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Regional Conference

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN MONTENEGRO
REGIONAL AND DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES**

3 December 2021, hotel Hilton, Podgorica/hybrid

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PROGRAMME
3 December 2021

HIBRYD EVENT:

Link for online participants: <https://zoom.us/j/99897273344?pwd=Uk1naVpCbVWbOzc3ZUJTeHFSYjUzUT09>

Under the auspices of the joint European Union and Council of Europe action “**Accountability and professionalism of the judicial system in Montenegro**”, the Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica is working with the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Montenegro and the Association of Mediators of Montenegro on enhancing the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms, in line with the existing Council of Europe instruments in the field of mediation.

To promote the use of alternative dispute resolutions and provide a forum for exchange of experiences, lessons learned, challenges and good practices, the Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica and the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Montenegro will organise a **Conference on domestic and regional perspectives and challenges in alternative dispute resolution** which will be held on 3 December 2021, in the hybrid format.

The Conference will bring together mediation professionals and experts from the country, the Western Balkan region and the European Union, as well as representatives of the Council of Europe, European Union, judiciary, the executive branch, civil society and academia. The Conference will be divided into several expert panels, which will focus on contemporary challenges in alternative dispute resolution and on best practices and strategies to further enhance the use of mediation in civil, commercial and other mediable disputes. Special emphasis will be placed upon **online mediation**, which is being increasingly used in recent months to adapt to COVID-19 challenges.

During the Conference, the new Law on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Montenegro, adopted in July 2020 will be presented and discussed among mediation practitioners. The work under the auspices of the action “**Accountability and professionalism of the judicial system in Montenegro**” will be also presented, focusing on the needs assessment of the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Montenegro, capacity building and development of the methodology for evaluating the work of mediators in Montenegro.

The Conference is being organised under the framework of the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme “Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkan and Turkey 2019 – 2022”, implemented by the Council of Europe.

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Friday, 3 December 2021

9:30 – 10:00

Registration of participants

10:00 -10:30

Welcome Addresses

- **Ms Lilja GRETARSDOTTIR**, Head of Cooperation Programmes Division, Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, Strasbourg
- **Mr Riccardo SERRI**, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro
- **Ms Marina LUTOVAC**, Director of the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Montenegro
- **Ms Evgenia GIAKOUMOPOULOU**, Head of Operations, Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica

Moderator: Ms Marija VUKSANOVIC, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica

10:30 – 12: 00

PANEL SESSION I: Mediation standards, best practices and common challenges in the EU and Western Balkan Region

Panellists:

- **Ms Maria OLIVEIRA**, Lawyer, Mediator and a member of **CEPEJ Working Group on Mediation**, Lisbon, Portugal
- **Mr Leonardo D'URSO**, CEO of ADR Centre, Rome, Italy
- **Ms Željka JOVOVIĆ**, President of the Basic court in Podgorica
- **Ms Marina LUTOVAC**, Director of the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Podgorica, Montenegro

Discussion with participants

Moderator: Ms Gordana RISTIN, Judge and a Mediator, Ljubljana, Slovenia

12:00 - 12:15

COFFEE BREAK

12:15 – 13:45

PANEL SESSION II: Standards of Ethics, Improvement of the Quality of Mediation Services

Panellists:

- **Ms Gordana RISTIN**, Judge and a Mediator, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Mr Srđan ŠIMAC**, Judge and a Mediator, Zagreb, Croatia
- **Mr Ibrahim SMAILOVIC**, lawyer and mediator, Podgorica, Montenegro
- **Ms Jelena ARSIC**, Professor of Law at the Union University - Faculty of Law, Belgrade and the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Political Sciences, Serbia

	<p><u>Discussion with participants</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Danijela VUKČEVIĆ, Judge of the Commercial Court of Montenegro and a mediator</p>
13:45 – 14:45	LUNCH BREAK
14:45 – 16:15	<p>PANEL SESSION III: Online Mediation/ Best practices and Common Challenges</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Daniel RAINEY, mediator, author, trainer and principal (Holistic Solutions, Inc.), Co-Chair of Online Dispute Resolution Taskforce in the International Mediation Institute (IMI), North Carolina, USA ▪ Mr Andrea BANDINI, Vice President of the Italian Association of Arbitrators and Member of the Arbitration and ADR Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce, Rome, Italy ▪ Mr Petros ZOURDOUMIS, General Director, ADR point - Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre, Thessaloniki and Athens, Greece ▪ Mr Aleksander JAKOBČIČ, lawyer and a mediator, Ljubljana, Slovenia <p><u>Discussion with participants</u></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Miodrag STRUGAR, Mediator and Communication & PR Expert, Podgorica, Montenegro</p>
16:15 – 16:30	<p><u>Conclusions and ways forward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Marina LUTOVAC, Director of the Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Montenegro ▪ Ms Marija VUKSANOVIĆ, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe Programme Office in Podgorica
16: 30	Closing of the event