



**European Committee
of the Regions**



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UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF MONTENEGRO

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NOTICE OF MEETING

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COR-MONTENEGRO

Meeting No	10
Co-Chairs	Jelena DRENJANIN (SE/EPP), Huddinge Municipal Council Aleksandar KASCELAN , Mayor of Cetinje
Venue	European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels (room JDE 63)
Date	3 May 2018 from 3 to 6:30 p.m.
Interpreting	EN/HR/IT/CNR

Draft agenda:

3 p.m.

1. **Adoption of the agenda** (COR-2018-01397-00-00-CONVPOJ-TRA)
2. **Approval of the minutes** of the ninth meeting of the European Committee of the Regions–Montenegro Joint Consultative Committee held on 8 December 2017 in Danilovgrad, Montenegro (COR-2018-01398-00-00-PV-REF)
3. **Opening Session** – Statements by the co-chairs
 - **Jelena DRENJANIN**, Member of Huddinge Municipal Council, co-Chair of the JCC
 - **Aleksandar KASCELAN**, Mayor of the Old Royal Capital Cetinje, co-chair of the JCC

3.30 p.m.

4. **EU-Montenegro relations: Recent developments and impact on sub-national authorities**
 - **Charles TANNOCK** (UK/ECR), Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
 - **H.E. Bojan ŠARKIĆ**, Ambassador, Head of Mission of Montenegro to the EU (tbc)

- **Vanja STAROVLAH**, Deputy Secretary General of Union of Municipalities (UoM) for European Integration, and Coordinator of the Network of Municipal Project Managers of Montenegro
- **Thomas HAGLEITNER**, Head of Unit Western Balkans - Montenegro, DG NEAR, European Commission

Exchange of views

4.30-4.45 p.m. *Coffee break*

5. Preventing corruption: Measures at local and regional level

Factors such as a merit-based appointment and the recruitment of local administrators influence the corruption perception and the effectiveness of codes of conduct is sometimes questioned. These and many other aspects will be tackled in this session. The exchange will offer partners an opportunity to present ongoing work in the field preventing corruption, and to assess the benefits of and challenges faced in implementing anti-corruption strategies and promoting cooperation at the sub-national level.

- **Sabine ZWAENEPOEL**, Coordinator of the Centre of thematic expertise on Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights, DG NEAR, European Commission
- **Andrew WILLIAMS**, Unit Western Balkans - Montenegro, DG NEAR, European Commission
- **Refik BOJADZIC**, Secretary General of UoM and member of the Rule of Law Council of Montenegro
- **Mladen TOMOVIC**, Coordinator of the Department for prevention of corruption, integrity, lobbying and implementation of international standards, Montenegrin Agency for Prevention of Corruption

Exchange of good practice

6. Any other business

7. Concluding remarks

6.30 p.m. - End of meeting.
