



Next steps for policy development in Montenegro

The objective of the discussion is to take stock of the results achieved so far in the area of policy development in Montenegro (including the drafting of strategies and legislation, analysis of impacts and consultation process), to discuss priorities for the next period and how to achieve them. The timing of the webinar coincides with the publication of the most recent SIGMA monitoring assessment and the finalisation of the PAR Strategy for 2022-2026 that contains a dedicated pillar on policy development. This provides a good opportunity to discuss state of play as well as the next steps for policy development process. The invited participants include the officials of the General Secretariat, the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare, the Ministry of Public Administration, Digital Society and Media, the Secretariat for Legislation, the representatives of the Parliament as well as representatives of the Delegation of the EU in Montenegro and SIGMA experts.

Draft Agenda

19 January 2022, Zoom platform

9:00 Welcome and introduction, Timo Ligi SIGMA

9:05 Presentation of the key results of the 2021 SIGMA monitoring assessment, Timo Ligi, SIGMA

- Main developments since 2017;
- Regional comparison on key aspects.

9:20 The view from the administration: reactions to SIGMA findings and overview of priorities/expectations for the next period. 5-7 minute interventions by:

- Almedina Vukić, General Secretariat, TBC
- Bojana Bošković, Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare
- Representative of the Secretariat for Legislation, TBC
- Milijana Vukotic-Jelušić, Ministry of Public Administration, Digital Society and Media

9:50 Expectations of the Parliament towards the Government regarding the quality of policy proposals and prior consultation with stakeholders, Representative of the Legislative Committee of the Parliament

10:00 Discussion on selected aspects related to policy development:

- how to make the consultation process more meaningful for stakeholders as well as administration and the Parliament?
- is it possible to simplify requirements for policy development process without lowering the quality?
- how can legal drafters benefit from Regulatory Impact Assessment and analysis in sector strategies?

10:50 Summarising the main takeaways from the discussion, Timo Ligi, SIGMA

11:00 Close of the webinar