Stanišić took part in the Joint 91st Rose-Roth Seminar of the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group and the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations, implemented in cooperation with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco, held on 20-22 April in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco. The Joint Seminar was primarily devoted to the issues of internal and foreign policy priorities of the Kingdom of Morocco, common international strategy to combat the security challenges in the Middle East, fight against extremism: challenges and strategies thereof, security sector reform, situation in Libya and security in Sahel, as well as the issues relating to corruption, security, migration trends, and cooperation throughout the Mediterranean.



The Spring Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) was held in the period from 27 to 30 May, in Tirana, Albania, and the host of this significant gathering was the Delegation of the Republic of Albania to the Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Alliance. On behalf of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro, the session was attended by Obrad Mišo Stanišić. On 27 May, day one of the session, a meeting of the secretaries of delegations and a meeting of the Standing Committee were held. The meeting of the Standing Committee begun with warm words of welcome by the Chair addressed to the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, represented by Obrad Mišo Stanišić. After that, he addressed the participants in the sitting, and thanked for the invitation to attend the meeting, which resulted in Montenegro being given the opportunity to participate in it for the first time along with parliamentarians of the North Atlantic Alliance member states. In continuation of the meeting, the Draft Declaration on “A United and Resolute Agenda for NATO at the Warsaw Summit” was determined, presented by the Chairperson of the Defence and Security Committee Nicole Ameline, France, and Chairperson of the Political Committee Ojars Eriks Kalnins, Latvia, and they also presented the upcoming activities of this body and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

On 28 and 29 May, days two and three of the session, meetings of the following committees were held: Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, Political Committee, Science and Technology Committee, and Science and Technology Committee.

On 30 May, day four of the session, Plenary Sitting was held, during which the participants were addressed by the following: Michael Turner, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly; Ilir Meta, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania; Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania; Milo Đukanović, Prime Minister of Montenegro, and Ambassador Alexander Wershbow, NATO Deputy Secretary General, followed by the time allocated for debate based on questions. In the final part of the Sitting, based on the discussion held, there was voting of participants on the draft Declaration “A United and Resolute Agenda for NATO at the Warsaw Summit”.

On 2 June, members of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the NATO PA met with the Delegation of the Committee on NATO of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Sweden, which was paying a working visit to Montenegro. Members of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament to the NATO PA Obrad Mišo Stanišić and Ranko Krivokapić took part in the meeting, while the visiting delegation was composed of: Head of the Delegation of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Sweden to the NATO PA Björn von Sydow, Member of the Parliament Göran Pettersson, Deputy Head of Mission of the Kingdom of Sweden at the Embassy in Belgrade Liselott Martynenko Agerlid, and Eva Hjelm International Affairs Adviser at the Parliament of the Kingdom of Sweden. The meeting was also attended by non-resident ambassador of Montenegro to Sweden Miroslav Šćepanović.

Member of the Permanent Delegation Obrad Mišo Stanišić attended the 92nd Joint Seminar Rose-Roth and Ukraine-NATO Interparliamentary Council (UNIC), Sub-Committee on NATO Partnerships, and Sub-Committee on Transition and Development, on the topic “Ukraine’s Transformation in a Troubled Regional Context”, held in Kyiv, Ukraine, from 14-16 June 2016, in cooperation with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and with the support of the Kyiv based NATO Information and Documentation Centre.

The NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in cooperation with the Assembly of Kosovo, and with the support of the Swiss Government, organised the 93rd Rose-Roth Seminar on the topic “Assessing and Affirming Kosovo’s Euro-Atlantic Perspective” in Prishtina, Kosovo, from 22-24 October. Member of the Delegation Obrad Mišo Stanišić participated on behalf of the Permanent Delegation to the NATO PA. The 93rd Rose-Roth Seminar of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly was devoted to the issues from among the challenges that Kosovo was facing, wider implications for regional and global security in this regard and other issues of concern for the Western Balkans and the Euro-Atlantic area.



Member of the Permanent Delegation Obrad Mišo Stanišić took part in the Joint Seminar of the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group (GSM) and the Sub-Committee on NATO Partnerships (PCNP), implemented in cooperation with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliament of the Republic of Italy, held in Rome, Italy, on 27-29 October. The gathering was mainly devoted to the issues dealing with the security situation in Libya and North Africa; management of migratory flows and border control; political consequences of the migration crisis in Europe and the United States; Western Balkans: a strategic nexus between the MENA Region and Europe; situation in Syria and Iraq, and radicalisation and terrorism in Europe. During his stay in Rome, Obrad Mišo Stanišić met with Ambassador of Montenegro to the Republic of Italy Anton Sbutega, and they considered current issues covered in the subject gathering and activities of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament in the previous period.

The 62nd Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) was held in the period from 18 to 21 November, in Istanbul, Turkey, and the host of this gathering was the Delegation of the Republic of Turkey to the Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Alliance. On this occasion, the Parliament of Montenegro was represented by Head of Delegation Obrad Mišo Stanišić and member Ranko Krivokapić. The 62nd Annual Session of the NATO PA gathered the representatives of parliaments of 28 member states from the North America and Europe, associate and partner states, observer states, and other relevant representatives, with a goal of discussing common security issues of international nature.

Day one of the Session, 18 November, started off with the meeting of the secretaries of the delegations. On days two and three of the Session, 19 and 20 November, meetings of the following committees were held: Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, Defence and Security Committee, Economics and Security Committee, Political Committee, Science and Technology Committee, and Standing Committee.

On day four of the session, 21 May, a Plenary Sitting was held, during which the participants were addressed by the following: NATO Parliamentary Assembly President Michael Turner; Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Ismail Kahraman; President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan; President of the OSCE PA Christine Muttunen; NATO Secretary General and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council Jens Stoltenberg, followed by the Q&A.

In the context of the speech on NATO's open door policy and acceptance of new member states to full-fledged membership of the North Atlantic Alliance, NATO Secretary General and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council Jens Stoltenberg called for and urged the NATO member states which so far had not ratified the Accession Protocol for Montenegro to do so as soon as possible in order for Montenegro to become a full-fledged member by the following Spring Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA)



President Emeritus of the OSCE PA and President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić and MP Branko Čavor, as a substitute for the permanent member of the Delegation, participated on behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro in the 15th Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which gathered over 300 MPs from 57 member states. The Winter Meeting took place in Vienna, on 25 and 26 February.

The focus of the Winter Meeting, opened by Vice President of the OSCE PA Christine Muttunen, was migrant and refugee crisis and the forming of the platform for joint action of member states in order to overcome all challenges that stemmed from it.



Within bilateral meetings, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić met with OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier, and they discussed the current political developments in Montenegro and the region. The President informed him on the autumn protests and establishment of the parliamentary dialogue, with the support of the European Union. They mutually stated that free and fair elections were fundamental value that OSCE protected, and many separate institutions in the OSCE were devoted to this: OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, ODIHR, OSCE's Representative on Freedom of the Media and other. They stated that Montenegro was standing before a great challenge to provide all its citizens with their fundamental democratic right to freely express their will and obtain the government which was an undisputed expression of their votes. Without that, there are no basis conditions for democracy, permanent stability or prosperity of the state. The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro, which took part in the 25th Annual Session which took place in Tbilisi from 1 to 5 July 2016, consisted of President of the Parliament and Head of Delegation Darko Pajović, MP Slaven Radunović as a member of the Permanent Delegation and Branko Čavor as a substitute for a member.

The focus of the 25th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly was the significance of parliamentary dialogue and promotion of cooperation among member states in order to combat all types of threats, primarily in the security sense, and the making of efforts with regard to de-escalation of the current conflicts.

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović addressed the attendees of the Plenary Sitting of the 25th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. During his address to MPs, President Pajović pointed out his pleasure over the fact that, despite many challenges, there was political stability and commitment towards improvement of the electoral process in Montenegro. Meetings of general committees were marked by considering resolutions, forwarded to the committees according to the issues they were in charge of, the election of new leadership, and presenting the reports by rapporteurs. Three resolutions of the committees became a part of the incorporated text of the Joint Declaration, which was adopted at the end of the Session. Emphasising the issues of building trust, the Declaration confirms the validity and historic role of guiding principles and common values of the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, including commitments in the political and military, economic, ecological, humanitarian dimension of security. During the discussion, member of the Parliament of Montenegro's delegation Slaven Radunović addressed the attendees. Emphasising the importance of the resolution by Margareta Cederfelt, which addressed the issues of fight against corruption and strengthening the rule of law, Mr Radunović emphasised that, at a global level, corruption was becoming one of pressing problems, representing a serious threat to society. Ms Cederfelt thanked for the pointing of out the resolution, while sharing the opinion on the negative effects of corruption, but she said that building trust and wide action represented a prerequisite for fight against this phenomena, which all member states have in common.

Following the adoption of the Declaration, there was voting on electing the President and vice presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly. After round two of votes, Christine Muttonen, member of the Parliament of Austria, was elected President of the OSCE PA, while the following were elected to a three-year term as vice presidents: Lithuanian MP Vilija Abramikienė, Azerbaijani Azay Guliyev, and Isabel Santos from Portugal. Member of the Romanian Parliament Viktor Dobre was elected to a one-year term as Vice President. The term of office of the President of the Assembly is one year, with the possibility of re-election to one more year.

Parliamentary Assembly of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP PA)



Member of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of the South-East European Cooperation Process Žana Filipović and substitute member Snežana Jonica took part in meetings of general committees, the Standing Committee, and the Third Plenary Session of the SEECP PA, which took place in Sofia, on 10 and 11 June, within the presidency of the Republic of Bulgaria of this initiative.

The Third Plenary Session of the SEECP PA, chaired by Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria Tsetska Tsacheva, was devoted to the topic: “20 Years of SEECP - Region, New Reality, and Joint Perspective”.

At the Plenary Session, through the participation of member states, the most important achievements of this organisation in the past two decades were emphasised, and in that regard, they particularly stressed that, with the establishment of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly in May 2014, the cooperation of the countries in the region was elevated to a higher level. They also expressed the expectation that an agreement on the establishment of a permanent secretariat of the SEECP PA would be reached in the near future, which would give an additional impetus to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly. The Joint Declaration was adopted at the SEECP Plenary Session, as well as the Work Plan of the Parliamentary Assembly for the upcoming one-year period, during the presidency of the Republic of Croatia.

Member of the Parliament of Montenegro’s Permanent Delegation to the South-East European Cooperation Process Parliamentary Assembly (SEECP PA) Dritan Abazović took part in the meeting of the General Committee on Economy, Infrastructure and Energy of the SEECP PA, which took place in Sofia, on 12 March, within the Bulgarian presidency of this initiative. During the meeting titled: “Improving infrastructure in the South-East Europe - accelerating the priority projects”, the experiences of the SEECP member states in this field were considered, and the ideas aimed at improving traffic connectivity of the regional countries were presented. The Proposal for Resolution, established at the meeting, calls upon SEECP member states to promote inter-institutional cooperation aimed at the strengthening of expert capacities and sharing experiences and best practice, for the purpose of ensuring the inflow of investment in traffic infrastructure. The meeting recommended further development and implementation of “TEN-T”, the comprehensive network in the South-East Europe, in accordance with relevant technical standards, and establishment of efficient traffic system, which would facilitate the full integration of the region in the EU transport system. Also, upon the proposal of MP Dritan Abazović, they agreed that the next meeting of the General Committee should be devoted to the topic: “Green energy, potentials and investments in the South-East region”.

Substitute member of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of the South-East European Cooperation Process SEECP Genci Nimanbegu took part in the meeting of the General Committee on Social Development, Education, Research and Science of the SEECP PA, which took place in Tirana, on 9 April. During the meeting titled: “Protection of child rights in migration flows - call for protection of the under-age children in the South East European region - current issues regarding migration flows in the region” covered the issue preoccupying the region of the South East Europe, especially the SEECP member states, and those on the “Western Balkans route”.



In the Proposal for the Resolution established in the meeting, the SEECF states were called to provide each child with access to more effective measures aimed at their international protection, that the case of each child should be regarded with special attention and approach, honouring reasonable deadlines, and all in the interest of the migrant children. All states were called to do more in order to avoid the unnecessary detention of children, with or without parents, in line with their immigrant status, but to use the least restrictive measures instead and adopt alternatives in detention which would be in the best interest of the children.

Central European Initiative Parliamentary Dimension (CEI-PD)



Head of the Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative MP Miodrag Vuković took part in the Annual Meeting of the CEI Parliamentary Assembly and meetings of the general committees, which took place in Sarajevo, in the period 5-7 December, within the Bosnian presidency of the Initiative. The Session was dedicated to the topic: “The strategy for preventing and combating terrorism in the light of migration crisis”. Within the main debate, the participants in the gathering were also addressed by MP Vuković who presented activities undertaken in Montenegro on solving problems caused by migrations and threatening terrorism. He emphasised that Montenegro would readily respond to all challenges, and that so far there had been no major problems with regard to migrants, considering that Montenegro was currently not on the direct migrant route. At the end of the Meeting, the Final Declaration was unanimously adopted, which summed up conclusions from the held Meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Central European Initiative, calling for member states and EU institutions to continue close cooperation with the CEI member states aimed at continuation of assistance to the enlargement countries in reaching European standards and accelerating the EU enlargement process.

Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and Head of Permanent Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative (CEI-PD) Miodrag Vuković took part in the meeting of the General Committee on Political and Home Affairs of the CEI-PD, which took place in Ljubljana. This year’s meeting was dedicated to the following topics: “EU prospects after Brexit”, “Macro-regional EU strategies”, “The Berlin Process – Paris-Balkan Summit” and “The refugee and migrant crisis”. Addressing the participants in the meeting, Chairperson Vuković said that new times brought new challenges and unfortunately increasing, unknown until now, problems. Speaking of significance of the Berlin Process for the countries of the Western Balkans, Mr Vuković said that the initiative, which was primarily aimed at economic growth, social progress, establishing relations at the highest level, reconciliation through stimulating the youth exchange in educational projects, represented a new, additional value in the EU integration process and offered a new chance to the region to become economically stronger, safer and more secure.

MP Miodrag Vuković took part in the “Energy Union on the Way to Greater Self-Sufficiency: CEI Perspective on Trans-Adriatic and Trans-Alpine Energy Policies”, organised by the Senate of the Republic of Italy and Veneto regional Government’s Development and Energy Department, as a part of the activities of the Central European Initiative, on 11 November, in Venice. They emphasised that so far Montenegro has applied with a number of projects for the CEI funds, within its project activities, for whose implementation requested funds were approved, and with regard to that, they expressed pleasure that those funds were used. The total contribution of the CEI projects and activities in Montenegro is around four million euros, of which about 2.2 million euros were for regional projects including Montenegro, and 1.8 million directly related to Montenegro.



4.5. REGIONAL INITIATIVES



Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII)

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić took part in the XIV Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII), which took place in Split.

The conference was focused on challenges of migrations, particularly with regard to resolving numerous challenges of the states of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative. They assessed that even though migrations were not caused by the states of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, this region must find a common answer and provide help to all in need, in line with European and international standards. Participants underlined that processes were humanitarian as well as security problem of Europe.

During the conference, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić had meetings with his Croatian, Italian and Slovak counterparts.

At the end of the Conference, a Joint Statement was adopted.

Conference of the Parliamentary Committees on European Integration/Affairs of the States Participating in the Stabilization and Association Process in South East Europe (COSAP)

The 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parliamentary Committees on European Integration/Affairs of the States Participating in the Stabilization and Association Process in South East Europe (COSAP) took place in Sarajevo, on 8 April 2016. The meeting was hosted by the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the agenda covered topics such as: more intensive economic development and progress towards the European Union, influence of refugee crisis on the region, and regional response to the global problem of terrorism. The Parliament of Montenegro was represented by members of the Committee on European Integration Azra Jasavić and Predrag Sekulić.

4.6. COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

OSCE

Montenegro has continued cooperating with the OSCE Mission to Montenegro in 2016.

In the framework of the mentioned cooperation, the OSCE Mission supported the work of the Gender Equality Committee regarding the preparation of the Action Plan for a Gender Responsible Parliament of Montenegro, hiring experts from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), who drafted Guidelines that served as a guide to creating this plan. In cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, the Committee organised several meetings and a workshop intended for drafting a plan. On 18 July, in accordance with the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Committee adopted the Action Plan for a Gender Responsible Parliament of Montenegro, for the period September 2016 - September 2018. In cooperation with the OSCE Mission, the Parliament of Montenegro hosted a two-day meeting of secretaries general of parliaments in the region "Strategic and annual planning in parliaments - challenges and results", held on 1 and 2 June 2016.



The panel covered topics such as “Challenges and opportunities in parliaments” and “Importance of communication in the strategic approach to parliamentary development”, and the participants exchanged opinions on and experiences in the field of human resources development and ICT planning. Participants in the meeting were secretaries general and parliamentary staff from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia, and Montenegro.

In September 2016, with the support of the OSCE, a working visit to the Parliament of Montenegro for officials of the Albanian Parliament was organised. On that occasion, ten employees of the Albanian Parliament visited the Parliament of Montenegro, from the Public Relations and Media Service, as well as the Library and Research Service. During the visit, the activities of the Parliamentary Institute and the Department for Public Relations and Protocol of the Parliament of Montenegro were presented, and a special attention was paid to the program of Democracy Workshops.

During the past year, a number of trainings for the parliamentary expert service was organised, which were structured in three modules: Management and Leadership, Communication and Successful Meeting and Conflict Management. The programs aimed to strengthen managerial knowledge and skills of the parliamentary service, with a focus on managerial staff, development of sustainable and modern structures, increasing professionalism and respecting good governance standards.

In May 2016, the Parliamentary Lexicon was printed as a product of close cooperation between the Parliament and the OSCE Mission, which financially supported its drafting. The Lexicon gives an overall review of more than 350 terms used in parliamentary life, as well as terms from related areas, in Montenegrin and English, including their definitions, wider use and application in the narrow context of the Parliament of Montenegro.

With the support of the OSCE Mission, the parliamentary Library Fund was enriched.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)

On 19 May 2016, the Parliament of Montenegro and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) signed a memorandum of understanding with the aim of forming the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO), as part of a two-year project implemented by the WFD with the support of the UK Embassy in Podgorica.

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) started working on 16 September 2016, and two researches work there at the moment, in line with the abovementioned memorandum.

The work of this office is focused on providing support to MPs in carrying out the parliamentary budget control. According to the practice of the most developed parliaments, the project intends to create an expert core that will enable the Parliament of Montenegro to participate more significantly in the budget cycle, and MPs to have at their disposal support in analysing and discussing key budget documents and laws with significant fiscal impacts.



NDI

During 2016, a cooperation with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) has been continued through the Western Balkans Legislative Strengthening Initiative (WBLSI), funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

As a part of this initiative a meeting of the Secretary General of the Western Balkans countries' parliaments was held in January in Riga in cooperation with the Latvian parliament. Focus of this meeting was on the public participation in the work of the parliament and implementation of new technologies aimed at raising the efficiency and transparency of the parliamentary work. Regional workshop "Open parliament - involved citizen" was held in February in Častá - Papiernička in cooperation with parliament of Chile and support of the Slovak parliament within the Open Parliament Working Group (LOWG).



V TRANSPARENCY OF WORK AND OPENNESS OF THE PARLIAMENT

In 2016, numerous and intensive activities of the Parliament of Montenegro with respect to transparency and openness of work were continued. In addition to the media regularly following parliamentary events and reporting on them, regular activities in this field include publishing of all relevant information on the work of the parliament and of documents created in the legislative process on the parliamentary website, and publishing of action plans, annual and other types of performance reports, reports on use of funds with the report on public procurement, as well as monthly newsletter “Open Parliament”. Furthermore, live broadcasting of all sittings of the Parliament via online streaming is enabled, as well as following them via a YouTube channel. An important segment of openness of the parliament is providing unrestricted access to the building of the Parliament.

In addition to that, the Parliament of Montenegro strives to make the web pages of the Parliament accessible and easy to use for the broadest public.

In this group of activities, collective and individual visits of citizens to the Parliament are certainly significant. The Parliament also regularly responds to all requests for free access to information, in accordance with the law. Participation of representatives of the civil sector in meetings of the working bodies, as well as addressing the working bodies in writing, was also recorded in this reporting period, and the practice of answering all questions from the media has also been continued.

Students and teachers continue to show interest in participation in the educational programme Democracy Workshops “Barbara Prammer”.

Below you can find more detailed information on several aspects of transparency of work of the Parliament, such as: Cooperation of the Parliament with the media, requests submitted to the Parliament in accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information, cooperation with the civil sector organisations, visits to the Parliament, exhibitions, newsletter “Open Parliament”, activities within Democracy Workshops “Barbara Prammer” programme, as well as information on the session of Women’s Parliament, and recodring and broadcasting of sittings, which ensures the principle of openness and transparency of parliamentary work.

5.1. PARLIAMENT AND MEDIA

In the period January - December 2016, the Department for Public Relations and Protocol of the Parliament of Montenegro issued 268 permanent

credentials for journalists and camera crews/photo-reporters, while a total of 270 daily credentials were issued.

In the same period, 100 individual questions by the journalists, regarding parliamentary activities, were processed and answered.

The citizens are able to ask questions via the website of the Parliament, and in the period from January to December 2016, 20 such requests were addressed to the Department for Public Relations and Protocol.

During the said period, a total of 26 press conferences were held in the Parliament of Montenegro.

3,518 pieces of information, announcements and statements illustrated with 5,475 photos were posted on the News page of the Parliament’s website;



5.2. FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Parliament of Montenegro, in this reporting period as well, continued with the practice of regular responding to all requests for access to information, within deadline prescribed by the Law. Furthermore, the Parliament of Montenegro regularly publishes on its internet presentation decisions and other individual acts which are significant for rights, obligations, and interests of third persons, as well as information for which access was granted upon request. In 2016, as in the previous period, the requests for access to information were most frequently submitted by the NGOs. In the reporting period, a total of 88 requests for free access to information (with 94 items/sub-requests) were submitted to the Parliament of Montenegro, and they were answered to in the following manner:

- for 30 requests access was granted (for one of these requests, the access to a part of information was partially limited due to privacy protection, and for one of these requests access was partially denied in the interest of prevention, investigation and prosecution of perpetrators of criminal offences and performing official duties);
- for six requests the information was already available on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro (response by announcement);
- the submitters abandoned two requests;
- for three requests access was partially granted, mostly because of lack of possession of all the requested information;
- for 25 requests access was denied because the Parliament did not possess the requested information (for one of these information, the access was partially denied, because the submitter of the request was provided with the access to information in the previous six months).

Preparation of response to 22 requests, submitted after 21 December, is ongoing.

In the reporting period, more accurately in January 2016, one request, submitted at the end of 2015, was responded to.

The appendix of this Report contains a detailed tabular overview with data on submitters of requests for access to information, date of reception and of response, number of items, as well as the type of response.

5.3. COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SECTOR

On 29 and 30 October, upon the initiative of the Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students – MAPSS, the simulation of parliamentary practice was organised in the facilities of the Parliament.

The event gathered 40 students from all study years, where during two days they discussed the topic “Introducing Compulsory Military Service“, simulating the work of parliament within parliamentary MP groups, negotiation between the groups, and finally, the work of the parliamentary session to discuss the proposal for the law.

The simulation was completed by delivering recognition for the best speaker, party delegate, negotiator and party leader.

5.4. VISITS, EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

During the year, multiple group and individual visits were organised to the Parliament of Montenegro, as well as visits by foreign delegations and visits by representatives of domestic and foreign organisations. Two exhibitions, one conference, and several separate events were organised.

- In January, a group of eleven students of the fifth and sixth grade of the Knightsbridge Schools International (KSI) Montenegro from Tivat visited the Parliament of Montenegro.
- Participants of the Montenegro international Model United Nations visited the Parliament in April, in the organisation of the SAMS (Student Association for International Cooperation at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Montenegro).
- Tour of the Parliament for participants of the Conference of Secretaries General as well as tour for interested citizens.
- A visit to the Parliament of Montenegro was organised for the Franco-German Society in September, as well as the visit for staff of the Albanian Parliament.
- Members of the student organisation MAPSS (Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students) held a simulation of the parliamentary practice in the facilities of the Parliament of Montenegro (more information available in the part of the Report titled Cooperation with the Civil Sector)
- The Conference “Freedom of expression and accountability of Media”, organised by the Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the Council of Europe, and dedicated to the role of the public broadcasters, commercial media, and investigative journalism in providing conditions for protection and promotion of the freedom of expression and public debate, but also accountability of the media, pursuant to their strength and influence in society, was held on 22 February.
- Ahead of the special sitting devoted to the 10th anniversary of declaration of Montenegro’s independence, a mini concert of piano and flute was held on 3 June



Presentation of the 13th July Award for 2016

- On July 1, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović and President of the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro Slavoljub Stijepović signed the Agreement on Cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the Union of Municipalities. The Agreement on Cooperation between the highest legislative body and the Union of Municipalities is primarily aimed at improving the system of local self-government through the strengthening of institutional dialogue between state and local authorities for the purpose of creating the conditions for more efficient and better provision of services to citizens and the economy by the local self-government.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović presented the 13th July Award for 2016. This year's winners of the 13th July Award are Miladin Šobić, Milorad Popović, Igor Đurović and Veljko Bulajić, while the lifetime achievement award is won by Veljko Bulajić.
- The exhibition of tapestries titled "The thread is a trail", whose authoress is MP Jelisava Kalezić, was opened in the Hall of the Parliament of Montenegro. The exhibition was organised with the support of the Gender Equality Committee, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary since women in Montenegro gained the right to vote, 75 years since women participated for the first time in the election of local authorities in Berane and 75th anniversary of the 13th July Uprising. The exhibition presented tapestries made in the period 1972-2016.



Exhibition "The thread is a trail" by MP Jelisava Kalezić

- On 29 July, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović signed the Cooperation Agreement with 57 non-governmental organisations. The Cooperation Agreement between the Parliament of Montenegro and non-governmental organisations in Montenegro is aimed at strengthening trust between the Parliament and non-governmental organisations as well as creating sustainable partnership based on the principles of transparency, openness and mutual respect.
- At the ceremony in villa "Gorica" of 13 September, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović presented a total of 2,593 certificates of attendance at the educational programme Democracy Workshops "Barbara Prammer" of the Montenegrin Parliament to 54 representatives of Montenegrin primary schools from 17 municipalities.
- Exhibition of artworks from the art collection of the Parliament of Montenegro on the occasion of Parliamentarism Day was held on 31 October. The exhibition contains only a part of the artworks selected from the parliamentary collection which contains 45 artworks by 32 painters, mostly from Montenegro. In addition to the artworks of professional artists, the collection also contains works of autodidacts who achieved international recognition for their works. At the opening of the exhibition, a mini concert of flute and violin was held.

- On 29 December, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović presented awards to the best employees of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016. In his opening statement, President Brajović expressed deep belief in parliamentary success, which would come as a result of devotion and joint work of MPs and staff of the Parliament of Montenegro. During the ceremony of presenting awards, students of music school “Vasa Pavić” Jana Božović, violin, and Vedran Galičić, guitar, presented themselves to the employees



Presentation of certificates to attendees of Democracy Workshops

5.5. DEMOCRACY WORKSHOPS



Demokratske radionice
„Barbara Pramer“

In 2016, a total of 213 workshops were organised within parliamentary programme Democracy Workshops “Barbara Prammer”, attended by 4,622 students, as well as 279 teachers from 75 primary schools from all over Montenegro. In the course of 139 workshops on the topic “Democracy and Parliament”, 29 workshops on the topic “European Union”, 41 workshops on the topic “Human Rights”, and four pilot workshops on the topic “Participation”, a total of 124 children’s newspapers were created as well as 54 radio features and 35 TV features. In 2016, eleven mobile workshops were held, in eight Montenegrin primary

schools, in the territory of five Montenegrin municipalities (Bar, Budva, Cetinje, Nikšić and Mojkovac).

Leslie Freriksen, Political and Economic Chief of the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, visited the Democracy Workshops.

A workshop was held with Upton Court Grammar School students from the town of Slough, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the topic “Democracy and Parliament”, as well as a workshop with attendees of the English Access Microscholarship Program, who also attended a workshop on this topic.

More information about the workshops: www.demokratskeradionice.me

5.6. WOMEN'S PARLIAMENT

On 8 March, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić opened the fifth session of the “Women’s Parliament”, and pointed out that a woman was the foundation of a Montenegrin house, the foundation of the state of Montenegro, and that both in peace and war times women were the bravest part of society, which preserved the belief that Montenegro was invincible. In her introductory speech, Chairperson of the Gender Equality Committee Nada Drobnjak said, among other things, that this was an important year marking 70 years since women in Montenegro obtained full suffrage, but she also invited everyone to work more on exercising women’s human rights at all levels.



Sitting of the Women's Parliament

5.7. RECORDING AND BROADCASTING OF SITTINGS

The Parliament continues the practice of broadcasting the sittings of the Parliament using its own capacities. In the reporting period, a total of 91 days of sittings of the Parliament have been covered, and 352 events such as committee meetings or other meetings, as well as press conferences. Among other things, the Fifth Session of the “Women’s Parliament” was held and meeting of the SAPC. Sittings of the Parliament are broadcasted live via the Internet, and they remain available on a YouTube channel.

In order for the Parliament of Montenegro to keep up with new technologies, the outdated conference systems in the Blue Room and the Small Blue Room have been replaced by a modern conference system and accompanying multimedia content, such as a presentational LED display and simultaneous translation.

The Section carries out recording and editing of audio/video materials about the activities of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro and makes the material available to the media and the public through the cloud archive and YouTube channel.



VI ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES

6.1. HUMAN RESOURCES

In 2016, a new Human Resources Development Strategy was revised, which meant analysing implemented activities and achieved results. After the revision, we have a document defining the goals and activities that, apart from the standard ones, repeated from year to year, are mainly focused on establishing internationally recognised standards in quality of management and work, and on creation of conditions for taking over and performing new tasks after obtaining the status of a member of the European Union. In addition to revision of the Strategy, the 2016 Programme for Professional and Special Training and Development was also adopted, defining specific trainings needed for the employees of the Parliamentary Service in order to further enhance their knowledge and skills and thus improve their work performance. Furthermore, the Human Resources Plan of the Parliamentary Service was adopted, which is obligation stemming from Article 149 of the Law on Civil Servants and State Employees. Human Resources Plan of the Parliamentary Service presents individual data on employees of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro, and the requirements for new hiring in 2016. On 31 December 2016, there were 155 employees in the Parliamentary Service. That number also covers the following: Secretary General, Head of the Cabinet of the President, one assistant Secretary General, 5 advisors to the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, and 147 civil servants and state employees. The total number of employees does not include 2 employees with suspended employment in the parliamentary service.

The total number of employees does not include 17 advisors to the President and vice presidents of the Parliament of Montenegro, and one assistant Secretary General, who are exercising their right upon termination of office.

Table No 9: Comparable data on the number of employees in the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro on 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2015

No.	Date	Total number of employees	Number of civil servants and employees
1	31 December 2015	161	144
2	31/12/2016	155	147

As in the previous years, great attention was paid to training and professional development of employees. In March, the 2016 Training Plan was adopted, as an integral part of the 2016 Special Programme for Professional Training and Development, together with the new Human Resources Development Strategy for the period 2016-2018. The Training Plan envisages 13 trainings for employees in the Parliament of Montenegro, and for each of them the following was clearly determined: target group, purpose of the training, time of implementation, as well as partner for implementation of the training, if the training is organised in cooperation with other organisations. In the reporting period, a large number of trainings were held, on which the Human Resources Management Bureau continuously keeps records. In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016, 62 trainings were held, attended by a total of 180 attendees. Out of this number, eight trainings were implemented from the 2016 Training Plan. The employees attended 16 trainings organised by the Human Resources Administration, while additional 38 trainings were provided through cooperation with other domestic, foreign, and international organisations.



The practice of awarding the best civil servants and state employees of the Parliament also continued in 2016. At the awarding ceremony, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić thanked the employees on their contribution of dedicated work and efforts and presented awards to the best civil servants in 2016: Marija Vulić, Demir Mujević and Nela Škatarić. A fitting gift was presented to Nađa Vukićević, due to retirement.



Presentation of awards to the best civil servants in 2016

6.2. LIBRARY AND RESEARCH

In 2016, the Research Centre prepared nine research papers, containing a total of 200 pages, responding to all the submitted requests in accordance with the prescribed procedures, including: six papers at the request of MPs, two at the request of the Secretary General and one request at the initiative of the Centre. The research papers are available on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro, and an appendix of the Report lists all research papers written in 2016.

In the reporting period, the Research Centre continued to actively cooperate with the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD), and it drafted and sent replies, in the form of brief information drafted in English, to 75 requests sent by parliaments - members of the ECPRD network.



6.3. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In addition to its regular activities in maintaining the information and communication system of the Parliament of Montenegro, during 2016 the IT Section continued to carry out activities to improve the information and communication infrastructure of the Parliament. During 2016, the following activities were carried out: a new Wi-Fi system has been introduced in all facilities of the Parliament of Montenegro, virtualization of the complete server infrastructure has been carried out, the new parliamentary domain skupstina.local has been introduced with all the accompanying services and migration of all computers, the parliamentary site has been redesigned, an independent internet link has been established, the degree of protection of the information system of the Parliament has been increased, by renewing licenses and upgrading of the security software, the electronic information management system has been implemented, as well as other software solutions, softwares for blind and partially sighted persons were bought as well as other activities.

Also, during 2016, the Section worked on preparation of projects, whose implementation would significantly improve the work of the information and communication system of the Parliament.

Due to the inadequate administrative capacity of the State Election Commission, the IT Section of the Parliament of Montenegro provided IT support to the State Election Commission during the organisation of the electoral process in 2016.

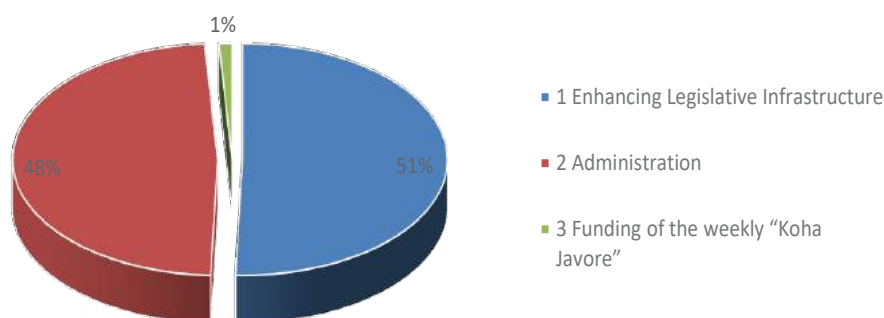


VII FINANCES

Planned Budget of Montenegro amounts to 2,125,615,876.83€, of which 771,892,740.40€ belongs to the operating Budget.

The Budget of the Parliament amounting 9,656,645.78€ amounts to 1.25 % of the operating Budget of Montenegro or 0,45% of the total Budget of Montenegro. The funds planned by the 2016 Budget Law of Montenegro were allocated for three programmes:

- Programme - Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure - 4,880,981.46€
- Programme – Administration – 4,675,664.32€
- Programme – Funding of the weekly “Koha Javore” – 100,000.00€



Overview 1: Structure of the planned Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro, by programmes, for 2016

Total expenditures of the operating Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2016 amounted to **8,096,303.12€** or **98.19%** of the overall funds planned by the operating 2016 Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Spending by programmes amounts to:

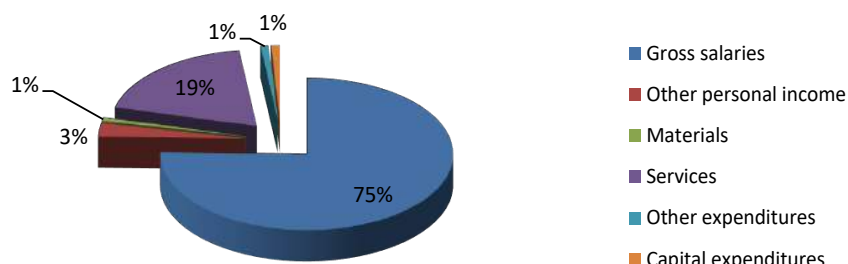
- Programme - Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure - 3,800,036.20€ or 77.85%
- Programme – Administration – 4,196,266.96€ ili 89.75%
- Programme – Funding of the weekly “Koha Javore” – 99,999.96€ or 100%.



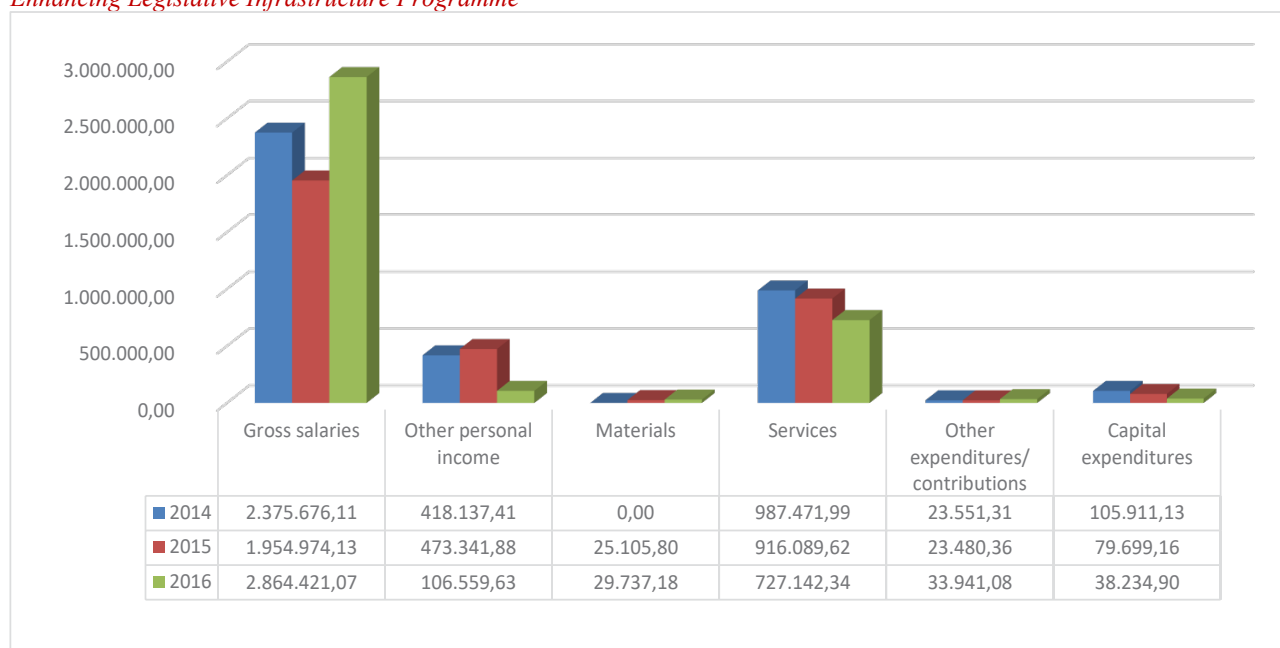
Programme - Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure

The approved amount of funds for the Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure Programme for 2016 amounted to 4,880,981.46€. Until 31 December 2016, **3,800,036.20€ or 77.85%** of funds was spent for this programme.

The major expenditure for this program are gross salaries that make up 75% of the total expenditure. The funds were spent according to the planned monthly dynamics.



Overview 2: Spending structure of the Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro (1 January 2016 - 31 December 2016) on the Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure Programme

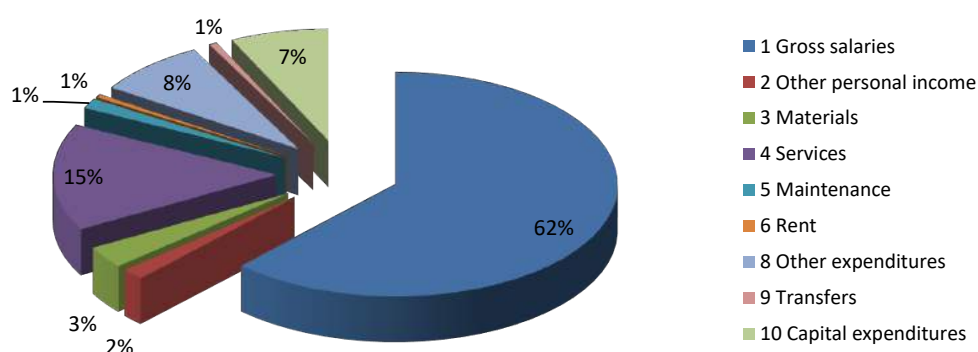


Overview 3: Comparative spending on the Enhancing Legislative Infrastructure Programme by positions for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

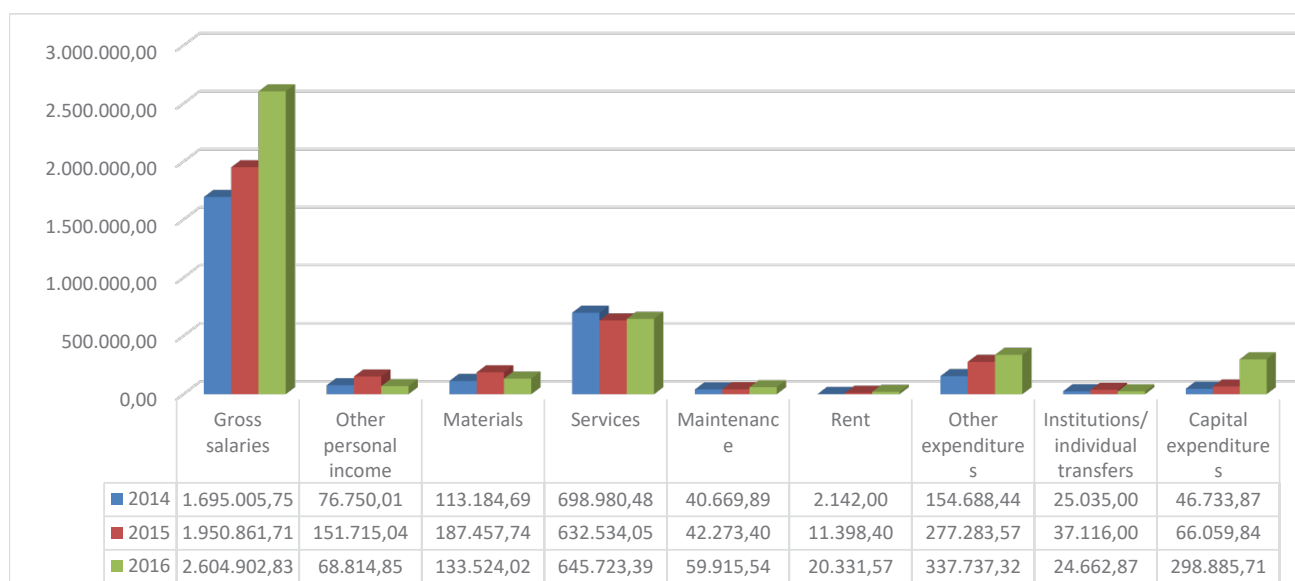


Programme – Administration

Planned amount of the operating budget allocated for the Administration Programme for 2016 amounted to 4,675,664.32€, and a total of **4,196,266.96€ or 89.75%** was spent on 31 December 2016. The funds were spent with the planned monthly dynamics apart from expenditures for works contracts that were spent with accelerated dynamics.



Overview 4: Spending structure of the Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro until 31 December 2016 on the Programme Administration



Overview 5: Comparative spending on the Programme Administration by positions for 2014, 2015 and 2016.



Programme – Funding of the weekly “Koha Javore”

Other transfers to individuals	99,999.96€
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Funds amounting to 100,000.00€ for funding of weekly in the Albanian language “Koha Javore” were planned for this programme.

A total of 99,999.96 € was spent.



VIII APPENDIX I: LIST OF LAWS ADOPTED BY THE 25TH AND 26TH PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2016

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Sitting of the Second Extraordinary Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

1. Law on Public Sector Salaries;
2. Law on Amendment to the Law on Yachts;
3. Law on Amendments to the Law on Foreigners;

First Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

4. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Amendments to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.
5. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects;
6. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Western Balkan Research and Innovation Centre – WISE;
7. Law on Ratification of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material;
8. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Establishing the Western Balkans Fund;
9. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Conciliation and Arbitration within the CSCE.

Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

10. Law on Application of the Agreement on Creating Conditions for Free and Fair Elections.

Sixth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

11. Law on Amendments to the Law on Liability of Legal Persons for Criminal Offences;
12. Law on Amendments to the Law on Information Security;
13. Law on Foreign Trade in Arms and Military Equipment;



14. Law on Amendments to the Trademark Law;
15. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor;
16. Law on Amendments to the Law on Free Zones;
17. Law on Amendments to the Waste Management Law;
18. Law on Amendments to the Law on Olive Cultivation and Olive Oil;
19. Law on Amendments to the Law on National Vocational Qualifications;
20. Law on Amendment to the Law on National Parks;
21. Law on Amendments to the Law on Preschool Education;
22. Law on Supplements to the Law on Health Care;
23. Law on Amendment to the Law on Higher Education;
24. Law on Administrative Inspection;
25. Law on Amendments to the Law on Legal Protection of Industrial Design;
26. Law on Cross Border Trade in Electricity and Natural Gas;
27. Law on Maintenance of Residential Buildings;
28. Wine Law;
29. Law on Amendment and Supplements to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law;
30. Law on Amendments to the Law on State Medals and Awards;
31. Law on Youth;
32. Law on Amendments to the Law on Recognition of Foreign Educational Certificates and Qualifications Equalization;
33. Law on Innovation Activity;
34. Law on Removal and Transplantation of Human Organs for Therapeutic Purposes;
35. Law on Amendments to the Law on Postal Services;
36. Law on Amendments to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax,
37. Law on Amendments to the Law on Insurance;
38. Law on Amendments to the Law on Administrative Fees;
39. Law on Amendments to the Bankruptcy Law;
40. Law on Amendments to the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment;
41. Law on Amendments to the Law on Integrated Prevention and Control of Pollution of the Environment;
42. Law on Amendments to the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment;
43. Law on Amendments to the Law on Accountability for Environmental Damage;
44. Nature Protection Law;



45. Law on Amendments to the Law on Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes;
46. Law on Amendments to the Law on Prohibition of Harassment at Work;
47. Law on Amendment to the Law on Trade Union Representation;
48. Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Labour Fund;
49. Law on Amendments and Supplement to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law;
50. Law on Court Experts;
51. Law on Trainees in Courts and Public Prosecution Office and Bar Exam;
52. Law on Amendments to the Law on Takeover of Joint Stock Companies;
53. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection from Ionising Radiation and Radiation Safety,
54. Law on Biocidal Products;
55. Law on Amendments to the Rafting Law;
56. Law on Interpreters;
57. Law on Amendments to the Law on Value Added Tax.

Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

58. Law on Amendment to the Law on Administrative Procedure;
59. Law on Amendments to the Family Law;
60. Law on Public Assembly and Public Events;
61. Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Administration;
62. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Name;
63. Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Registries;
64. Law on Amendments to the Law on Copyright and Related Rights,
65. Law on Amendments to the Law on Water;
66. Law on Amendments to the Law on Veteran and Disability Protection;
67. Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare,
68. Law on Amendments and Supplement to the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities,
69. Law on Amendments to the Law on Notaries;
70. Law on Amendments to the Law on Central Register of Citizens;
71. Law on the State Seal and the Seals of State Bodies;
72. Law on Spirit Drinks;



73. Law on Amendments to the Veterinary Law;
74. Law on Amendments to the Law on designations of origin, geographical indications and indications of traditional specialities guaranteed for agricultural and food products;
75. Law on Security Protection of Ships and Ports;
76. Law on Ratification of the ILO Night Work Convention No 171;
77. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Bulgaria on Social Welfare;
78. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Italy;
79. Law on Amendment to the Law on Hydrocarbons Tax;
80. Law on Environment;
81. Law on Legalization of Informal Structures;
82. Law on Administrative Disputes;
83. Law on Amendments to the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship;
84. Law on Amendments to the Law on Travel Documents;
85. Law on Accounting;
86. Law on Regional Water Supply of Montenegrin Coast Region;
87. Law on Communal Services;
88. Law on Supplement to the Law on Inspection Control;
89. Law on Amendment to the Law on Employment and Exercising Rights with respect to Unemployment Insurance;
90. Law on Amendments to the Electronic Media Law;
91. Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Broadcasting Services of Montenegro;
92. Law on Supplements to the Law on Special Public Prosecutor's Office;
93. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Rescue;

Twelfth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

94. Law on Ratification of the Protocol between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Czech Republic on Cooperation in the Field of Energy and Infrastructure;
95. Law on Amendments and Supplement to the Law on Auditing Funds from the European Union;

Sitting of the Fourth Extraordinary Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

96. Law on Supplements to the Law on Conversion of Loans in Swiss Francs CHF into Euros EUR;

Sitting of the Seventh Extraordinary Session in 2016 of the 25th Parliament of Montenegro

97. Law on Supplements to the Law on Social and Child Welfare;



Second sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2016 of the 26th Parliament

98. Law on Amendments to the 2016 Budget Law of Montenegro;

Fourth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2016 of the 26th Parliament of Montenegro

1. Law on the 2015 Final Budget Statement of Montenegro;
2. 2017 Budget Law of Montenegro;
3. Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Sector Salaries;
4. Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare;
5. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax;
6. Law on Amendment to the Law on Value Added Tax;
7. Law on Amendments to the Excise Law;
8. Law on the Reprogramming of Tax Claims;
9. Law on Amendment to the Law on Funding of Political Parties and Election Campaigns;
10. Law on International and Temporary Protection of Foreigners;
11. Law on Audit;
12. Law on Amendments to the Law on Legal Protection of Industrial Design;
13. Law on Amendments to the Patent Law;
14. Law on Amendments and Supplement to the Trademark Law;
15. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communication;
16. Law on Amendments to the Law on Defence;
17. Law on Urban Waste Water Treatment;
18. Law on Amendments to the Law on Memorials;
19. Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Insurance;
20. Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Protection;
21. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Slovak Republic on Social Insurance;
22. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters;
23. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Cooperation between Montenegro and EUROJUST.



APPENDIX II: NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS PER MP

1. Snežana Jonica - four questions
2. Miloš Konatar - four questions and two supplementary questions
3. Srđan Milić - five questions
4. Aleksandar Damjanović - four questions
5. Danijela Marković - four questions
6. Radosav Nišavić - two questions
7. Andrija Popović - two questions and one supplementary question
8. Dritan Abazović - three questions
9. Jelisava Kalezić - four questions
10. Danko Šarančić - two questions
11. Branka Bošnjak - one question
12. Nebojša Medojević - two questions
13. Milutin Đukanović - two questions
14. Emilo Labudović - two questions
15. Novica Stanić - two questions and one supplementary question
16. Goran Tuponja - two questions
17. Damir Šehović - two questions
18. Mladen Bojanić - two questions
19. Obrad Gojković - one question
20. Neven Gošović - two questions
21. Ljiljana Đurašković - one question
22. Azra Jasavić - two questions
23. Velizar Kaluđerović - two questions
24. Milan Knežević - two questions and one supplementary question
25. Slaven Radunović - one question
26. Predrag Bulatović - two questions
27. Andrija Mandić - one question
28. Branko Radulović - two questions
29. Vladislav Bojović - one question
30. Strahinja Bulajić - one question
31. Veljko Vasiljević - one question
32. Janko Vučinić - two questions



APPENDIX III: TABULAR OVERVIEW OF SPENDING IN 2016

	Parliament of Montenegro	2016 Budget Law	2016 Operating Budget	Spent from 1 January to 31 December 2016	% of spending compared to the Budget Law
20101		9,656,645.78€	9,481,645.78€	8,096,303.12€	98.19%
2941	Programme: Promotion of legislative infrastructure	4,880,981.46€	4,505,981.46€	3,800,036.20€	77.85%
4	Expenditures	4,880,981.46€	4,505,981.46€	3,800,036.20€	77.85%
41	Running costs	4,800,981.46€	4,425,981.46€	3,761,801.30€	78.35%
411	Gross wages and employer contributions	3,347,739.21€	3,347,739.21€	2,864,421.07€	85.56%
4111	Net wages	1,915,747.85€	1,915,747.85€	1,675,441.57€	87.46%
4112	Income tax	353,787.37€	353,787.37€	267,100.40€	75.50%
4113	Employee contributions	713,137.99€	713,137.99€	613,435.85€	86.02%
4114	Employer contributions	311,997.87€	311,997.87€	268,377.85€	86.02%
4115	Municipal dues	53,068.13€	53,068.13€	40,065.40€	75.50%
412	Other personal income	452,000.00€	120,000.00€	106,559.63€	23.58%
4122	Compensation for rent and separate living	10,000.00€	5,000.00€	3,976.51€	39.77%
4125	Severance pay	2,000.00€	0.00€	0.00€	0.00%
4126	Compensation to MPs	400,000.00€	83,000.00€	82,590.46€	20.65%
4127	Other compensations	40,000.00€	32,000.00€	19,992.66€	49.98%
413	Materials expenses	38,442.25€	38,442.25€	29,737.18€	77.36%
4135	Fuel expenses	38,442.25€	38,442.25€	29,737.18€	77.36%
414	Services expenses	942,800.00€	885,800.00€	727,142.34€	77.13%
4141	Business trips	635,000.00€	635,000.00€	595,648.42€	93.80%
4142	Representation	35,000.00€	35,000.00€	27,148.81€	77.57%
4143	Communication services	70,000.00€	70,000.00€	62,896.05€	89.85%
4144	Banking services and negative exchange differences	3,000.00€	3,000.00€	1,609.19€	53.64%
4147	Consulting services, projects and studies	22,800.00€	4,800.00€	0.00€	0.00%
4148	Professional training services	2,000.00€	2,000.00€	0.00€	0.00%
4149	Other services	175,000.00€	136,000.00€	39,839.87€	22.77%
419	Other expenses	20,000.00€	34,000.00€	33,941.08€	169.71%
4195	Membership contributions to domestic and international organisations	20,000.00€	34,000.00€	33,941.08€	169.71%
44	Capital expenditures	80,000.00€	80,000.00€	38,234.90€	47.79%
441	Capital expenditures	80,000.00€	80,000.00€	38,234.90€	47.79%
4415	Equipment expenses	80,000.00€	80,000.00€	38,234.90€	47.79%
2951	Programme: Administration	4,675,664.32€	4,875,664.32€	4,196,266.96€	89.75%
4	Expenditures	4,675,664.32€	4,875,664.32€	4,196,266.96€	89.75%



41	Running costs	4,293,686.31€	4,493,686.31€	3,870,949.52€	90.15%
411	Gross wages and employer contributions	2,896,161.56€	2,896,161.56€	2,604,902.83€	89.94%
4111	Net wages	1,686,318.03€	1,686,318.03€	1,530,050.88€	90.73%
4112	Income tax	269,087.44€	269,087.44€	228,859.89€	85.05%
4113	Employee contributions	614,534.28€	614,534.28€	554,832.13€	90.28%
4114	Employer contributions	285,858.68€	285,858.68€	257,258.46€	89.99%
4115	Municipal dues	40,363.13€	40,363.13€	33,901.47€	83.99%
412	Other personal income	168,000.00€	163,500.00€	68,814.85€	40.96%
4124	Jubilee awards	7,000.00€	7,000.00€	6,264.00€	89.49%
4125	Severance pay	9,000.00€	9,000.00€	810.00€	9.00%
4127	Other compensations	152,000.00€	147,500.00€	61,740.85€	40.62%
413	Materials expenses	193,924.75€	193,924.75€	133,524.02€	68.85%
4131	Administrative materials	101,250.00€	101,250.00€	67,046.24€	66.22%
4133	Special purpose materials	60,000.00€	60,000.00€	58,100.83€	96.83%
4135	Fuel expenses	28,674.75€	28,674.75€	8,376.95€	29.21%
4139	Other materials expenses	4,000.00€	4,000.00€	0.00€	0.00%
414	Services expenses	752,600.00€	752,600.00€	645,723.39€	85.80%
4141	Business trips	50,000.00€	50,000.00€	27,591.76€	55.18%
4142	Representation	30,000.00€	30,000.00€	5,105.23€	17.02%
4143	Communication services	90,000.00€	90,000.00€	68,655.84€	76.28%
4144	Banking services and negative exchange differences	3,000.00€	3,000.00€	70.00€	2.33%
4145	Transportation services	50,000.00€	50,000.00€	43,029.96€	86.06%
4147	Consulting services, projects and studies	406,600.00€	406,600.00€	401,774.14€	98.81%
4148	Professional training services	18,000.00€	18,000.00€	11,101.20€	61.67%
4149	Other services	105,000.00€	105,000.00€	88,395.26€	84.19%
415	Running costs of maintenance	112,000.00€	112,000.00€	59,915.54€	53.50%
4152	Running costs of buildings maintenance	10,000.00€	10,000.00€	9,999.13€	99.99%
4153	Running costs of equipment maintenance	102,000.00€	102,000.00€	49,916.41€	48.94%
417	Rent	23,000.00€	25,000.00€	20,331.57€	88.40%
4171	Facilities lease	8,000.00€	8,000.00€	4,620.00€	57.75%
4172	Equipment lease	15,000.00€	17,000.00€	15,711.57€	104.74%
419	Other expenses	148,000.00€	350,500.00€	337,737.32€	228.20%
4191	Expenses on the basis of payment of service contracts	90,000.00€	290,000.00€	286,391.23€	318.21%
4193	Software development and maintenance	30,000.00€	32,500.00€	32,263.60€	107.55%
4194	Insurance	28,000.00€	28,000.00€	19,082.49€	68.15%
43	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGOs and public sector	50,000.00€	50,000.00€	24,662.87€	49.33%
431	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGOs and public sector	50,000.00€	50,000.00€	24,662.87€	49.33%
4318	Other transfers to individuals	25,000.00€	25,000.00€	13,300.00€	53.20%
4319	Other transfers to institutions	25,000.00€	25,000.00€	11,362.87€	45.45%
44	Capital expenditures	331,977.01€	331,977.01€	298,885.71€	90.03%



441	Capital expenditures	331,977.01€	331,977.01€	298,885.71€	90.03%
4415	Equipment expenses	326,977.01€	326,977.01€	293,889.76€	89.88%
4416	Expenses for investment maintenance	5,000.00€	5,000.00€	4,995.95€	99.92%
46	Payment of debt	1.00€	1.00€	0.00€	0.00%
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%
	Donations	0.00€	0.00€	1,768.86€	0.00%
4149				102.86€	
4172				1,666.00€	
3872	Programme: Funding of weekly "Koha Javore"	100,000.00€	100,000.00€	99,999.96€	100.00%
4	Expenditures	100,000.00€	100,000.00€	99,999.96€	100.00%
43	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGOs and public sector	100,000.00€	100,000.00€	99,999.96€	100.00%
431	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGOs and public sector	100,000.00€	100,000.00€	99,999.96€	100.00%
4319	Other transfers to institutions	100,000.00€	100,000.00€	99,999.96€	100.00%



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

No.	Submitter of request	Date of reception	Date of reply	No. of items	Answer
1.	Center for Democratic Transition	00-41/16-1 20 January	1.2.	1	granted
2.	Natural person	00-41/16-2 22 January	28 January	1	denied
3.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-3 22 January	27 January	1	announcement
4.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-4 15 February	25 February	1	denied
5.	Natural person	00-41/16-5 26 February	2 March	1	granted
6.	Montenegrin Economy and Politics Association	00-41/16-6 1 March	16 March	1	granted
7.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-7/2 13 April	21 April	1	denied
8.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-8 11 April	26 April	3	partially granted, and partially denied
9.	Natural person	00-41/16-9 12 April	25 April	1	granted
10.	Party of United Pensioners and Disabled of Montenegro "PUPI CG"	00-41/16-10 18 April	25 April	1	conclusion
11.	Coalition of NGOs - Through Cooperation to Goals	00-41/16-11 20 April	27 April	1	granted
12.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-12/1 26 April	27 April	1	granted
13.	NGO "Zagrad Montenegro" - Nikšić	00-41/16-13 10 May	17 May	2	denied
14.	Coalition of NGOs - Through Cooperation to Goals	00-41/16-14 11 May	26 May	1	denied
15.	NGO Human Rights Action	00-41/16-15 30 May	31 May	1	announcement
16.	League of Communists of Yugoslavia - League of Communists of Montenegro	00-41/16-16 10 June	21 June	1	granted
17.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-17 27 June	8 July	1	granted
18.	Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro (UMHCG)	00-41/16-18 27 June	8 July	1	denied
19.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-19 28 June	15 July	2	partially granted, and partially denied
20.	NGO "Prima"	00-41/16-20 29 June	7 July	1	granted
21.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-21 6 July	12 July	1	denied
22.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-22 6 July	12 July	1	denied
23.	Limited liability company for trade and services Biromont	00-41/16-23 6 July	18 July	1	conclusion
24.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-24 7 July	12 July	1	denied
25.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-25 7 July	20 July	1	granted
26.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-26 7 July	12 July	1	announcement
27.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-27 8 July	18 July	1	denied
28.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-28 8 July	22 July	1	denied
29.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-29 8 July	22 July	1	denied



30.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-30 8 July	12 July	1	announcement
31.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-31 8 July	18 July	1	denied
32.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-32 12 July	20 July	1	granted
33.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-33 12 July	18 July	1	denied
34.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-34 12 July	18 July	1	denied
35.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-35 12 July	18 July	1	denied
36.	Center for Development of Non-Governmental Organisations CRNVO	00-41/16-36 19 July	3 August	1	granted
37.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-37 21 July	4 August	2	partially granted, and partially limited
38.	Centre for Civic Education (CCE)	00-41/16-38 27 July	4 August	1	granted
39.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-39 4 August	9 September	1	partially granted, and partially limited
40.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-40 4 August	9 September	1	granted
41.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-41 4 August	27 September	1	granted
42.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-42 5 August	9 September	1	granted
43.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-43 12 August	5 September	1	granted
44.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-44 12 August	5 September	1	granted
45.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-45 12 August	5 September	1	granted
46.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-46 22 August	5 September	1	granted
47.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-47 22 August	5 September	1	granted
48.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-48 29 August	5 September	1	granted
49.	Institute Alternative	00-41/16-49 16 September	3 October	2	partially granted, and partially denied
50.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-50 5 October	10 October	1	announcement
51.	Natural person	00-41/16-51 14 October	19 October	1	granted
52.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-52 27 October	4 November	1	denied
53.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-53 1 November	7 November	1	announcement
54.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-54 7 November	22 November	1	denied
55.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-55 7 November	22 November	1	denied
56.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-56 7 November	22 November	1	denied
57.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-57 7 November	22 November	1	granted
58.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-58 7 November	22 November	1	granted



59.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-59 7 November	22 November	1	denied
60.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-60 7 November	22 November	1	denied
61.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-61 7 November	22 November	1	denied
62.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-62 7 November	22 November	1	denied
63.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-63 15 November	29 November	1	denied
64.	“Dnevne novine”	00-41/16-64 6 December	15 December	1	granted
65.	Political party Positive Montenegro	00-41/16-65 6 December	7 December	1	granted
66.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/16-67 20 December	29 December	1	granted
67.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-68 22 December		1	
68.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-69 22 December		1	
69.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-70 26 December		1	
70.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-71 26 December		1	
71.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-72 26 December		1	
72.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-73 26 December		1	
73.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-74 26 December		1	
74.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-75 26 December		1	
75.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-76 27 December		1	
76.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-77 27 December		1	
77.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-78 29 December		1	
78.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-79 29 December		1	
79.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-80 29 December		1	
80.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-81 29 December		1	
81.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-82 29 December		1	
82.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-83 29 December		1	
83.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-84 29 December		1	
84.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-85 29 December		1	
85.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-86 29 December		1	
86.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-87 30 December		1	
87.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-88 30 December		1	
88.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS*	00-41/16-89 30 December		1	

The deadline for responding is January 2017.



APPENDIX V: RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Exemption from the execution of certain immovable property - legal solutions in the Federation of BiH, Croatia, Slovenia, and Serbia
2. NATO: The deadline and procedures for ratifying the accession protocol in the national parliaments of the Alliance member states
3. Criminalisation of Illicit Enrichment of Public Officials in Some European Countries
4. Comparative analysis of election systems and the way they are organised in the EU and the countries in the region - open vs. closed lists
5. Employees' rights in entities in bankruptcy - legal solutions in the countries in the region
6. Impact of the migrant crisis on Montenegro
7. Rights and obligations of MPs with reference to salaries and other compensations and obligation to attend meetings
8. Legislative treatment of cannabis use for medical purposes in the EU member states
9. Remote work: Legal solutions in several European countries

APPENDIX VI: TABULAR OVERVIEW OF CONDUCTED TRAININGS AND DEVELOPMENT

TRAININGS FROM 2016 TRAINING PLAN

No.	Date	Name	Organiser	Venue	Participants
1.	10-12 February 20-22 April	Module 1: EU projects preparation Module 2: Application form and budget	EU projects	Belgrade, Serbia	6
2.	21 March - 1 April	Training on the use of Excel program	Parliament of Montenegro with support of Human Resources Administration	Podgorica	9
3.	23 May - 1 July 12 September - 21 October	Fellowship programme	European Parliament	Brussels, Belgium	1
4.	8-9 September	Innovative services for parliamentary libraries, research service, and archive	ECPRD	Oslo, Norway	1
5.	9-13 September	IBC (International Broadcasting Convection)	IBC (International Broadcasting Convection)	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2
6.	15-16 September	Management and Leadership	In cooperation between OSCE and Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	13
7.	29-30 September	Communication	In cooperation between OSCE and Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	16
8.	14-15 October	Successful heading of meetings and managing conflicts	In cooperation between OSCE and Parliament of Montenegro	Podgorica	15



TRAININGS BY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

No.	Date	Name	Organiser	Venue
1.	14 January	Making the human resources plan	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
2.	25 February	Developing integrity plans	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
3.	4 March	Risk management in public sector	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
4.	15 March	Submitting data for salary calculation in line with the new Law on Public Sector Salaries	Human Resources Administration in cooperation with Ministry of Finance	Podgorica
5.	16 March	Public Procurement	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
6.	19 April	Law on Civil Servants and State Employees - challenges and changes	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
7.	4-19 April	Advanced computer course	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
8.	28 June	Legal and technical rules for drafting regulation with guidelines for harmonising regulation with the EU acquis	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
9.	30 June	Developing integrity plans - drafting, adoption, implementation	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
10.	19 October	Public Procurement	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
11.	7 November	Risk management in public sector	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
12.	10 November	Team work	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
13.	14 December	Preparation of the annual report on financial management and control system	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
14.	17 November	Resolving conflict situations	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
15.	29 November	Procedure of evaluation of civil servants and state employees	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica
16.	2 December	Personal Data Protection	Human Resources Administration	Podgorica



OTHER TRAININGS

No.	Date	Name	Organiser	Venue	Participants
1.	18-19 January	Presentation of the unique register of state property	Public Property Administration	Podgorica	3
2.	21 January - 11 February	Resident training programme SRS 16-04 (Seminar on Regional Security)	George Marshall Center	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1
3.	1-4 February	Workshop of the Global Countering Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) Alumni Community of Interest workshop	George Marshall Center	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1
4.	9-12 February	Conference "Integrated System Europe"		Amsterdam, Netherlands	2
5.	14-19 February	NATO Advanced Training Course titled "Countering the SEE Terrorist Threat"	by Norwich University, USA, and Military Academy "General Mihailo Apostolski", Skopje	Ohrid, Macedonia	1
6.	22-23 February	Baltic cyber defence workshop titled: "Strategy development and cyber defence policy"	George Marshall Center	Riga, Latvia	1
7.	24-26 February	Workshop "Open Parliament - involved citizens"	National Democratic Institute in cooperation with Slovak Parliament	Bratislava, Slovakia	2
8.	25-26 February	Best Practice in cohesion policy implementation	European Commission in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration	Podgorica	2
9.	7-9 March	School for manager of FMC (financial management and control)	Sevoi Grupa D.O.O.	Podgorica	4
10.	22 March	Montenegro's membership of NATO: "The Next Steps"	George Marshall Center and Marshall Center Alumni Association of Montenegro and Council for NATO Membership's Communication Team	Podgorica	2
11.	5, 7, 8, 11, 15 April 11, 12, 19, 20, 30-31 May 3, 6-8 June 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21-22, 26-29 September 12-14 November	Training and certification programme of accountants in public sector of Montenegro	Center for Excellence in Finance (CIPFA), Ministry of Finance, and UNDP	Podgorica	1



12.	7-10 April	Regional PRO PR conference	A priori communication	Budva	1
13.	10-14 April	Study visit to the European Commission and to the Council of the EU, organised within the project “Communicating EU Accession and IPA assistance in Montenegro”	British Council in Montenegro, funded by the EU Delegation to Montenegro, British Embassy to Montenegro, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration	Brussels, Belgium	1
14.	11-13 April	NATO Advanced Research Workshop titled “A Framework for a Military Cyber Defence Strategy”	University Old Dominion from the U.S.A. in cooperation with the Military Academy from Macedonia and the University in Kyev	Norfolk, Virginia, USA	1
15.	21-24 April	Management skills	Iconconsult	Belgrade, Serbia	3
16.	9-10 May	Workshop “Cyber security strategy in Central Europe, policies for solutions for cyber data protection”	George Marshall Center	Bucharest, Romania	1
17.	9-11 May	Interactive Workshop for Civil Servants on “Writing Strategic Documents”	Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF)	Ljubljana, Slovenia	1
18.	9-13 May	European Security Seminar - South 16-09	George Marshall Center	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1
19.	19-20 May	Parliaments and new economic and budget governance	ECPRD	Baku, Azerbaijan	2
20.	1-3 June	Legal assistance during legislative process	National Democratic Institute	Durrës, Albania	2
21.	9-10 June	ECPRD Seminar "Digital facelift for parliaments"	ECPRD and DG-Presidency - Directorate D - Relations with National Parliaments	Berlin, Germany	2
22.	10-14 June	Maximising the value of internal audit in the public sector	Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF)	Ljubljana, Slovenia	1
23.	27-30 June	Written Communication and Reporting in English	British Council in cooperation with the Human Resources Administration	Podgorica	3
24.	5 July	Axis Network Video Fundamentals and Milestone Professional Training	IP Way	Belgrade, Serbia	2
25.	7 July - 4 August	Program on terrorism and security PTTS-16-12	George Marshall Center	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1
26.	10-25 August	Fight against transnational organised crime	George Marshall Center	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1



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27.	3-10 September	Summer School 2016	Energy Community Secretariat in cooperation with the German Association for International Cooperation (GIZ)	Tirana, Albania	1
28.	21 September - 16 October	Program on Applied Security Studies (PASS 16-15)	George Marshall Center	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	1
29.	25-28 September	Novelties and implementation of general and financial regulations in the public and private sectors	Paragraf Lex	Palić, Serbia	4
30.	27-30 September	Written Communication and Reporting in English	British Council in cooperation with the Human Resources Administration	Podgorica	1
31.	6-8 October	Regional Workshop "Inter-party cooperation and work of thematic parliamentary groups"	National Democratic Institute	Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina	2
32.	28-29 October 11-12 November 25-26 November 9-12 December	Public Policy School	Institute Alternative	Podgorica	1
33.	9 November	Cloud resources used by Parliaments: what strategy to adopt?	European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD)	The Hague, The Netherlands	2
34.	15-18 November	Installation and usage training of the Televic Product Range: PLIXUS & CoCon	Televic Conference	Izegem, Belgium	2
35.	24-25 November	"Increase of performance effectiveness of public institutions in practice"	European Academy for Taxes, Economics, and Laws	Berlin, Germany	1
36.	27 November	Training on new software solution of the Catalogue of Legislation	Parliament of Montenegro and Nespa computers d.o.o.	Podgorica	15
37.	29 November - 1 December	Young faces network program 2016: Development of strategic policies in the field of cyber security in the area of SEE	Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)	Belgrade, Serbia	2
38.	29 November - 1 December	Enabling Public Finance Management Reform through Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA)	Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF)	Ljubljana, Slovenia	1
39.	8 December	Where we are and what awaits us	Public Procurement Administration and State Commission for Control of Public Procurement Procedures	Sutomore	2

**Correction of the 2015 Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro**

- On page 19, there were some technical mistakes in “Table No. 3 – Statistical data on the sittings of the Parliament in 2015”.

Namely, in the said Table, in the row “Number of questions posed to Prime Minister” and the column for 2015 there should be “56”, and in the row “Number of parliamentary questions” and the column for 2015 there should be “272”. In the same Table, in the row “Number of motions of no-confidence vote to the Government”, in the column for 2015, number “24” is listed by mistake, and instead of that there should be “-”. In the same Table, in the last row, for 2014, there should be data “19”, and for 2015 “24”.

- In the part “appendixes”, Appendix IV: Table for 2014 was published by mistake, and instead of it there should be the Table below.

These mistakes were corrected in the electronic version of the Report, which was published on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro.

No.	Submitter of request	Date of reception	Date of reply	No. of items	Answer
1.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-1 12 January	27 January	1	granted
2.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-2 16 February	3 March	1	granted
3.	Independent daily “Vijesti”	00-41/15-3 5 February	20 February	1	granted
4.	Center for Development of Non-Governmental Organisations CRNVO	00-41/15-4 6 February	20 February	1	partially granted, and partially limited
5.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-5 10 February	25 February	1	granted
6.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-6 11 February	26 February	1	partially granted, and partially limited
7.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-7 18 February	5 March	1	denied
8.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-8 9 March	11 March	1	announcement
9.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-9 17 March	1 April	1	denied
10.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-10 17 March	1 April	1	denied
11.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-11 17 March	1 April	1	denied
12.	Independent daily “Vijesti”	00-41/15-12 3 April	17 April	1	granted
13.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-13 9 April	24 April	2	denied
14.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-14 9 April	24 April	1	partially granted, and partially limited
15.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-15 24 April	24 April	1	announcement



16.	Center for Democratic Transition CDT	00-41/15-16 7 May	19 May	1	partially granted, and partially limited
17.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-17 18 May	2 June	1	partially granted, and partially denied
18.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-18 18 May	9 June	1	granted
19.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-19 27 May	9 June	1	granted
20.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-20 28 May	23 June	1	conclusion
21.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-20/1 1 June	16 June	1	granted
22.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-21 1 June	16 June	1	granted
23.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-22 4 June	23 June	1	conclusion
24.	Center for Democratic Transition CDT	00-41/15-23 19 June	3 July	1	granted
25.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-24 22 June	7 July	1	denied
26.	Institute Alternative	00-41/15-25 29 June	30 June	1	granted
27.	Daily newspapers "Dan"	00-41/15-26 3 July	17 July	1	granted
28.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-27 10 July	31 July	1	denied
29.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-28 10 July	23 July	1	granted
30.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-29 12 August	24 August	1	granted
31.	Independent daily "Vijesti"	0-41/15-30 10 September	22 September	1	granted
32.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-31 16 September	1 October	1	granted
33.	Natural person	00-41/15-32 23 September	25 September	1	granted
34.	Natural person	00-41/15-33 25 September	25 September	1	granted
35.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-34 28 September	21 October	1	partially granted, and partially denied
36.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-35 28 September	21 October	1	denied
37.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-36 28 September	21 October	1	denied
38.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-37 28 September	21 October	1	partially granted, and partially denied
39.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-38 28 September	21 October	1	partially granted, and partially limited
40.	Network for Affirmation of Non- Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-39 28 September	21 October	1	partially granted, and partially limited



41.	Company for Sanitary and Environmental Protection and Production d.o.o. "SLAVISAN DDD"	00-41/15-40 30 September	16 October	1	granted
42.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-41 27 October	11 November	1	partially granted, and partially denied
43.	Centre for Civic Education	00-41/15-42 2 November	17 November	1	partially granted, and partially denied
44.	Network for Affirmation of Non-Governmental Sector - MANS	00-41/15-43 12 November	4 December	1	granted
45.	Natural person ¹	00-41/15-44 22 December		1	
46.	Center for Monitoring and Research CeMI	00-41/15-45 23 December	29 December	1	conclusion

¹ The reply will be sent in January.