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PROJECT MONTHLY REPORT (April 2006)

A. SUMMARY PROJECT INFORMATION

- **Title:** “Strengthening Capacities of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning to Deal with Problems of Environmental Management”
- **Thematic Area:** Democratic Governance
- **Executing Agency:** Capacity Development Programme
- **Location:** Montenegro/Serbia and Montenegro
- **Duration:** August 15th 2005 – June 15th 2006
- **Total Budget:** \$462, 507.50 USD

Objectives of the project: Project will throughout its implementation address some of the most pressing capacity gaps of environmental management in Montenegro in the context of regional cooperation and EU integration. Therefore, it aims to assist the Ministry to develop structures, strategies, human resources, and management skills needed to strengthen its policy, regulatory and administrative capacity to be able to fully adopt, implement and comply with the EU Acquis.

B. PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF RESULTS

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

- The workshop titled “Strategic assessment of impact on environment – concept presentation” was held on April 13, 2006. There was 21 participant in the workshop from Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning, Ministry for Agriculture, Forest and Water Management, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Transport and from five Montenegrin Municipalities (Pljevlja, Bijelo Polje, Podgorica, Kotor and Niksic). According to the project action plan, the project team will continue to provide support in this field. A follow-up workshop “Strategic assessment of impact on environment for Ministries, municipalities, investors, and non governmental organization” will be organized in the beginning of May.
- The workshop “Training for Planning and Job Performance Appraisal” was held on April 20, 2006. The Workshop was carried out in cooperation with Human Recourse Agency (HRA). HRA in accordance with the Law on Civil Servants and Public Administration Employees, defined the Civil Servants and public Administration employees Job Performance Appraisal Form, as well as recommendations for filling in this form. The participants at the workshop were managers and inspectors in chief of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Physical Planning as well as managers from other bodies of public administration appointed only recently.
- The Regional Expert for Introduction of Quality Standards in the Protected Area prepared the action plan for preparation for verification of the National Park “Durmitor” according to PAN Parks criteria. The action plan was delivered to all respective institutions.
- The Regional Engineering Expert visited Montenegro during the **week from 10th till 12th of April 2006** where series of meetings held with the MEPPP Minister and Ministry staff, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior Affairs, Faculty for Engineering, Montenegro Business Alliance etc.
- Ms. Kamelia Georgieva, Regional Expert submitted the Report for the Regional Ministerial Conference “Environmental Policies in the Context of European Integration”. The Report includes the program and participants, the results and publicity of the conference, summarizes and elaborates some ideas for the



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immediate and longer-term follow-up of the Conference, and ideas for future new initiatives in the process of regional cooperation opened through this Conference as well.

- The final photograph taken at the closing ceremony of the Ministerial Conference “Environmental Policies in the Context of European Integration” together with CD with all conference material was distributed to all conference participants.
- The CDP team in cooperation with Ministry for Environment Protection and Physical Planning mark this year’s celebration of Earth Day. The campaign designed to support the marking of the Earth Day also entailed billboards with the campaign logo (green tree) and logos of the Project donors. Billboards are placed in Podgorica and their visual backdrop associates with wide range of environmental issues. To highlight the importance of biodiversity and environment issues to the wider challenge of global sustainable development, TV clip “Sačuvajmo planetu Zemlju, dok jos nije kasno” (Let’s preserve the Planet Earth before it’s too late) was made and presented on local TV stations.
- Mr. Marko Fatur was selected as the best candidate for the position of Regional Legal Expert for Communal Finance.
- All the NGOs have realized their projects successfully and delivered their narrative and financial reports.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- A two-day workshop “Strategic assessment of impact on environment for Ministries, municipalities, investors and non governmental organization” will be organized on May 4th – 5th 2006. After this visit the Regional Experts for Environmental Impact Assessment will prepared and submitted the final report according to the ToR.
- The Expert for the Introduction of Quality Standards in the Protected Area will visit Montenegro during the **week of May 8th 2006**. The presentation of the action plan for preparation for verification of the National Park “Durmitor” according to PAN Parks criteria is organized for the Friday 12th 2006. The Vlado Vancura, Park Conservation Manager will be present at this event. The final report according to the ToR is expected during the May.
- Regional Expert Consultant is working on material for the one-day workshop “Quality systems”, on visits of MEPPP officials to the related government institutions in Slovenia and DG Environment in Brussels, as well.
- Mr. Marko Fatur, Regional Legal Expert for Communal Finance will visit Montenegro on the **week 8th of May**. The organization of the meeting already started.
- The second group of the IT courses (basic and advance) will start on May 3rd and May 4th of 2006. The basic course will attend 11 officials and advance course 14 officials.

C. PROJECT FINANCES

Expenses on the project up to 30th of April 2006 are \$321,106.90 USD.