



Action against economic crime in Montenegro

What is the goal?

- ▶ The Action against Economic Crime in Montenegro seeks to improve the rule of law and democracy in Montenegro by strengthening anti-corruption and anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing regimes
- ▶ to address recent key recommendations of the monitoring bodies of the Council of Europe - Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL) and Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) in order to improve their implementation and to support tailored reform processes in the country

Who benefits from the Action?

- ▶ Institutions of Montenegro - Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Directorate of Police – FIU, State Audit Institution, Tax Administration, Centre for Training in Judiciary and State Prosecution Service, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Parliament, Supreme State Prosecutor's Office, Special Prosecutor's Office; the Directorate of Police – criminal police, Secretariat of the Government of Montenegro
- ▶ Civil society organisations active in the field of anti-corruption will benefit from facilitated access to information needed to monitor political expenditure and use of state resources
- ▶ Private sector
- ▶ Montenegrin citizens, who will benefit from more transparent and accountable work of state institutions

How will the Action work?

- ▶ It builds on the results of co-operation and assistance provided in the economic crime area in the Horizontal Facility I (2016-2019)
- ▶ by providing legislative and policy advice coupled with capacity building activities, tailored to specific needs of beneficiaries
- ▶ by providing expert advice on regulatory and operational reforms accompanied by drafting implementation procedures for new legal solutions;
- ▶ trainings;
- ▶ development of new IT solutions;
- ▶ assistance with transposition of newly ratified conventions;
- ▶ exchange of best practices.

What do we expect to achieve?

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- ▶ Improved legal and operational framework on preventing and combating corruption in Montenegro through oversight of political expenditure; strengthened regulatory and oversight framework on lobbying; ensured follow-up of State Audit's recommendations; and improved capacities of Tax Authorities;
- ▶ Enhanced anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing prevention mechanisms through improved regulation governing supervision; regulated online games of chance; provision of risk-based supervision tools for high-risk sectors; identified and mitigated money laundering/financing terrorist local risks

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the Action is 700.000 EUR
- ▶ The budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to ca. 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe).

How to get more information?

- ▶ Economic Crime and Cooperation Division website: www.coe.int/econcrime and the Action against Economic Crime specific website: www.coe.int/HF-II-AEC
- ▶ Horizontal Facility website: <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/horizontal-facility/home>
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