

MEMORANDUM ON COOPERATION

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF MONTENEGRO –
THE DIRECTORATE FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE**

AND

**THE NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION AUTHORITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY**

The Ministry of Justice of Montenegro – Directorate for Anti-Corruption Initiative and the National Anticorruption Authority of the Republic of Italy (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

Striving to bolster and deepen the friendly relations that exist between the two States and their cooperation to date in the field of prevention of corruption,

Aware of the importance of international cooperation and the intense need to implement international documents in the field of anticorruption accepted by both States,

Reaffirming that both Parties have a key role in their own country efforts in the prevention of corruption and that the exchange of information and experience is in mutual interest,

On the basis of mutual respect and understanding, have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Objective**

The Parties aim, within the scope of their responsibilities and in accordance with the laws of their States, to promote and strengthen cooperation through the exchange of information and experiences in the field of prevention of corruption.

This Memorandum shall be implemented, as far as the Italian part is concerned, in full respect with the obligations ensuing from its membership of the European Union.

Article 2 Areas of Cooperation

The Parties share the view that the exchange of information and experiences on topics related to the prevention of corruption and promoting integrity should include the following areas:

- a) practical assistance in developing and implementing plans and training programs;
- b) education and training on public ethics and integrity;
- c) support the development and implementation of integrity plans;
- d) promotional and preventive activities aimed at raising public awareness of corruption;
- e) strategies and policies that are in line with the programs of prevention of corruption;
- f) examples of good practice in the application of international documents concerning the fight against corruption.

The Parties are willing to consider and, where possible, comply with any other proposal for cooperation not enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 3 Forms of Cooperation

The Parties agree to develop mutual cooperation through:

- a) organization of study visits;
- b) organization and participation in trainings, conferences, international and other meetings of interest for further improvement of knowledge in the field of anticorruption;
- c) organization of periodical consultations, exchange of information and experiences.

Article 4 Implementation

The Parties shall carry out the activities foreseen by this Memorandum within their jurisdiction and in accordance with the legislation which applies in the territory of each Party.

This Memorandum does not create or imply any obligations of a financial nature for the Parties. Any commitment undertaken by either of the Parties within the scope of this Memorandum shall be subject to the availability of resources.

**Article 5
Contact Person**

The Parties shall appoint contact persons in order to facilitate and strengthen mutual communication.

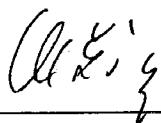
**Article 6
Entry into Force**

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of the signature.
This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

This Memorandum shall be in force until either of the Parties denounces it by written notice at least 3 months in advance.

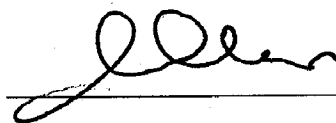
Bearing in mind that the Directorate for Anti-Corruption Initiative will be transformed into the Agency for Prevention of Corruption as of 1st January 2016, the Agency will automatically take over the obligations stipulated by this Memorandum.

Signed in Podgorica, on 03.07. 2015 and in Rome, on 03.07. 2015, in two originals, each in the Montenegrin, Italian and English, all text being equally authentic. In the case of any difference in interpretation, the English text will prevail.



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