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I Activities in the Implementation of the Smart Balkans Project “Advantages of the Berlin Process in Comparison to Alternative Regional Initiatives: Recommendations for Montenegro” September 2023 – August 2024

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union is implementing the project “Advantages of the Berlin Process in Comparison to Alternative Regional Initiatives: Recommendations for Montenegro”, with the support of the regional SMART Balkans Project, funded by the Government of Norway.

The project implementation period is from **September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024.**

The general objective of the project is to examine the advantages of the Berlin Process in comparison to alternative regional initiatives (political, economic, security aspects, impact on the dynamics of EU integration, links with EU pre-accession support—particularly the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and the Connectivity Agenda, etc.) and to formulate recommendations for policymakers and other stakeholders in Montenegro and the region.

1. First Thematic Seminar: “Regional Cooperation, the Berlin Process and Security Issues” – April 4, 2024, Hotel Podgorica (09:00–11:30)

This thematic seminar focused on the security aspects of regional integration. The results of expert research in this area were presented, while introductory speakers and panelists provided professional opinions, analyses, and evaluations.

The seminar contributed to a deeper analysis of the security implications in the region, initiatives related to security within the Berlin Process, and a critical perspective on other alternative regional initiatives from a security standpoint. Potential threats and risks were identified, and recommendations for key stakeholders were presented, developed at this stage of the research.

Participants included: representatives of the Police Directorate of Montenegro, the National Security Agency, the Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces of Montenegro, representatives of embassies, international organizations, academia, students, and the civil sector.

Speakers at the first thematic seminar were:

- Žana Špadijer, Head of the Directorate for International Cooperation, Defense Policy Directorate, Ministry of Defense

- Sergej Mučalica, Director General of the Directorate for International Cooperation, Ministry of Interior
- Prof. Dr. Mehmedin Tahirović (presentation of research findings)
- Prof. Dr. Srđan Darmanović, University of Montenegro, Faculty of Political Science
- Admiral Dragan Samardžić, Atlantic Council of Montenegro
- Introductory speaker and facilitator – Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović



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2. Second Thematic Seminar: “The Berlin Process and Alternative Regional Initiatives from the Perspective of Economic Cooperation and Trade: Montenegro’s Position” – April 4, 2024, Hotel Podgorica (12:30–15:30)

The second thematic seminar focused on the Berlin Process and alternative regional initiatives from the standpoint of economic cooperation and trade, with particular attention to Montenegro’s position. A draft research study with recommendations for policymakers in this field was also presented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milica Muhadinović.

Speakers at the second thematic seminar were:

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milica Muhadinović (presentation of research findings)
- Ms. Ivona Savičević, Acting Director General, Directorate for International Cooperation, European Integration and Implementation of EU Funds, Ministry of Economic Development
- Ravle Radovanović, Vice President, Chamber of Economy of Montenegro
- Vesna Daković, Montenegro Business Alliance (MBA)
- Introductory speaker and facilitator – Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović



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3. Third Thematic Seminar: “Montenegro’s Position in Regional Integration: Tourism and Mobility” – April 12, 2024, Hotel Podgorica (09:00–11:30)

This seminar focused on tourism and mobility in the context of regional integration, and on how initiatives under the Berlin Process could contribute to improving these policies. In other words, the seminar aimed to enhance understanding of the impact of regional integration on the tourism sector and labor mobility in a regional context.

Key topics discussed included the development of sustainable tourism and the challenges of mobility, including effects on the labor market and education policies. The expected debate contributed to the development of policy recommendations in this area.

This approach enabled consideration of the potential benefits and challenges of integration in the tourism and mobility sectors, as well as exploration of how these sectors can contribute to broader regional development and connectivity, while taking into account Montenegro’s specific circumstances and economic position.

Participants included: experts in tourism and mobility, representatives of tourism organizations and employment agencies, stakeholders from the tourism industry, embassies, the civil sector, and academia.

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Olivera Blagojević, Ministry of Tourism, Ecology, Sustainable Development and Development of the North

- Prof. Dr. Rade Ratković, Project Expert, Faculty of Business and Tourism, Adriatic University
- Prof. Dr. Ivo Županović, Faculty of Business and Tourism, Budva, Adriatic University
- Ms. Gorana Bubanja, Employment Agency of Montenegro
- Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, introductory speaker and panel facilitator



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4. Fourth Thematic Seminar: “Montenegro’s Position in Regional Integration: Agriculture and Local Community Development” – April 12, 2024, Hotel Podgorica (12:30–15:30)

The seminar focused on the potential of agricultural production and the sustainability of rural and local communities in the context of regional economic integration, with particular emphasis on initiatives for further integration and liberalization under the Berlin Process.

It served as a platform for exchanging knowledge and experiences on sustainable agricultural development within the framework of regional cooperation and integration, contributing to the creation of effective approaches to support farmers and strengthen local communities.

Speakers:

- Miroslav Cimbalević, Director General of the Directorate for Agriculture and Head of the Negotiating Working Group for Chapter 11 (introductory remarks)
- Prof. Dr. Milan Marković, Project Expert (presentation of research findings)
- Đorđije Goranović, Goranović Meat Industry, Nikšić (panelist, food industry producer and exporter)
- Ms. Aleksandra Kapetanović, Expeditio, Kotor (panelist)
- Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, introductory speaker and panel facilitator



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5. Final Conference – “The Berlin Process and Regional Cooperation: Challenges, Opportunities and Recommendations for Montenegro” – July 5, 2024, Hotel Podgorica, Podgorica

The conference was opened by Prof. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union; Dr. Filip Ivanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro; H.E. Kristin Melsom, Ambassador of Norway to Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro; and Dajana Cvjetković, representative of the Center for the Promotion of Civil Society and project manager.

“The project of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union affirms the importance of regional cooperation, particularly in the context of the inclusive Berlin Process initiative, situating it within the current phase of European integration in which Montenegro finds itself in July 2024. Montenegro is obliged to further strengthen regional cooperation and good neighborly relations, for which it has always been recognized both in the region and in Europe. The result of several months of research by the project team is published in an electronic publication, containing a large number of recommendations for decision-makers on how to further strengthen Montenegro’s position on the path of integration and consider the next steps in all key aspects of regional cooperation—security, mobility, tourism, agriculture, economic cooperation and trade,” emphasized Prof. Đurović, President of the CPEU.

Panel I – “A Decade of the Berlin Process: Achievements and Perspectives for Montenegro and the Region”

Participants: Dr. Filip Ivanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro; H.E. Peter Felten, Ambassador of Germany to Montenegro; and H.E. Kristin Melsom, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway to Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro.

Panel II – “Analyzing Regional Integration through the Lens of the Berlin Process: Economy, Tourism, Agriculture and Security”

This panel was dedicated to presenting the research study by the project team, with a focus on critical analysis and highlighting the advantages of the Berlin Process compared to alternative regional initiatives lacking inclusivity (such as the Open Balkan). Concrete recommendations for decision-makers in Montenegro were presented. The panel covered different aspects of regional cooperation through the Berlin Process, including economy and trade, tourism and labor mobility, agriculture and rural community development, as well as security. Parts of the research were presented by Prof. Dr. Rade Ratković, Prof. Dr. Milan Marković, Prof. Dr. Mehmedin Tahirović, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milica Muhadinović, and Dr. Martin Bojaj.

Panel III – “Analyzing Regional Cooperation and Integration through the Lens of the Berlin Process: Dialogue with Civil Society”

Participants included representatives of various organizations and institutions: Milica Perišić, Coordinator of the Working Team for Coordination of Activities within the Berlin Process, Office of the Prime Minister of Montenegro; Dajana Cvjetković, Center for the Promotion of Civil Society, Sarajevo (coordinator of the consortium implementing the regional Smart Balkans program); Pavle Radovanović, Vice President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro; Mišela Manojlović, Secretary General of the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro; and Edin Koljenović, Head of the RYCO Office in Montenegro.

Final Session

The concluding block was dedicated to summarizing the key recommendations for Montenegro in the context of strengthening regional cooperation, affirming the Berlin Process, and reinforcing the policy of good neighborly relations on the path of European integration. These were presented by Prof. Gordana Đurović, on behalf of the project team of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union.

The conference offered a series of concrete recommendations and solutions that can be useful to Montenegrin policymakers in enhancing regional and good neighborly cooperation, with a focus on strengthening Montenegro's position and accelerating its EU integration path.





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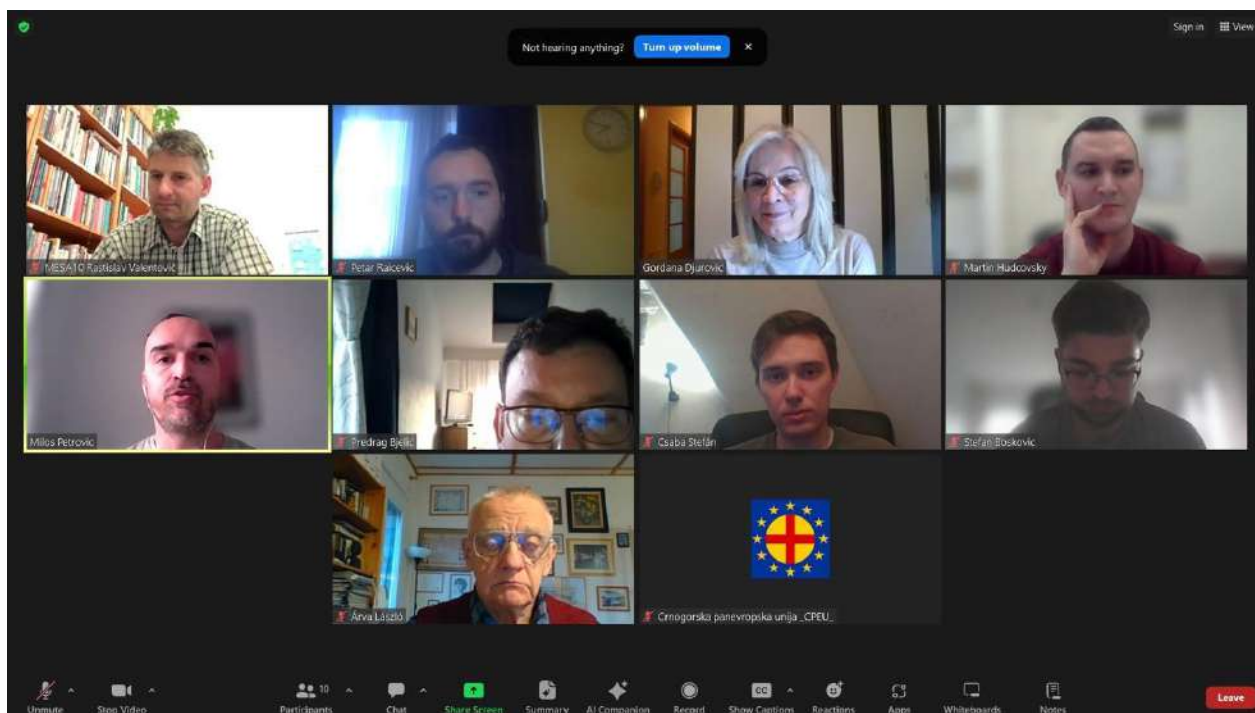
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II. Activities in the Implementation of the Visegrad Fund Project “The Visegrad Group Supports Montenegro and Serbia in the Preparation for EU Regional Policy”

1. Online Meeting of the Research Team within the Visegrad Fund Project



The online meeting of the research team was held on January 16, 2024. Participants included Prof. Gordana Đurović, Stefan Bošković, Petar Raičević, Árvai László, Stéfán Csaba, Martin Hudcovský, Miloš Petrović, Predrag Bjelić, and Rastislav Valentinovič.

The meeting started at 16:00 and was opened by the research team coordinator, Prof. Gordana Đurović. She welcomed all participants and expressed her satisfaction with the gathering of the team members. She then moved on to the topic of the e-book structure, underlining the importance of organizing the chapters. She presented the basic guidelines for how the book would be structured and highlighted the key aspects to be addressed in different chapters.

One of the key pieces of information provided by Prof. Đurović was the deadline for the first draft of the e-book, which was set for the end of February. This was emphasized as important for ensuring timely preparation and evaluation of the content prior to presenting the publication.

During the meeting, researchers had the opportunity to share updates on their work and project progress. Previous activities were reviewed, and questions and suggestions for improvement were raised. This provided a platform for exchanging ideas among team members and ensured alignment with the overall project goals.

It was agreed that the next online meeting would take place on February 20, 2024, which would serve as an opportunity for further discussion, progress evaluation, and agreement on the next steps in project implementation.

2. First Activity within the Visegrad Fund Project: Two-Day Workshop

“Montenegro’s Preparations for EU Regional Policy” – Bar, May 17–18, 2024

On May 17-18, 2024, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union organized a two-day workshop in Bar entitled “Montenegro’s Preparations for EU Regional Policy.” This activity was part of the project “Visegrad Group Supports Montenegro and Serbia in the Preparation for EU Regional Policy” and brought together Pan-European enthusiasts, professors, representatives of ministries and local governments, as well as students.



The workshop aimed to provide a comprehensive overview and exchange of experiences on Montenegro’s preparations for adopting and implementing EU regional policy. Participants engaged in interactive sessions and discussions that addressed various challenges Montenegro faces in following the European path and aligning with the latest trends in regional policy.

Speakers shared their knowledge and experiences on the implementation of EU policies, with a particular focus on pre-accession support instruments in the areas of infrastructure, regional development, and agriculture. In addition, they presented the results of a survey conducted among beneficiaries and institutional representatives, designed to identify the key challenges and opportunities in using these instruments.

Special attention was given to Serbia's comparative experience in these areas, providing participants with a broader perspective. The workshop also offered opportunities for networking and exchange of ideas among participants, further enriching the quality of discussions and conclusions.

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3. Second Activity within the Visegrad Fund Project: International Conference

“EU Regional Policy: Knowledge Exchange, Lessons Learned and Visegrad Group Recommendations for Montenegro and Serbia” – Podgorica, Hotel Ramada, June 7, 2024

On June 7, 2024, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union organized an international conference entitled “EU Regional Policy: Knowledge Exchange, Lessons Learned and Visegrad Group Recommendations for Montenegro and Serbia” at Hotel Ramada in Podgorica. This conference was part of the project funded by the Visegrad Fund.

The conference was structured into three panels. Opening remarks were delivered by Prof. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union; Maida Gorčević, Minister of European Affairs; and Kateřina Šrámková, representative of the Visegrad Fund.

Panel I featured H.E. Boris Gandel, Ambassador of Slovakia; H.E. Janina Hrebickova, Ambassador of the Czech Republic; and H.E. Jozsef Negyesi, Ambassador of Hungary, together with Minister Maida Gorčević. The panel was moderated by Prof. Gordana Đurović. The discussion focused on regional cooperation and EU policy from a diplomatic perspective.



Panel II was dedicated to the experiences and recommendations of representatives of the Visegrad Group, all EU member states. Panelists included: Prof. Dr. Martin Hudcovský (Bratislava, Slovakia), Dr. Sándor Csengodi (Budapest, Hungary), Dr. Martyna Gliniecka (Warsaw, Poland), and Karel Šal (Prague, Czech Republic). The panel was moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milica Muhadinović.

Panel III, entitled “Montenegro and Serbia: EU Regional Policy and Accession Preparations in the Era of EU 30+”, brought together the following panelists: Irena Bošković (Ministry of European Affairs), Prof. Dr. Miloš Petrović (Belgrade), Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Milošević (Belgrade), Genc Pollo (Pan-European Union Albania), and Andrej Lepavcov (Pan-European Union North Macedonia). The panel was moderated by Ms. Nina Perunović.

At the conference, the results of the research and the e-book were presented, marking the conclusion of the entire project. The e-book is available

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Opening remarks by Minister Maida Gorčević: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKrebyU-E6U>

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III. Seminar of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation “Let’s Talk About Europe: Political, Economic and Security Challenges”

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union, in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, organized a seminar in Petrovac at Hotel Palas entitled “Let’s Talk About Europe: Political, Economic and Security Challenges.” The seminar was held from March 22 to 24, 2024.



At the opening session, the following addressed the participants:

- Maida Gorčević, Minister of European Affairs, Government of Montenegro
- Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and former Minister of European Affairs
- Sanija Šljivančanin, Head of the KAS Foundation Office in Montenegro

The participants of the seminar included young representatives of political parties, KAS scholarship holders, and students.

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<https://panevropa.me/cpeu-kas-seminar-hajde-da-razgovaramo-o-evropi-politicki-ekonomski-i-bezbjednosni-izazovi-odrzan-u-petrovcu-u-periodu-od-22-24-marta-2024-godine/>

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IV. Seminar of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and the Hanns Seidel Foundation - “Ten Years of the Berlin Process: Achievements and Challenges” – Petrovac, May 22–24, 2024

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union, in cooperation with the Hanns Seidel Foundation, organized a seminar entitled “Ten Years of the Berlin Process: Achievements and Challenges.” The seminar was held at Hotel Palas in Petrovac from May 22 to 24, 2024.



The event gathered senior undergraduate and master’s students, as well as young representatives of Montenegrin political parties.

Opening remarks were delivered by:

- Dr. Klaus Fiesinger, Regional Director for Southeast Europe, Hanns Seidel Foundation
- Dr. Predrag Zenović, Chief Negotiator of Montenegro with the EU

- Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union

Dr. Predrag Zenović also participated as a panelist on the first day of the seminar, where he spoke about the achievements of the Berlin Process in supporting Montenegro's European integration process and regional initiatives.

Throughout the seminar, participants had the opportunity to hear inspiring lectures from experts across various fields:

- Mr. Marko Savić, Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro – “10 Years of the Berlin Process: Regional Cooperation and Integration from the Montenegrin Perspective”
- Dr. Milan Marković, University of Montenegro – “The Berlin Process and the Action Plan for the Common Regional Market: The Perspective of Montenegrin Agriculture and Its Export Potential”
- Ms. Andrea Popović, Executive Director, European Affairs Network – “The Berlin Process and Other Regional Initiatives: Youth Policy and Youth Employability”
- Prof. Dr. Rade Ratković, Faculty of Business and Tourism, Budva – “The Berlin Process and Labor Mobility in Montenegro: Contributions and Recommendations”
- Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović – “The Berlin Process and the New Growth Plan for the Western Balkans”

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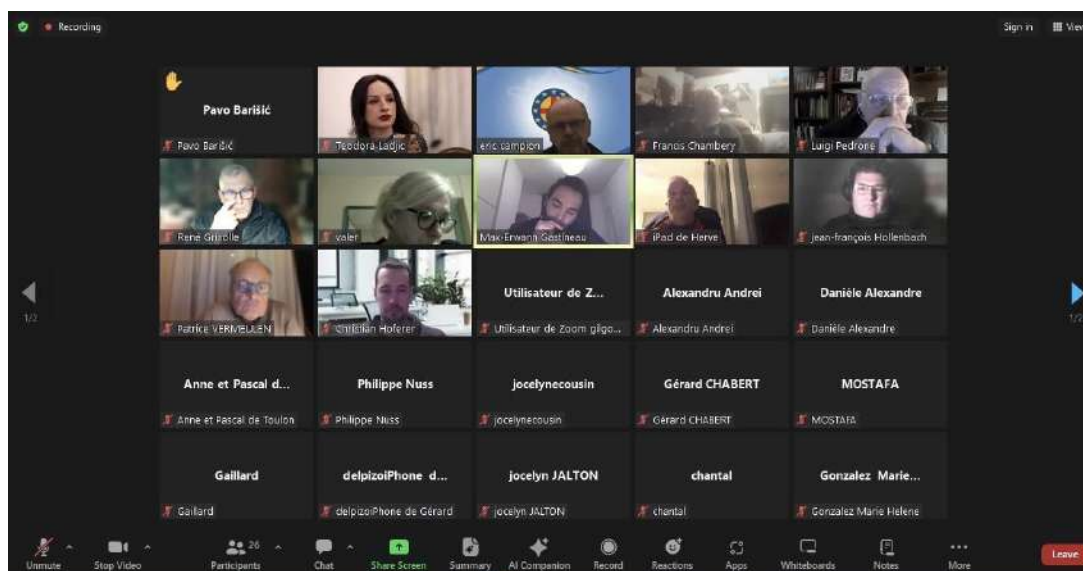
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V. Additional Activities

1. Thematic Videoconference: “Pour un pôle européen dans un monde multipolaire” – January 18, 2024

Teodora Ladić, member of the Presidency of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union (CPEU) and CPEU Youth Secretary, together with Mr. Rajko Uskoković, Vice President of the CPEU, participated in the thematic videoconference “Pour un pôle européen dans un monde multipolaire” organized on January 18, 2024, by the French Pan-European Union.

The moderator of the conference was Max-Erwan Gastineau, political scientist and columnist, who opened the event by underlining the importance of reflecting on Europe’s role within the broader framework of global order.



The central theme was the need to create a strong and independent European position in an increasingly multipolar world, where various powers and regions are becoming more relevant global players. The conference explored ways in which Europe could achieve greater autonomy and independence, particularly in the context of persistent U.S. dominance in world affairs.

One of the key conclusions emphasized was the importance of strengthening Europe’s geopolitical position in the face of shifting global dynamics.

2. International Conference: “The Next Major Enlargement of the European Union – Contribution to Peace and Stability in Europe” – Skopje, January 26–28, 2024

More than 70 participants from ten European countries—including representatives of Pan-European organizations, the diplomatic corps, and academia—took part in the international conference “The Next Major Enlargement of the European Union – Contribution to Peace and Stability in Europe.” The event was held in Skopje from January 26 to 28, 2024, organized by the Macedonian Pan-European Union.

In light of dynamic challenges and the need to strengthen cooperation among Western Balkan countries, Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, highlighted the crucial importance of the Berlin Process. She noted that the CPEU, within the project supported by the regional SMART Balkans Program, is analyzing the advantages of the Berlin Process in comparison to alternative regional initiatives, emphasizing its ability to provide a more sustainable framework for strengthening cooperation and integration in the Western Balkans.



Other notable speakers included: Alain Terrenoire, President of the International Pan-European Union; Prof. Dr. Sc. Pavo Barišić, Secretary General of the International Pan-European Union and President of the Croatian Pan-European Union; Dr. Sc. Andrej Lepavcov, President of the Macedonian Pan-European Union; Prof. Dr. Sc. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union; Alexandru Nazare, President of the Romanian Pan-European Union; Walburga Habsburg Douglas, Vice President of the International Pan-European Union; Patrick Voller, International Secretary of the European People’s Party; former Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov; former Macedonian Prime Minister Emil Dimitriev; among many others.

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4. President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union Elected as One of 131 Honorary “Members from Enlargement Countries” of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

The title of “Candidate for Enlargement Member” is an honorary designation that demonstrates support and recognition for representatives of civil society in EU candidate countries, without granting them formal membership status in the EESC.



Honorary EESC members from enlargement countries will:

- Participate in the entire process of drafting selected EESC opinions – from study groups (where they may contribute, understand, analyze, and comment on proposals), to section meetings and plenary sessions, which conclude the process of developing EESC opinions;
- Contribute to the preparation of several selected EESC opinions (legislative, exploratory, or self-initiated) on topics where their participation is particularly relevant—such as important legislative opinions related to enlargement, opinions on issues of Pan-European and global importance, and key general EESC opinions;

- Take part in a special enlargement plenary session, which will review the implementation of the initiative and, at the same time, serve as an opportunity to carry out a “substantive civil society check” on the state of human rights and democracy in enlargement countries, as well as to assess the conditions for civil society in EU candidate countries.

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5. Forum: “Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina: How Does the Decarbonization Process Shape Our Future?” – Budva, February 19–20, 2024

On February 19–20, 2024, the forum “Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina: How Does the Decarbonization Process Shape Our Future?” was held in Budva (Hotel Avala). The event was organized by the Youth Initiative for Human Rights together with the Schools of Political Studies of Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as part of the projects:

- “Improving Energy Efficiency through the Work of the Green Parliamentary Group” (supported by the Ministry of Mining and Energy), and
- “Capacity Development of Western Balkans Green Parliamentary Groups in the Field of Energy and Sustainable Urban Mobility” (supported by the German development agency GIZ).



The forum gathered parliamentarians from Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina who advocate for issues related to the Green Agenda, energy efficiency, and environmental protection, aiming to contribute more effectively to addressing these crucial challenges through joint cooperation.

Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović actively participated in the panel discussion on the new enlargement methodology and the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans. Her remarks focused on the process of decarbonization, with particular emphasis on its importance for countries such as Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Drawing on her expertise and extensive experience, Prof. Đurović provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities these countries face in pursuing a sustainable energy future.

More information available at: <https://sps.gamn.org/partnerstvo-crne-gore-i-bosne-i-hercegovine-za-odrzivu-energetsku-tranziciju/>

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6. Conference: “Perspectives of the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans and Strengthening the Berlin Process” – Belgrade, February 21, 2024

The President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, participated in the conference “Perspectives of the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans and Strengthening the Berlin Process.”

The conference was held in Belgrade on February 21, 2024, organized by the Center for Foreign Policy and the Hanns Seidel Foundation, under the title “Perspectives of the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans and Strengthening the Berlin Process.”

Participants at the conference on the perspectives of growth for the Western Balkans agreed that the European Union is committed to the development of this part of Europe, with new opportunities emerging for countries seeking to advance on their European integration path.



Taking part in the panel “The Growth Plan for the Western Balkans – Perspectives and Challenges,” Prof. Dr. Đurović highlighted key strategies and guidelines that could contribute to the region’s economic development. Focusing on issues of infrastructure, investment, and regional cooperation, she emphasized the importance of a joint approach in tackling challenges and achieving goals. Her contribution was essential in outlining concrete steps toward improving economic stability and enhancing the competitiveness of the Western Balkans in the global context.

The video recording of the conference is available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnHGInvdit4>

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8. President of the CPEU, Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, at the Workshop within the Project “Promoting Evidence-Based Public Discussion About the Opportunities and Challenges of the Regional Open Balkan Initiative”

On March 21–22, 2024, a workshop was held at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics, as part of the project “Promoting Evidence-Based Public Discussion About the Opportunities and Challenges of the Regional Open Balkan Initiative” supported and funded by the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade.



On the first day, March 21 at 14:00, a panel discussion entitled “Open Questions and Dilemmas about the Open Balkan Initiative” took place in the Faculty’s Professors’ Hall. The panel was moderated by Dr. Aleksandra Đorđević and Dr. Nemanja Vuksanović (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics), while the panelists were Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović (University of Montenegro – Faculty of Economics) and Prof. Dr. Radovan Kovačević (University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics).

The President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, in her analysis of the advantages of the Berlin Process, emphasized its ability to foster dialogue, facilitate economic integration, and promote mutual understanding among Western Balkan countries. At the same time, she did not omit the challenges posed by the Open Balkan initiative, pointing to the complexity of the political situation and the need for decisive action to overcome regional divides and advance towards European integration. Her engaged approach provided a deeper perspective on both the benefits and challenges of these initiatives, offering valuable insights into the pathways toward a more stable and prosperous future for the Balkans.

Representing the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, Sara Leković, along with master’s students from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro—Sara Saveljić and Jovana Jagetić—actively participated and enriched the discussion with their contributions.

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9. First Debate between Representatives of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and Civil Society in Montenegro – Podgorica, April 17, 2024

On April 17, 2024, in Podgorica, the first debate was held between representatives of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and Montenegrin civil society on the topic of the capacity of enlargement countries to prepare for EU cohesion policy.



Representatives of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union presented two of their ongoing projects dedicated to regional cooperation and EU cohesion policy:

- “The Advantages of the Berlin Process in Comparison to Alternative Regional Initiatives: Recommendations for Montenegro” – part of the SMART Balkans Project supported by the Government of Norway, and
- “EU Regional Policy and Its Challenges in the Visegrad Group Countries: Recommendations for Montenegro and Serbia” – supported by the Visegrad Fund.

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10. Conference: “Reform of the European Union Enlargement Policy and Challenges for Montenegro” – Podgorica, May 31, 2024

On May 31, 2024, a conference entitled “Reform of the European Union Enlargement Policy and Challenges for Montenegro” was held at the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (CANU) in Podgorica.



In the opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, stressed that there is no alternative to EU membership and that Montenegro must seize the opportunity it has been given, as the individual approach will not be repeated. She emphasized that the key risks and threats include the rise of populism, the undermining of the civic state concept, and growing ethnic distance.

Academician Veselin Vukotić, President of the CANU Committee on Economic Sciences, Demography and Anthropology, also addressed the audience, noting that he does not even want to imagine a scenario where Montenegro fails to join the EU. On the contrary, he stated it would be ideal for this to happen as soon as possible so that Montenegrin society can keep pace with global social, economic, and technological trends.

The conference featured three panels with contributions from:

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nikoleta Đukanović

- Prof. Dr. Jadranka Kaluđerović
- Mr. Bojan Božović
- Prof. Dr. Rade Ratković
- Prof. Dr. Mehmedin Tahirović
- Prof. Dr. Predrag Bjelić
- Dr. Goran Jovetić
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milica Muhadinović

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11. Conference: “France, the European Union and Nuclear Deterrence” – June 27, 2024

On June 27, 2024, Rajko Uskoković, Vice President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, participated in a high-level videoconference organized by Paneuropa France, focused on the role of nuclear deterrence in French and European security policy.

The discussion brought together experts from France, Italy, Belgium, and Spain, who examined France’s nuclear capabilities and their strategic significance for European defense. The geopolitical landscape and the security challenges faced by the EU were central topics, as participants debated the future of European defense policy in an era of shifting global power dynamics.

Representing Montenegro and the CPEU, Uskoković provided insights into Montenegro’s security perspectives, the role of NATO in the region, and the importance of European defense cooperation for smaller states.

12. Preparatory Civil Society Forum and Think Tank Forum – Skopje, North Macedonia, July 9–11, 2024

From July 9 to 11, 2024, the Southeast Europe Association and the Aspen Institute Germany, with the generous support of the German Federal Foreign Office, hosted the 2024 Preparatory Civil Society Forum and Think Tank Forum in Skopje, North Macedonia.



Representatives of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović and Petar Raičević, participated in the event through discussions and contributions to the recommendations of several working groups. They also presented part of the CPEU's research on the Berlin Process, supported by the SMART Balkans project.

This was the first of two major events in 2024, leading up to the Main Forum in Berlin in mid-October. Both gatherings will mark the 10th anniversary of the Berlin Process, a vital platform for fostering cooperation and integration in the Western Balkans.

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13. Conference: “On the Topic of European Digital Sovereignty” – October 15, 2024

As part of the ongoing dialogue on Europe's technological and digital future, Rajko Uskoković, Vice President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, participated in a videoconference held on October 15, 2024, organized by Paneuropa France.

The conference brought together representatives from France, Italy, Belgium, and Spain, who discussed the concept of European digital sovereignty—a key issue in the context of intensifying global competition in the technology sector.

Discussions focused on Europe's ability to maintain technological independence, protect digital infrastructure, and compete with global technology giants. Participants debated the importance of data security, regulation of artificial intelligence (AI), and the EU's strategy for digital innovation.

From a Montenegrin perspective, Uskoković highlighted the challenges faced by smaller states in integrating into the European digital framework, as well as the need for a comprehensive EU-level strategy to strengthen digital resilience and competitiveness.

14. Annual International Conference of the Croatian Pan-European Union: “Europe's Mission in the Global Order of Peace” – Split and Sinj, October 25–27, 2024

Prof. Dr. Gordana Đurović, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, and Radovan Ognjenović, member of the CPEU Youth Presidency, spoke at the Annual International Conference of the Croatian Pan-European Union, entitled “Europe's Mission in the Global Order of Peace.”



The conference was held from October 25 to 27, 2024, in Split and Sinj, bringing together representatives of Pan-European organizations as well as institutions from Croatia and across Europe. Participants included representatives from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, France, Croatia, Italy, Hungary, Germany, Romania, North Macedonia, and Ukraine.

This significant event served as a platform for exchanging ideas on Europe's future role in maintaining global peace and stability. Discussions addressed geopolitical challenges, security policies, and Europe's responsibility in the emerging global order.

Representing Montenegro and the CPEU, Đurović and Ognjenović emphasized the importance of regional cooperation in strengthening European unity and the role of smaller states in contributing to a peaceful and stable Europe.

15. 19th Meeting of the EU–Montenegro Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for Civil Society – Brussels, November 27, 2024

The 19th meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for Civil Society between the European Union and Montenegro took place in Brussels on November 27, 2024.



Details available here: <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/mt/agenda/our-events/events/19th-meeting-eu-montenegro-joint-consultative-committee>

VI. Publications

“Advantages of the Berlin Process in Comparison to Alternative Regional Initiatives: Recommendations for Montenegro”

link: <https://panevropa.me/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SMART-BALKANS-e-knjiga-25.08.2024-FINAL.pdf>

“The EU Regional Policy and Regional Policy Challenges in Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovak Republic, Montenegro and Serbia”

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VII. Interviews and TV Debates

Interviews and Online Commentary

15/01/2024 – Gordana Đurović, Radio Free Europe (RFE/RL)

Topic: The unresolved maritime border issue between Croatia and Montenegro

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31/01/2024 – Gordana Đurović, Pobjeda

Topic: Conclusions from the EU–Montenegro Intergovernmental Conference

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21/05/2024 – Gordana Đurović, TV Nova M

Topic: Independence Day

Available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9_CkYdMeQE

TV Programs and Debates

- **18/01/2024 – Gordana Đurović, TV E – debate program “Odgovor”**
Topic: *“Open Issues with Neighbors on Montenegro’s Path to Integration”*
[YouTube link](#)
- **22/01/2024 – Gordana Đurović, TV Vijesti – program “Direktno”**
Topic: *“What Strains Relations between Montenegro and Regional Countries?”*
[YouTube link](#)
- **29/01/2024 – Gordana Đurović, TV E – news program “24 sata”**
Topic: *Conclusions from the EU–Montenegro Intergovernmental Conference*
[YouTube link](#)
- **17/04/2024 – Gordana Đurović, RTCG – morning program “Dobro jutro Crna Goro”**
[Watch here](#)
- **13/06/2024 – Gordana Đurović, TV E – news program “24 sata”**
Topic: *“What Does IBAR Mean for Montenegro?”*
[YouTube link](#)
- **16/06/2024 – Gordana Đurović, Gradska RTV Podgorica – program “Intervju”**
Topic: *“What Does a Positive IBAR Bring to Montenegro and What’s Next on the EU Path?”*
[YouTube link](#)
- **03/07/2024 – Gordana Đurović, TV Vijesti – program “Reflektor”**
Topic: *“Can the Jasenovac Resolution Threaten Montenegro’s EU Path?”*
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The Montenegrin Pan-European Union continues to work on its key purpose, which is **to implement European standards and promote European democratic values in Montenegro**. The Montenegrin Pan-European Union is one of the youngest member organizations of the International Pan-European Union that works to promote and achieve objectives outlined in the Strasbourg Declaration of the International Pan-European Union of 1974 and 1995. MPEU aims to preserve and improve good neighbourly relations with the countries in the region, as well as to develop friendship and cooperation with the EU Member States and other countries. Also, MPEU works towards enhancing the cultural, scientific, technical and economic cooperation and exchanges between Montenegro and other countries.

The organizational structure of the MPEU consists of the Presidency and the Youth Presidency which meet on a quarterly basis to discuss past activities and make plans for the coming period. At the same time, the MPEU holds the door open for all people willing to help work and achieve the goals of the MPEU through their **volunteer engagement**.