**SERVICE PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE**

**Improvement and strengthening of institutional set-up and legal framework in the area of public procurement and state aid
Location -**Europe (non EU), Montenegro (ME)

**1. Publication reference**

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**2. Procedure**

 Restricted

**3. Programme title**

 Instrument for Pre–Accession Assistance (IPA II)

**4. Financing**

 Financing Agreement concerning National Programme Montenegro 2014 (objective 1-part1 and Objective 2-part 1)

**5. Contracting Authority**

The Ministry of Finance, the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU), 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro

**6. Nature of contract**

Fee based

**7. Contract description**

The objective of the contract is to introduce improvements as regards legislation, institutional set-up and administrative capacities in the fields of state aid and public procurement. The planned activities will ensure strong institutional mandate for enforcement of the state aid rules in accordance with EU practices and will support implementation of the EU rules on public procurement. Objectives to be achieved through this contract will encompass the following planned activities:

* the harmonization and implementation of the public procurement legislation,
* support trainings to procurement officers and business,
* development of manuals and procedures for Public Procurement Administration,
* improvement and strengthening of institutional set-up and national legal system with regard to implementation of State Aid rules and procedures, support relevant institutions through negotiation process for Chapter 8;
* enforcement of track record by analyses of national cases of State Aid in the case law of the EC,
* technical support for the development of software "Information system of state aid in Montenegro", development of the special register of *de minimis* state aid and establishment of web application for state aid grantors in order to be unified in a single IT component, with possible equipment purchase;
* Strengthening of administrative capacities in the area of state aid through trainings and exchange of practical experience.

**8. Indicative budget**

 EUR 875.000,00

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

August 2016

**10. Additional information**

N/A

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

* Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II)
* Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action;
* Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 of 2nd May 2014 on the specific rules for implementing Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11th March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II).
1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)