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The negotiations in chapter V – Public Procurement

The activities on fulfilling the closing benchmarks are numerous and all of them are either commenced or planned, defined by the respective time limits. Some of those activities include:

- Adoption of a new Law on PPP.
- Adoption of a new Public Procurement Law (PPL), it will be adopted in the II Quarter of 2018, and it will be harmonized with the new set of Directives of 2014 regulating this area.
- Establishing of an electronic public procurement system, with estimated value of 1.65 million euros, through the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) 2014.
Strategy for Development of the Public Procurement System for the period 2016-2020

The key goals of this Strategy are as follows:

• Improvement of the public procurement system through a constant monitoring and implementation of necessary regulatory changes;
• Strengthening of access to public finances;
• Increasing transparency, efficiency and improving information flow;
• Keeping up with the current trends (green procurement, socially responsible procurement, innovative procurement, electronic procurement, support to the SMEs and so on);
• Further development of human resources involved in public procurement;
• Further harmonization with the EU Directives.
Strategy is expected to focus on the achievement of a full compliance with the *acquis* and to set out the ways in which Montenegro would ensure strong implementation capacities at all levels.
The main strategic goal and the results expected

Public procurement is one of the market-based instruments to be used to implement the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth with a view to:

- Improve conditions for conducting business with innovations;
- Encourage wider use of green procurement;
- Ensure the most efficient use of public funds;
- Open the public procurement markets of the EU.
Strategic goal of introducing electronic public procurement

The main, strategic goal of introducing electronic public procurement in MNE is, above all:

• increasing transparency and efficiency of public procurement, then
• contribution to the fight against corruption and other irregularities occurring in this area, as well as
• establishing of a unified public procurement system thanks to unification and standardization of procedures.
Current situation and legal basis for introduction of e-procurement

- The PPL of MNE, Articles 114-116
- Public Procurement Portal (http://portal.ujn.gov.me)
Pubic Procurement Portal 1/2

- more than 600 c.a. and 6,500 e.o.
- more than 25,000 notices per year
- user friendly
- transparent
Contracting authorities are obliged by law to publish on public procurement portal following notices:

• Public Procurement Plan
• Tender documentation,
• Changes or amendments to tender documentation
• Clarification of tender documentation
• Decision on selection of the most favorable bid
• Decision on Cancellation of Public Procurement Procedure
• Public procurement contract
Future steps 1/2

Full e-procurement system

- IPA 2014-2016 Action document for e-procurement system finished in September 2014
- Financial agreement signed in second half of 2015
- Tender procedure launched in 2017
Future Steps 2/2

• Development of an Action Plan for the practical introduction of e-procurement in Montenegro;
• Development of the e-procurement infrastructure, including delivery and installation of the necessary hardware and software components for the operation and an initial maintenance of the new system;
• Provision of operational support and a Help Desk services during a 12-month pilot operation phase.
• Development and implementation of a training program for the system users and administrators (PPA staff, contracting authorities and bidders), as well as delivery of all the necessary training material;
• Media campaign for raising awareness on e-procurement policies.
Thank you for your attention !!!!