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"CEPES" is the first project of the CPEU, supported by the European Commission from September 2017. to August 2019. During 2018, the CPEU organized the second conference within the CEPES project on **September 21. and 23. in Zagreb**, Croatia. The participants of the conference were representatives of organizations, members of the International Pan-European Union (which brings together both the EU countries and the countries of the Western



Balkans), as well as representatives of the European Parliament, representatives of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, the Montenegrin Embassy in Croatia, and colleagues from the civil sector. During the conference, in three panel discussions, the opportunity to present their views on the topic had: **Mr Boro Vučinić** - Ambassador of Montenegro to Croatia, **Mr Matija Očuršćak**, Head of the sector for Southeastern Europe and Enlargement, at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, President of the International Pan-European Union, **Mr Alain Terrenoire**, Academic **Mr Mislav Ježić**, President of the Croatian Pan-European Union, **prof. Dr Gordana Djurovic**, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, Member of the European Parliament, **Mr Tonino Picula**, **Mr Adrijan Vuksanovic**, MP in the



Parliament of Montenegro, **Mr Pavo Barišić**, Secretary General of the International Pan-European Union, **Mr Franjo Topić**, a member of the Presidency of the International Pan-European Union, **Mr Rainhard Kloucek**, Secretary General of the PEU of Austria, **Mr Bernd Posselt**, President of the PEU of Germany, **Mr Haris Ćutahija**, President of the PEU of Bosnia and Herzegovina, **Mr Đorđije Brajović**, Secretary General of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and representatives of the

Pan-European Youth from the Member States: **Mr Pavao Nujić**, **Mr Stefan Hoböck**, and **Mrs. Milica Muhadinović**. At the conference, the **Declaration** was adopted, with messages for a stronger Europe through better communication, for the full implementation of the Priority Agenda from the Summit in Sofia, for Europe that protects, empowers and defends, for enhanced EU

engagement in the region and for more stable and integrated region with the prospect of membership in the Union.



2. Survey

A survey on the opinion of young people in Montenegro on the European integration process was conducted.

3. Jean Monnet kick-off meeting

The Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual Activities and Culture organized the Jean Monnet kick off meeting on **November 29, 2018** in Brussels, at the NCE Conference and Business Center, EACEA, Belgium. Over 230 participants from different countries of the world took part in the event. President of CPEU **prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic** represented the Montenegrin Pan-European Union at this event, as an organization that conducts two Jean Monnet projects for which it received two consecutive grants from the European Union under the Erasmus + Platform.

II. Activities on realization of Erasmus +, Jean Monnet project "UN Agenda 2030 - EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro / TISIM"

1. International conference *"Building a sustainable future for Montenegro through the EU accession process and sustainable goals"*

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union, as a part of the Jean Monet project "UN Agenda 2030 - EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro" (TISIM), which is being conducted in the period from September 2018 to August 2019, with the support of the EU through Erasmus + Jean Monnet Project, organized an international conference on "Building a sustainable future for Montenegro through the EU accession process and sustainable goals". The speakers at



the conference were: Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro, **Mr. Pavle Radulović**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Montenegro, **Mr. Aivo Orav**, UNDP Resident Representative for Montenegro, **Ms. Fiona McCluney**, chief negotiator for the EU accession for Monteregro, **Mr. Aleksandar Drljević**, representative of the Capital city, **Mr. Dragutin Đeković** and CPEU President prof. Dr **Gordana Djurović**. During the second day, representatives of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, **Ms. Aneta Kankaras**, Office for European Integration, **Mrs. Marija Tripunović**, UNDP, **Mladen Dragišić**, MONSTAT **Ms. Natasa Vojinović** and **Bojana Radojević**, as well as experts prof. Dr. **Gordana Djurović** from the CPEU and **Mr. Allessandro Galli** from Global Footprint Network.



2. Article "Agenda 2030: measuring progress in the Montenegro's national strategy for sustainable development"

Published chapter in the book (**Đurovic G., Muhadinovic M., Djurovic V., Martin B.**, "Agenda 2030: measuring progress in the Montenegro's national strategy for sustainable development" in "Statistics, Growing data Sets and Growing Demand for Statistics", InTech Open, , London, UK, 2018)

3. Article "Think Globally, Act Locally: implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in Montenegro"

Published scientific paper (Galli A., Djurovic G., Hanscom L. and Knezevic J., Think Globally, Act Locally: implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in Montenegro, Environmental Science and Policy, Vol 84, 2018)

4. Contract with the Ministry of Public Administration

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union, on December 21. 2018., signed a co-financing agreement with the Ministry of Public Administration in the Ramada Hotel for the project "UN Agenda 2030 - EU Agenda 2025: Through Integration Towards Sustainability in Montenegro" (TISIM) supported by EU funds, Erasmus + Jean Monnet Activities, Jean Monnet Projects. The Ministry of Public Administration, on



the basis of the Public Invitation for the allocation of funds for the co-financing of projects and programs of non-governmental organizations supported by the European Union funds for 2018, supported 50 EU projects / programs implemented by NGOs in various areas of public interest.



III. Debates with European ambassadors

1. "The Bulgarian Presidency and the Western Balkans"

The first in a series of debates with European ambassadors was held on **February 27. 2018.** in EUIC Podgorica. Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria, H.E. Mladen Červenjakov spoke on the topic: "The Bulgarian Presidency and the Western Balkans", during which we had the opportunity to hear that the focus of their mandate is an enlargement process, with the emphasis on the Balkans being a logical step in the continuation of this policy. The event was attended by members of



the CPEU, Montenegrin institutions, the media and many others.



2. "Connectivity Agenda and London Summit - EU and Western Balkans"

Ambassador of the United Kingdom, **H.E. Alison Kemp** spoke on the subject: **"Connectivity Agenda and London Summit - EU and WB"**, she also emphasized that the accession to the European Union is the right thing for Montenegro in order to empower your society and the economy. Also, her Excellency, Ms. Kemp had the opportunity to present the position of the United Kingdom on the issues of the Connectivity Agenda and the upcoming London Summit on the Berlin Process, as well as



to discuss with other guests, who had a wide range of questions, which made the debate very interesting. The event was held on **March 19. 2018.** at the EU Info Center Podgorica in the presence of members of the CPEU, Montenegrin institutions and the media.





3. "Priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the EU in 2018: Perspectives of the Enlargement Policy and the EU Policy"

On 26 June 2018, in cooperation with the EUIC, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union Youth had the opportunity to host the ambassador of Austria in Montenegro, HE. Anne Jankovic, who spoke on the subject of European integration. Using the opportunity that Austria took over the Presidency of the European Council for the third time, the Ambassador spoke about the priorities during this presidency, as well as the implications Brexit will have and the negotiations



for the multiannual financial framework for the European Union. The motto of the Austrian presidency is: "Europe that protects", which will concern protection in the field of: migration, digitization, competitiveness and stability in the environment.



4. "A View at Today's EU Challenges and the Enlargement Perspective"

Ambassador of Germany HE. **Robert Veber**, spoke at a panel in the organization of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union Youth on the topic: "**A View at Today's EU Challenges and the Enlargement Perspective**", on **November 22. 2018**. in the EU Info Center in Podgorica. Key message was that in the coming period, Montenegro should open the negotiation chapter 27 – the environment on the next Intergovernmental conference. The event was



attended by members of the CPEU, Montenegrin institutions and the media.



IV. Conferences and events within the International PEU

1. International Conference: "Decade of Independence - Kosovo's European Road"

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union had the opportunity to participate in an international conference organized by Pan Europa-Kosovo on the topic: "**The Decade of Independence - Kosovo's European Road**" in **Pristina** from **17 to 19 February 2018**. The occasion marks the 10th anniversary of Kosovo's independence, and was held under the auspices of the Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Hashim Thaçi. The participants of the conference were representatives of the Pan-European Union network (from EU member states and from the Western Balkans), representatives of the state bodies of Kosovo (Office of the President, Prime Minister's Office, Kosovo Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of European Affairs).



2. International Conference: "European Enlargement Process: Cross-border Cooperation as an Instrument for European Integration"

The Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized an international conference on the topic "European Enlargement Process: Cross-border Cooperation as an Instrument for European Integration" in Orasje, from 25th to 27th May 2018. Delegation of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union was present at this international conference, led by the Vice-President of the CPEU and the President of the EU Integration Committee in the Parliament of Montenegro, **Mr. Adrian Vuksanovic**, who



was one of the speakers at the conference of the PEU of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Among the speakers were: President of the International Pan-European Union, **Mr. Alain Terrenoire**, Members of the European Parliament, **Mr. Tonino Picula** and **Mr. Norbert**



Lins, Head of the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Lars -Gunnar Wigemark, Vice-President of the International Pan-European Union Mr. Mislav Ježić, Secretary General of the International Pan-European Union Mr. Pavo Barišić, Head of the Council of

Europe Office in Sarajevo, **Mr Drahoslav Štefanek**, President of the Pan-European Union of Germany, **Mr Bernd Posselt**, professors at the Faculty of Political Science in Sarajevo, **Ms. Jasmina Osmankovic** and **Mr. Elmir Sadikovic**, Honorary President of the Pan-European Union B & H, **Mr. Franjo Topić**. At the end of the conference, the **Pan-European Declaration** was adopted, which will be addressed to representatives of institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Union.

3. Debate: "The Montenegrin path towards the EU"

President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union **Prof. Gordana Djurovic** and vice-president of the PEU of Germany, *Mr Andreas Raab*, had the opportunity to take part in a debate organized by Paneuropa Baden-Württemberg on a topic that deals with the Montenegrin journey towards the EU, in **Ulm, Germany, on July 11, 2018**. President Djurovic also had meetings with *Mr. Martin Bendel*, the mayor of Ulm, *Mrs. Sabine Meigel*, Director of the Digital City of Ulm and the representatives of South-Eastern Europe from the Competence Center of the Ulma Chamber of Commerce.



4. International conference: "The role of youth in the process of European integration"

The International Youth Conference organized by the Pan-European Union Bosnia and Herzegovina on the topic "**The role of youth in the process of European integration**" was held in **Sarajevo** from **17**th **to 19**th **of August 2018**. At the conference, young people from all over the region discussed topics related to the position and role of young people in the process of European integration.





5. International Conference "One hundred years after the First World War: historical heritage and perspectives of the European Union"



The International Conference "One hundred years after the First World War: the historical heritage and the perspectives of the European Union" organized by Pan-European Union Croatia, was held from **19-21. October 2018**. in **Zagreb, Croatia**. Among the participants were the President of the CPEU, Mr. Mislav Ježić, President of the International Pan-European Union Mr Alain Terrenoire, Secretary General of the International Pan-European Union, Mr Pavo Barisic, representatives of Pan-European organizations from other Southeast European countries, as well as Europe as a whole, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Mr Andrej Plenković, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Ms. Marija Pejčinović Burić, representative of the

President of the Republic of Croatia, **Mr. Mate Granić**, European Parliamentarians from Croatia, Germany and Slovakia, representatives of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Hans Seidel Foundation as well as others. As part of the conference, a special block of exhibitions was organized in which the presidents and representatives of the Young Pan-Europa from several countries spoke. At the end of the conference, a **Declaration of Participants** was adopted with key messages for further development and progress of the region, but encouragement towards the European Union in the key years for its further development.





V. Other activities

1. Panel "Importance of tourism in European integration of Montenegro"

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union - MPEU organized a panel in the multimedia hall of the Municipality of Tivat on March 3, 2018 on the topic "The Importance of Tourism in European Integration of Montenegro" in cooperation with the Municipality of Tivat, with which the Memorandum of Cooperation has been signed. Speakers at the panel, Mrs. Maja Liješević, Deputy Director of the National Tourism Organization of Montenegro, Ivo Županović, prof. Dr. Faculty of Management HN and Mr. Đorđije Brajović,



Secretary General of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union. In front of the Municipality of Tivat, the President, **Prof. Snežana Matijević**, PhD, who emphasized nautical tourism as the development opportunity of Tivat, and stressed that the natural and cultural potential of the city should be valorized. The panel talked about the strategic development of tourism and state incentives, the tourism industry from the aspect of EU integration, and the quality management of a tourist destination.



2. A survey of "Common Civil Forces - A Common European Future / JOCICEF"

Partnership in PEU Slovenia project "**Common Civil Forces - Common European Future / JOCICEF**" 2017-2019, EU Citizens Europe Program - Survey.

3. Seminar "Let's Talk About Europe: The Spirit and Ideas"

In the period from March 24-25, 2018, a seminar entitled "Let's Talk About Europe: Spirit and Ideas" was held successfully in the hotel Avala, Budva, in cooperation with the

Konrad Adenaur Foundation, valorizing the recently signed Memorandum of Cooperation. Key lecturers were Mr. Norbert Bekman-Dierkes (KAS), the writer Mr. Andrej Nikolaidis and prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic, assisted by young colleagues Ms Milica Muhadinovic and Ms Teodora Ladic. The target group of the seminar were young active and prospective people from Montenegro from various fields of the society, some of whom are actively engaged in political parties, students of masters and doctoral studies in social sciences, journalists, etc.





4. Seminar "The Berlin Process: Strengthening Regional Cooperation and the Integration Perspective of the Pan-European Societies of the Western Balkans"

In the period from 20-22 April 2018 in Budva, a seminar on the topic "The Berlin **Process:** Strengthening Regional Cooperation and the Integration of the Perspective **Pan-European** Western Balkans" was successfully held, in the Hanns cooperation with Seidel Foundation. At the seminar participants had the opportunity to learn through the set



of lectures and exercises the significance of the Berlin Process for the countries of the Western Balkans from different perspectives that were presented by representatives of the academic, civil and state milieu; Mr **Dejan Medojević** (Secretariat for Development Projects), **prof. Prof. Predrag Bjelic** (Faculty of Economics, Belgrade), **prof. Azra Hadziahmetovic**, **Ph.D.** (Faculty of Economics, Sarajevo), Mr **Nenad Koprivica** (Ministry of Sports), Mr **Edin Koljenovic** (RYCO) and **prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic** (Faculty of Economics Podgorica). The target group of the seminar were young active and prospective people from Montenegro from different fields of society.



5. Celebrating the two-year anniversary of the MPEU

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union marked the two years of its existence on May 7, 2018 at the EUIC premises with the cultural event "Communicating Europe in Pan-European societies". Prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic welcomed the guests and thanked for the support for the work and values that the MPEU nurtured. She briefly recalled how we developed our organization in the first two years of existence. The ceremony, began with the Montenegrin and



European anthem, in the performance of trio (trio composed of: **Ms. Tanja Bogdanović**violin, **Ms. Vedrana Rasović Blagojević**-violin and **Mr. Nikola Vučković**-piano) The Montenegrin actress, **Ms. Dubravka Drakić**, performed the Penelope monologue from the lyrics "Penelopad" by Margaret Atwood, after which the afore mentioned trio continued with the program of compositions (Dmitri Shostakovich, 5 pieces for two violins and piano).



6. Panel debates: "Negotiations with the EU: in the past and at the present"

The European Integration Office of Montenegro, in cooperation with the MPEU, organized a panel debate for the six-year Montenegro's celebration of accession negotiations with the European Union: "Negotiations with the EU: in the past and at the present", July 4, 2018 in The Cultural and Sport Center of the University of Montenegro. The chief negotiator for the EU Aleksandar accession of Montenegro



Drljević, Head of the Negotiating Team for Negotiating the Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union **prof. Dr. Tanja Miščević** and Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Montenegro **HE. Veselko Grubišić**, addressed the panel, while it was moderated by the President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union **Prof. Dr Gordana Djurovic**.

This was an opportunity to exchange views on the experiences of Montenegro, Croatia and Serbia in the accession negotiations, the current situation in the EU, and the European perspective of the Western Balkans. The panel debate was organized within the EU4ME project funded by the European Union, and implemented by UNDP.



8. Presentation of CEPES and TISIM project

On **November 13. 2018**, the Erasmus + Project Info Day was organized by the National Erasmus + Office at the **University of Montenegro**, about learned lessons and new opportunities. **Prof Dr. Gordana Djurovic** presented the current Jean Monnet projects, including two Jean Monnet projects implemented by MPEU - CEPES and TISIM project.

7. Lecture: "Renewal of the European Union - conditions, challenges, options"

On November 23, 2018, a lecture was held at the Faculty of Economics by Prof. Dr Ludger Kuehnhardt from the University of Bonn on the topic of "European Union Restoration - Conditions, Challenges, Options" organized by the EUIC and the EU Delegation in Montenegro and in cooperation with the Montenegrin Pan-European Union. The target groups were students and young people interested in this topic.



9. Guest lectures

• **12.2.2018.** Podgorica, Lecture "The current moment in the process of European integration of Montenegro", at the School of Democratic Leadership, NGO Civic Alliance, Podgorica; Lecturer: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **17.2.2018.** Pristina, International Conference of the Pan-European Union of Kosovo, Lecture on the topic: Setting the Right Path for Good Neighborly Relations, Kosovo's Pan European Union, Pristina, Kosovo; Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **8.6.2018.** Budva, Exhibition "European Perspective and the Western Balkans" at the international conference "European Perspective of the Western Balkans within the Berlin Process: Youth Co-operation - RYCO (Regional Office for Youth Cooperation)", Robert Schumann Institute, Ministry of Sports, Budva; Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **25.6.2018.** Podgorica, presentation at the panel of the UN and the Ministry of Public Administration on the occasion of the Public Administration Day, Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **4.7.2018.** Podgorica, Panel of European Integration Office and UNDP dedicated to marking 6 years of negotiations, Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **4.9.2018.** Gusinje, Regional Euro-Atlantic Camp - REACT 2018, Lecture and debate with youth from the region: "Perspective of Montenegro's membership in the EU - Agenda 2025"; Lecturer: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **5.9.2018.** Podgorica, University of Montenegro, Faculty of Economics, Fifth International ASECU Scientific Conference on "Social and Economic Impacts of Globalization and the Future of the European Union", introduction speech on plenary session: Djurovic G., Montenegro's Main Economic and Social Changes on its Way to the European Union ";

• **13.9.2018**. Tivat, Presentation / lecture on topics: 1. EU accession and enlargement; 2. Foreign and Security Policy Architecture in Europe, School for Young Politicians - How Europe Works - introductory seminar for young politicians, in the organization of Wilfred Martens Center, Brussels; Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **5-7.10.2018.** Petrovac, KAS seminar for political parties, three blocks, "Political Aspects of the European Integration Process, Economic Aspects of the European Integration Process and the EU Perspective", Petrovac; Lecturer: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **13.11.2018.** Podgorica, Erasmus +, Info day, Erasmus plus national office, Podgorica - presentation of experiences with Jean Monnet projects; Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic • **11.29.2018.** Brussels, Jean Monnet Kick-off meeting, European Commission, EACEA, Brussels (presentation of this year's Jean Monnet projects), Brussels, Belgium; Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

• **12.3.2018.** COSAP - Conference of Parliamentary Committees for European Integration / Activities of States covered by the Stabilization and Association Process of South East Europe (COSAP), panel discussion: "Is there a border to the European Union - process and possibilities for enlargement", Parliament of Montenegro, Podgorica; Presenter: prof. Dr. Gordana Djurovic

10. Media

• Interview on TVCG, political talk show, "Replica", **Đurović Gordana** topic: Analysis of the new enlargement strategy for the Western Balkans, **February 5, 2018**

• Interview on TV 777, the MPEU project manager, **Lađić Teodora**, in order to promote published work in an international journal, to discuss current European and Montenegrin topics, as well as to present the work of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union; **February 6, 2018**.

• Interview on TV Al Jazeera, **Đurovic Gordana**, "The countries of the region must respond positively and quickly to the EU Strategy", **March 28, 2018**

• Hosting on TVCG, political talk show, "Replica", **Đurović Gordana**, Demographic trends in Montenegro, **April 2, 2018**.

• Interview on TV AL Jazzera, program "Context**"**, **Đurović G.** Subject: "The response of the countries of the region to the EU quotas for steel imports**"**, **June 24**, **2018**

• Hosting on TVCG, foreign policy program "Focus", **Đurović Gordana,** About BREXIT, **October 24, 2018.**

11. Website and social networks

- PEU Crna Gora <u>www.panevropa.me</u> (on Montenegrin and English)
- Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/cpaneu/</u>
- Twiter <u>https://twitter.com/cpaneu</u>
- Instagram <u>https://www.instagram.com/ cpeu/</u>
- Linkedin <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/crnogorska-panevropska-unija-049247135/</u>
- International PEU <u>http://international-paneuropean-union.eu/#</u>