

## *Anticorruption activities in Montenegro*

Parliament of Republic of Montenegro passed, in August 2001, Law on Public Procurement, as one of the most important anticorruption legal acts.

Also, system of following regulations based on law has been finished.

Main goal of the Law is to introduce transparent public procurement of goods by the Government, because in this area corruption was present.

Parliament of Republic of Montenegro passed, in August 2001, The Budgetary Law, according to which Central state treasury will be implemented in Ministry of finance, and through all flow of money will be realized. Introduction of DM as legal tender in Montenegro monetary stability has been provided. Monetary stability is main precondition for budgetary control, which is not possible under inflation, because planned budget cannot be compared with realized at the end of the year. Difference between real and nominal values in Budget can be and it is source for insufficient control and possible corruption.

In Program of Government of Montenegro, as one of the priorities of the Agency for anticorruption initiative, is Law on conflict of interests and Code of Ethics. These laws are especially important in small society, as Montenegro is, where same people have covered lot of functions.

As part of reform of legal and judiciary system, key point belongs to new Law on Courts, Law on Public Prosecutor, and activities on reform in Criminal Law have been started. This is part of reform in judiciary system.

Government of Montenegro adopted the Program of reducing informal economy. Process of transition from informal to formal economy has been started.

As part of activities on establishment the new custom system, special antimuggling unit has been formed. Custom tariffs are very common for users (traders).

Also, establishment of special Team for reducing corruption has been planned. Team should be consisted of representatives from the Government, NGO's, and relevant international organizations and institutions as well.

As part of making legal regulations, which means involvement from NGO's, Law on Police has been drafted, and also Law on conflict of interests will be drafted. Involvement of non-government organizations is highly important in this process.

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There are two important things:

1. NGO – establishment of independent groups and organizations, which work as interests groups and make a pressure, is highly important in anticorruption processes and establishment of market economy.
2. Political parties – this is completely nontransparent area. Way of financing of political parties is not transparent. Who finance political parties and how? How much money some interest groups and individual can invest into political parties so they can make a pressure and influence them and realize their own interests.
3. Reform of administration and its modernization and opening. How administration works? How it makes decisions?
4. New economic system: building of new open economic system.
5. Transparency!