



Government of the Republic of Montenegro



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PROJECT MONTHLY REPORT (June 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 Regional Expert for Environmental Impact Assessment prepared a guidebook for the EIA and SEA procedures for investors and independent service providers. The guidebook was presented to the MEPPP.
- The second group of MEPPP officials finished the IT courses. Eleven officials attended the basic course and 13 officials attended advance one. The final test was organized and all the participants passed the test.
- The visits to the Slovenian Governmental Institutions were organized for the senior staff from the Ministry. The first group (Department for Urban Planning and Construction and Department for Spatial Planning) visited Slovenia during the week from 29th of May till 2nd of June. The two officials from Department for Communal and Housing Affairs visited Slovenian Ministry during the first week of June, and Department for Environment protection and Department for Inspection Control and Second Instance Administration and Offence procedure, were in Slovenia during week from 12th of June till 16th of June. All the visits have been planned/agreed between two Ministries - as part of twinning like arrangements - and the meetings at the appropriate level were scheduled.
- The Regional Engineering Expert visited Montenegro from 12th till 13th of June 2006. The final document ToR for Construction Strategy was presented to the MEPPP staff, Business association "Gramont" and Chamber of Engineering. The document will be used as a guide for drafting the Construction strategy.
- Regional Expert for Communal Finance delivered the final report on June 5th. The report was presented to the MEPPP staff.
- The document "Institutional analysis" was reviewed and updated by the Regional Expert Consultant.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- The final document "Institutional analysis" will be presented to the Ministry at the beginning of July.
- Start work on final project report.

PROBLEMS AND OBSTRACLES

- During the month of June, the MEPPP senior staffs were mostly absent due to the business trips, so the "Institutional analysis" presentation is postponed to the beginning of July.

C. PROJECT FINANCES

Expenses on the project up to 30th of June 2006 are 416,533,69 \$.