**SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

**Strengthening innovative capacities of higher education and science**

**Europe (non EU), Montenegro (Me)**

**1. Publication reference**

**EuropeAid/136413/IH/SER/ME**

**2. Procedure**

Restricted

**3. Programme title**

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

**4. Financing**

Financing Agreement concerning the Operational Programme “Human Resources Development 2012-2013"

**5. Contracting Authority**

The Ministry of Finance of Montenegro– the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU), Stanka Dragojevića 2, Podgorica, Montenegro.

**6. Nature of contract**

Fee-based

**7. Contract description**

**The project is focused on strengthening innovative capacities of higher education, research and economy. It’s implemented by a service contract under which expertise is required for the improvement of innovative skills of university professors, researchers and students. The assistance includes** development of analytical and plan documents, methodology handbooks, innovated study programmes and implementation of specific training programmes.

**8. Indicative budget**

400.000 EUR

**9. Intended timing of publication of the contract notice**

December 2014.

**10. Additional information**

N/A

**11. Legal basis[[1]](#footnote-2)**

* **Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)**
* **Commission Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 of 12 June 2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA).**
* Commission Regulation (EU) No 80/2010 of 28 January 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 718/2007 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 establishing an instrument for pre-accession assistance (IPA);

1. Please state any specificity that might have an impact on rules on participation (such as geographic or thematic or long/short term).

   Remarks:

   There must be a minimum period of 30 calendar days between the publication of this prior information notice and the publication of the corresponding contract notice.

   No applications or requests for information should be sent at this stage. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)