



**European Committee  
of the Regions**



**ZAJEDNICA OPŠTINA CRNE GORE**  
UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF MONTENEGRO

Brussels, 14 June 2019

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE COR-MONTENEGRO**

Meeting No	12
Co-Chairs	<b>Jelena DRENJANIN</b> (SE/EPP), Huddinge Municipal Council <b>Aleksandar KAŠĆELAN</b> , Mayor of Cetinje
Venue	European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 101, 1040 Brussels (room JDE 53)
Date	18 June 2019 from 15:00 to 18:30
Interpreting	EN/IT/CNR

#### **Draft agenda:**

15:00

1. **Adoption of the agenda** (COR-2019-02108-00-00-CONVPOJ-REF)
2. **Approval of the minutes** of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Committee of the Regions–Montenegro Joint Consultative Committee held on 18 October 2018 in Nikšić, Montenegro (COR-2019-02106-00-00-PV-REF)
3. **Opening Session** – Statements by the Co-Chairs
  - **Jelena DRENJANIN**, Member of Huddinge Municipal Council, Co-Chair of the JCC Montenegro
  - **Aleksandar KAŠĆELAN**, Mayor of the Old Royal Capital Cetinje, Co-Chair of the JCC Montenegro

15:20

4. **EU-Montenegro relations: Recent developments and their impact on local level**
  - **Dušan RAIČEVIĆ**, Mayor of Bar

- **Barbara JESÚS-GIMENO**, Deputy Head of Unit for Montenegro, European Commission, Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations
- **Amb. Bojan ŠARKIĆ**, Head of Mission of Montenegro to the EU

Discussion

16:00

**Coffee break**

16:30

5. **EU pre-accession assistance to Montenegro: What did we get, what did we learn?**

The EU pre-accession assistance to candidate countries serves multiple purposes, the most important one being to get candidate country's authorities, including at local level, and the whole of society, to adopt and implement the EU rules, norms, and procedures, serving as a crucial part of country's preparations for eventual EU membership. To maximise their value, it is very important to get it right at all stages of the EU-funded projects, from conception until drawing lessons from a completed project. Respecting all relevant laws, rules, and norms at both EU and national level is important for legal and auditing purposes, but it is not sufficient. In order for citizens to feel the impact, communication with them is crucial, especially at local level, from beginning until the end of a project.

- **Dr Iwona KARWOT**, Senior Lecturer, expert on EU structural, cohesion, and pre-accession funds, European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA), Barcelona
- **Stella ARNERI**, Assistant Minister, Ministry for Regional Development and the EU Funds, Republic of Croatia
- **Mauro DI VEROLI**, IPA coordinator, Unit for Montenegro, European Commission, Directorate-General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations
- **Darko MRVALJEVIĆ**, Chair, Committee for European Integration and International Cooperation, Union of Municipalities of Montenegro

Discussion

18:00

6. **Any other business**

7. **Concluding remarks**

Co-Chairs should indicate the date, place, and topic(s) of the next JCC Montenegro meeting.

18:30 **End of meeting**