

Montenegro between two reports of the European Commission Is there any progress?

OVERVIEW OF THE RESULTS IN THE EU NEGOTIATING CHAPTERS

GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO

European Integration Office

I. REVISED EU ENLARGEMENT METHODOLOGY ANALYZED

Clusters:

+ functioning of democratic institutions

23 Judiciary and fundamental rights

24 Justice, freedom and security

- + economic criteria
- + public administration reform

5 Public procurement

18 Statistics

32 Financial control

FUNDAMENTALS

4 1 Free movement of goods

2 Freedom of movement for workers

3 Right of establishment and freedom to provide services

4 Free movement of capital

6 Company law

7 Intellectual property law

8 Competition policy

9 Financial services

28 Consumer and health protection

INTERNAL MARKET

10 Information society and media

16 Taxation

17 Economic and monetary policy

19 Social policy and employment

20 Enterprise and industrial policy

25 Science and research

26 Education and culture

29 Customs union

COMPETITIVENESS AND INCLUSIVE **GROWTH**

14 Transport policy

approach,

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15 Energy

21 Trans-European networks

27 Environment and climate change

GREEN AGENDA AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY

11 Agriculture and rural development

12 Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy

13 Fisheries

EIO: Information on progress in

https://www.gov.me/dokumenta/202414b1-2840-4691-a84d-

"Early integration measures as

the negotiation process

according to the cluster

22 Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments

33 Financial and budgetary provisions

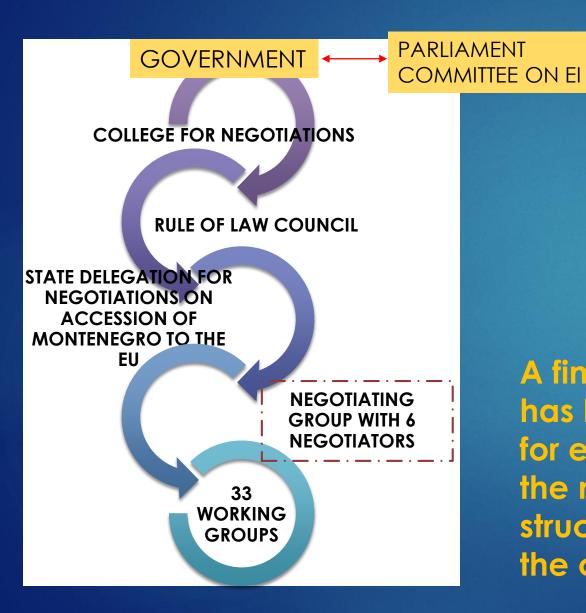
> RESOURCES. **AGRICULTURE AND COHESION**

30 External relations 31 Foreign, security, and defense policy

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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II. NEGOTIATION STRUCTURE CONSOLIDATED AND ADAPTED TO THE NEW METHODOLOGY



+ 730
members of negotiation structure
+ 100
meetings

A financing model has been introduced for every member of the negotiating structure, including the civil sector!

Renewed work dynamics

- College for Negotiations
- Rule of Law Council
- European Integration Commission
- Negotiating Group
- Working groups
- Meetings of CN with the heads of WG



Meetings held

III. IMPROVED STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Over-arching strategy

PPCG 2022-2023

 An umbrella strategic document for European integration outlining strategic, legislative and administrative plans in the medium term

NEW!

ROADMAPS

- A landmark that shows what is left of our obligations in each chapter
- Activities leading to the fulfillment of closing benchmarks

NEW!

DYNAMIC PLANS 23&24

- Plans aimed at meeting the interim benchmarks, based on self-assessment
- Based on them, the EC has decided on key priorities in the rule of law
- In December 2021, the IGC pointed out the remaining interim benchmarks

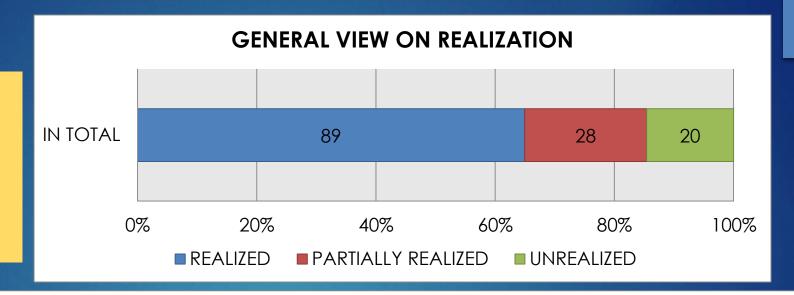
NEW!

AP TO ADDRESS RECOMMENDATIO NS FROM THE EC REPORT

- An additional mechanism for fulfilling the specific tasks indicated by the EC
- Short-term planning document in the hands of the Negotiating Group
- EC recommendations to the Parliament as a domain for improving cooperation between the Government and the Parliament

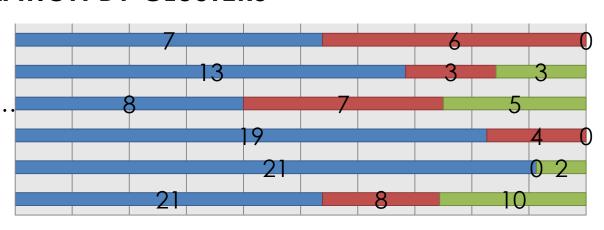
IV. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AP ADOPTED

Out of a total of 137 obligations: realized – 89; partially realized – 28; unrealized - 20.
65% realized,
20,4% partially realized
14,6% unrealized



VIEW ON REALIZATION BY CLUSTERS

CLUSTER 6 External relations
CLUSTER 5 Agriculture, resources and cohesion
CLUSTER 4 Green agenda and sustainable...
CLUSTER 3 Competitiveness and inclusive growth
CLUSTER 2 Internal market
CLUSTER 1 Fundamentals



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

■ REALIZED ■ PARTIALLY REALIZED ■ UNREALIZED

Status

V. KEY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARLIAMENT

THE REALIZATION - cooperation of the Government and Parliament TOTAL 6 2 5 0% 50% 100%

■ IMPLEMENTED

■ PARTLY IMPLEMENTED

■ NOT IMPLEMENTED

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF

The focus of the Parliament has to be on the following tasks:

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EC

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Unblock the process of appointing independent, politically neutral and competent new members of key judicial institutions, including the constitution of a new Prosecutorial Council, with stronger involvement of the Government and the Parliament.	PI
Intensify the work of the Committee on Comprehensive Electoral Reform, in order to complete legislative reforms in the area of electoral legislation, in accordance with OSCE recommendations.	N
the Parliament and parliamentary entities, through continuous efforts, have to create conditions for increasing the professionalism, transparency and accountability of the State Election Commission, including the election of a new President of the SEC.	PI
It is necessary to revise the legal framework on the basis of an inter-party agreement so that all local elections are held on the same day, in order to avoid a near-permanent election campaign at national and local levels.	N
It is necessary to reach a broad inter-party and social consensus on EU-related reforms.	N

RULE OF LAW, Ch. 23:

- ✓ Prosecutorial Council fully established, Dec.
 2021
- ✓ Acting Supreme State Prosecutor UNANIMOUSLY elected
- ✓ New Chief Special State Prosecutor and 11 Supreme Court judges appointed
- ✓ Judicial Reform Strategy Action Plan
- ✓ The Agency for Prevention of Corruption improved its work OECD Report: MNE achieved the best result among Western Balkan states on all indicators in the area of anti-corruption
- ✓ Law amending the CPC adopted
- ✓ New Anti-Discrimination Law is being drafted
- As regards freedom of expression, progress was achieved in solving the cases of attacks against journalists and the first Media Strategy (2022-2026) was prepared

RULE OF LAW, Ch. 24:

- ✓ EFFICIENT AND TIMELY HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE – Decision on Approving Temporary Protection to Persons from Ukraine, EUR 2 mil. from the budgetary reserve
- ✓ Increase in the number of investigated and processed organized crime cases (doubled), while the number of cases adjudicated at courts nearly tripled
- ✓ Record drug seizures: around 1.4 t of cocaine in August 2021, around 500 kg of cocaine in January 2022 (secret surveillance measures)
- ✓ Establishment of the so-called inter-operability of information systems in the fight against organized crime
- Exponential growth of the initial track record in money laundering

ECONOMIC CRITERIA

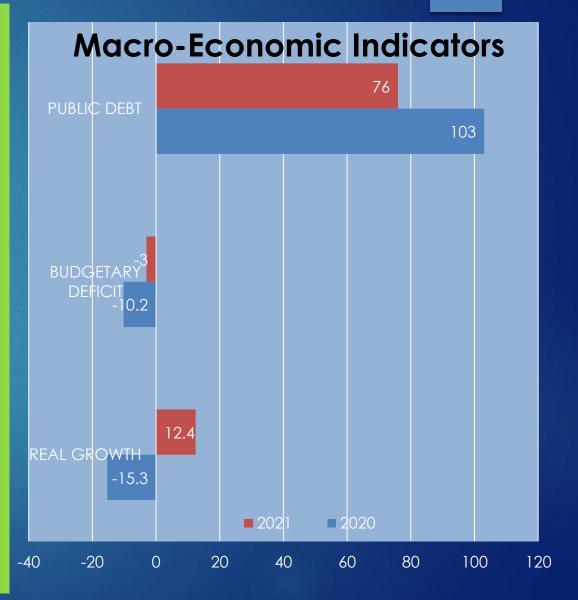
STRONG ECONOMIC RECOVERY in 2021 when compared with 2020

- Good management of available resources
- Hedging of the Chinese credit from USD to EUR
- Set of measures for economic recovery
- Successful tourist season (70% of the 2019 income)

Foundation for launching the "Europe NOW" program, implemented since January 2022

Strengthened strategic framework:

- 2021-2024 Fiscal Strategy of MNE
- Economic Reform Program
- 2022-2026 Economic Recovery Platform



Ch. 5 Public Procurement:

- ✓ Successful implementation of the reformed legal framework
- ✓ Establishment of the Electronic Public Procurement System
- ✓ 2021-2025 Strategy for Enhancing Public Procurement and Public-Private Partnership Policy

Ch. 32 Financial Control:

- ✓ Strengthening of managerial accountability
- ✓ State Audit Institution improved its strategic management framework and adopted the 2020-2024 SAI Communication Strategy
- ✓ Progress in external audit

Ch. 18 Statistics:

- ✓ Further harmonization of the statistical methodology with EU standards
- ✓ Increased transfer of data to EUROSTAT
- ✓ Proposal for the Population Census Law determined
- ✓ EUR 3,276,184.99 for the population census

2 INTERNAL MARKET

- ✓ Realized as much as 90% of obligations from the AP for addressing EC recommendations THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUSTER
- ✓ Chapters 1, 6, 8, 9 and 28 record 100% of the implementation of activities planned for the IV quarter of 2021.
- ✓ Good level of harmonization with European legislation in area of competition.
- ✓ The Agency for Protection of Competition is encouraged to strengthen its role as an independent institution
- ✓ Key achievements have been made:
- □ in CH1: by adopting Law on standardisation and Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Establishment of an International Organization for Legal Metrology
- ☐ in CH4 by adopting Law Amending the Payment System Law
- ☐ in CH6 by adopting Law on accounting
- ☐ in CH8 by adopting Decision on regional aid map in Montenegro
- ☐ in CH28 by adopting more rulebooks and strengthening administrative capacities related to the final benchmarks.

For CH4 and CH9 the Insurance Law has been prepared.

2 INTERNAL MARKET

CH1 FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS:

- ✓ Improved legislative framework in the area of horizontal measures
- ✓ 8 products from Montenegro are already placed on the EU market without additional obstacles using the system of notified EU bodies
- ✓ Institute for Standardization (ISME) submitted the application for memberhsip in the European organisations for standardisation CEN/CENELEC.

CH2 FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF WORKERS:

- ✓ Adopted Law on protection of employed citizens of Montenegro referred to work abroad, Strategy on Migration and Reintegration of Returners in Montenegro, for the period 2021-2025 and National Strategy for Employment 2021 – 2022.
- ✓ Strengthening the capacity of EAM through twinning

CH3 RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT AND FREEDOM TO PROVIDE SERVICES:

- ✓ Established Register of names and electronic registration of companies, on the way to full digitalization of services
- ✓ Revised Action plan to establish POINT SINGLE CONTACT on services
- ✓ Adopted Action plan for the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of Postal Services in Montenegro for the period 2019-2023, for 2021-2022.

CH4 FREE MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL

- Adopted Law Amending the Payment System Law and introduced new payment services based on internet and online solutions
- Adopted Law on the comparability of fees related to payment accounts, payment account switching and access to payment accounts with basic features and Law on Interchange Fees and Special Rules for card-based Payment Transactions
- ✓ Adopted Strategy for Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism, Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing for the period 2022–2025

CH6 COMPANY LAW

- Adopted Law on Business organisations
- ✓ Established Central Registry of Prescribed Information (CRPI)
- ✓ Donijet Zakon o računovodstvu

CLOSEST TO BE PROVISIONALLY CLOSED

CH7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

- ✓ Adopted Law on Amendments to the Law on Copyright and Related Rights, Law on Protection of Trade Secret, Law on Amendments to the Law on Patents, Law on Ratification of Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled and Law on Ratification of Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention)
- ✓ Prepared Draft strategy for Intellectual Property of Montenegro for the period 2022-2025

CH8 COMPETITION

- ✓ Adopted Law on Amendments to the Law on protection of competition
- ✓ Agency for Protection on Competition established three registries:
- □ Register COVID 19,
- □ De minimis (low-value state aid)
- ☐ General Register of State Aid
- ✓ Significant progress in the number of application cases from Law on protection of competition

CH9 FINANCIAL SERVICES

- ✓ Asset Quality Review (AQR) was conducted for the first time in Montenegro and confirmed the stability of the banking sector of Montenegro, satisfying the quality of assets and capital adequacy of the domestic banking system
- ✓ CBMN is working on additional harmonization of the Law Amending the Law on Resolution of Credit Institutions

CH28 CONSUMER AND HEALTH PROTECTION

- ✓ For the first time in Montenegro, CEZAP has filed lawsuits to protect the collective interests of consumers with a lawsuit against CKB Bank (early repayment fee). The Basic Court passed a positive verdict on consumers!
- ✓ "Strengthening the Health System in Montenegro", which also envisages the implementation of an information system
- ✓ The first joint comprehensive action of AIA in the field of online trade, by checking the websites of traders with a special emphasis on the right and deadlines for unilateral termination (sweeps).

COMPETITIVENESS AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

HIGH LEVEL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES DEFINED IN THE AP FOR ADDRESSING THE KEY RECCOMENDATIONS OF THE EC – 83%, SECOND MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUSTER

✓ ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM 2022-2024 DEVELOPED AND DELIVERED TO THE EC

It is particularly important that the new economic policy, Fiscal Strategy and structural reform agenda are adequately reflected in this document, in accordance with the recommendations of the EC.

- ✓ In Ch10, 2022-2026 Digital Transformation Strategy of Montenegro, Program for attraction of digital nomads in Montenegro to 2025, 2022-2026 Cyber Security Strategy.
- ✓ In Ch16, important step adoption of the Law on Corporate Income Tax.
- ✓ In Ch19, important adoption of the <u>Youth Employment Program</u> and National Employment Strategy 2021-2025, with the Action Employment Plans for 2021 and 2022.
- ✓ Positive aspect to the overall cluster is given by the results:
- ✓ In P20, continuing intersectoral coordination of the industry policy,
- ✓ In P25, adopted Operational Program for Implementation of the 2021-2024 Smart Specialization Strategy;
- ✓ In P26, work on the improvement of the inclusive education and quality approach to the education



CH10 INFORMATION SOCIETY AND MEDIA

- ✓ The First Media Strategy of Montenegro 2022-2026 has been prepared.
- ✓ Strategy of digital transformation of Montenegro 2022-2026, Program for attraction of digital nomads in Montenegro to 2025, Cyber Security Strategy 2022-2026, Roadmap for introduction of 5G mobile communication networks,
- ✓ 2. phase of the Agreement on reduction of prices of roaming services on regional level "Roaming like home" is being implemented.

CH17 ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

- ✓ Economic Reform Program 2022-2024
- ✓ Draft Law amending the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistics System of Montenegro has been prepared

CH16 TAXATION

- ✓ Improvement has been made by implementation of the Framework Convention of the WHO on tobacco control (FCTC) on marking the tobacco products and alcohol beverages with excise marks
- ✓ E-fiscalization System has become operational from January, 1 2021, with transitional period of implementation of 6 months
- ✓ Set of important laws in the framework of the "Europe Now" Program adopted: the Law on Compulsory Health Insurance, the Law on Tax Reprogramming receivables, Law on Amendments to the Law on Contributions for Compulsory Social Insurance, Law on Amendments to the Law on Unified Registration and System reporting on the calculation and collection of taxes and contributions, the Law on Amendments to the Labor Law, the Law on Amendments to the Law on personal income tax and the Law on Amendments to the Law on Salaries of Employees in the Public Sector.

CH19 SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT

- ✓ The Law amending the Law on Labor Law in the framework of "Europe Now" Program adopted
- ✓ The Law on Peaceful Settlement of Labor Disputes adopted
- ✓ Intensive work on preparation of the Strategy for improvement of the safety and health on work 2022-2027
- ✓ Youth Employment Support Program adopted

3 COMPETITIVENESS AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

CH20 ENTERPIRSE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY

- ✓ The Action Plan for the implementation of the Industrial Policy for the period 2021-2022 was adopted as part of further process of implementation of IP
- ✓ The Council for Innovation and Smart Specialization was established
- ✓ The Government passed the Draft Law on Credit Guarantee Fund
 (CGF), which will provide easier and increased access to finance for
 businesses that have limited access to finances, thus contributing to
 further growth and development of our economy.
- ✓ Strategy for the Development of Women's Entrepreneurship in Montenegro for the period 2021-2024 with the AP 2021-2022
- ✓ Continuing support to the economy is provided through three programmes: Programme for Improving the Competitiveness of the Economy for 2022, Programme for the Development of the Processing Industry and Programme for Craft Development and Promotion.
- ✓ Strategy of Tourism Development of Montenegro 2022-2025 with the AP 2022

COMPETITIVENESS AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

CH25 SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

- ✓ Participation of Montenegro in the Horizon Europe Program
- ✓ Operational Program for Implementation of the Smart Specialization Strategy 2021-2024 adopted
- ✓ Innovation Program 2021-2024 adopted
- ✓ Innovation Fund of Montenegro established

CH26 EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- ✓ Strategy of early and preschool education (2021-2025) with the Action Plan
- ✓ Agreement between the EU and Montenegro on participation of Montenegro in the program Creative Europe 2021-2027
- ✓ Program of lifelong career
 guidance and counseling 2021 2023

CH29 CUSTOMS UNION

- ✓ Draft Customs Law passed by the Government
- ✓ **Draft Law on Credit Guarantee Fund**, which will provide long-term benefit for development of our economy
- ✓ Within the project "Support to the Customs Administration" successfully implemented activity of connection with the Common Communication Network of the Member States (CCN/CSI)



Following results contribute to the success in the implementation of the obligations within this cluster:

- ✓ In Chapter 14, the strategic framework for road transport was established by the adoption of the Program for the Development and Introduction of Intelligent Transport Systems in Road Transport 2022-2026 and Action plan 2021-2022 of the Transport Development Strategy 2019-2035.
- ✓ In Chapter 15 adopted Law on Supervision of the Wholesale Electricity and Gas Market
- ✓ In Clapter 21, construction of the Bar-Boljare highway continued on the priority section between Smokovac and Mateševo and approx. 99.1% of the work was completed
- ✓ In Chapter 27, National Council for Sustainable Development has been established
- ✓ In Chapter 27, adopted Financial Assessment of the Action Plan for Fulfillment of the Final Benchmarks in Chapter 27 Environment and Climate Change for the period 2021-2025

GREEN AGENDA AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY

Ch14 TRANSPORT POLICY

- ✓ New Law on Roads
- ✓ Adopted Law amending the Law on Air Traffic thus fulfilling all key conditions for the completion of the first phase of harmonization with the European Common Aviation Area (ECAA)
- ✓ Law on Passenger Rights in Maritime and Inland Navigation
- ✓ Program for the Development and Introduction of Intelligent Transport Systems in Road Transport 2022-2026

Ch15 ENERGY

- ✓ Law on energy is adopted which created the legal basis for the functioning of the dayahead market
- ✓ Law on Supervision of the Wholesale Electricity and Gas Market is adopted and fully in line with the EU acquis
- ✓ Law on Safety Measures in Offshore Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons is prepared
- ✓ The issue of financing projects in the field of energy efficiency is defined by the founding acts of the ECO FUND

GREEN AGENDA AND SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIVITY

Ch21 TRANS – EUROPEAN NETWORKS -TEN-T

- ✓ Single List of Priority Infrastructure Projects updated in December 2021. Proposal of the updated list for the area of transport contains 14 projects (with subprojects) worth a total of 3.7 billion euros and for the area of energy contains 13 projects with a total estimated value of 1 billion euros
- √ 99.1% of the work was completed on the construction of the the priority section Smokovac-Mateševo of the Bar-Boljare highway, finalization of works and commercial use is expected to begin during 2022
- ✓ Energy networks: Works on overhead line 400 kV Lastva Podgorica will be finalized in first half of the 2022, after which the whole overhead 400 kV Lastva-Podgorica will be fully implemented and realized under voltage.
- ✓ Obligations from trans-European telecommunications networks (eTEN) fulfilled through Chapter 10 - Information Society and Media

Ch 27 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- ✓ Three marine protected areas have been established: Nature park "Platamuni" (22. IV 2021.), Nature park "Katič" (16. IX 2021.) and Nature park "Stari Ulcinj" (30. XII 2021)
- ✓ Montenegro has mapped around
 35% of its terrestrial teritory so far in
 accordance with the Habitats
 Directive, and in the context of
 establishing a Natura 2000 ecological
 network
- ✓ Activities regarding the remediation of the selected industrial waste disposal sites have been intensified the works on the remediation of the flotation tailings "Gradac" and the ash and slag landfill "Maljevac" are finalized while the remediation of the Adriatic Shipyard Bijela is ongoing

RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND COHESION

TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES FROM THE AP TO ADDRESS EC RECOMMENDATIONS IS ALMOST 70%

- ✓ Key developments within the Chapter 11 concern the preparation of the Draft Strategy for the
 Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas 2022-2028, which is a priority in this period, as well as
 activities related to accelerating the implementation of IPARD II and preparation of IPARD III
 program
- ✓ Within the framework of Chapter 12, additional harmonization with the EU acquis, through the
 adoption of bylaws, has been continued
- ✓ The process of upgrading of establishments in line with EU requirements has been continued, and now more than 50% of establishments is in accordance with EU requirements.
- ✓ A key development within the Chapter 13 relates to the adoption of the Draft Law on Structural Measures and State Aid in Fisheries and Aquaculture.
- ✓ In Chapter 22, in addition to focusing on strengthening administrative capacity, the focus was on updating the Single Project Pipeline.

RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND COHESION

P11 AGRICULTURE AND RURALN DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Implementation of the IPARD II program through further announcement of Public Calls for measures 1 and 3, while the Proposal of the IPARD III program was submitted to the EC for adoption
- ✓ The preparation of the Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2022-2027 is underway
- ✓ In the part of CMO measures, the introduction of guarantees for import and export licenses was realized, and the implementation of measures for beekeeping has been started.
- ✓ In accordance with the Action Plan which was developed and revised in accordance with the recommendations of the Peer review of the Mission for Wine and Quality Policy, all activities has been continued

P12 FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICY

- ✓ National plan for sustainable use of pesticides for the period from 2021 to 2026 has been adopted
- ✓ Further improvement of establishments for products of animal origin and facilities for by-products of animal origin
- ✓ The implementation of the National Program for Improving the Quality of Raw Milk has been continued

P13 FISHERIES

Progress in harmonization with the EU acquis, with the adoption of the **Draft Law on the organization of the market in fisheries and aquaculture** in the fourth quarter of 2021 and the **Draft Law on Structural Measures and State Aid in Fisheries and Aquaculture** in the first quarter of 2022;

✓ Preparation of the new Strategy of Fisheries of Montenegro 2023-2028

P22 REGIONAL POLICY AND COORDINATION OF STRUCTURAL INSTRUMENTS

- ✓ The IPA 2021 program was adopted by the EC at the end of December 2021 and it envisages the financing of five actions, with a total value of 32.4 million euros.
- ✓ The drafting of the first action documents for the IPA 2022 program, as well as the improvement of the draft Strategic Framework has been continued

P33 FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

- Reporting on the realization of the Action Plan for the establishment of the European Union's own resources system in Montenegro
- ✓ The Law amending the Law on Value Added Tax was adopted
- ✓ Within the project "Tax Administration Reform", which includes the introduction of IRMS (Integrated Information System) as well as modernization of business processes in accordance with current trends in digitalization of services to taxpayers FRD document has been completed (description of the future state of business processes that should be supported by the new integrated IT system).

- ✓ Significant efforts have been made to meet planned obligations particularly in the field of fulfilment of obligations under the Stabilization and Association Agreement, as well as an active and constructive role in the World Trade Organization;
- ✓ Important result was achieved in the area of competence of the Parliament, so in the context of Chapter 30, the Assembly adopted the Law on Export Control of Dual-Use Goods harmonized with Regulation 2021/821, as well as the Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol 6 on Trade in Services to the Agreement on Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement.
- ✓ In Chapter 30, in addition to a significant number of implemented recommendations and recommendations that are implemented continuously, a number of the recommendations do not depend on the activities of Montenegro and in that part it is not possible to define a deadline for their implementation
- ✓ In Chapter 31, a significant aspect of continued alignment with the Common Foreign, Security and Defence Policy remains.



Ch.30 EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- ✓ A new model of bilateral investment agreement (BIT), which established a balance between the protection of investors' rights and the state's right to regulate and fully complying with EU standards, was adopted;
- ✓ Law on export control of dual use goods, which is fully aligned with the Regulation (EU) 2021/821 on setting up a Union regime for control of exports and transit od dual-use items.
- Law on Ratification of Additional Protocol 6 on trade in services and accession to the Central European Agreement on Free Trade was adopted.

P31 FOREIGN, SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY

- ✓ Continuing trend of 100% of alignment with the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU
- ✓ Systematic and efficient response on the Ukraine War
- ✓ Three decisions on international restrictive measures adopted, directed to certain persons and legal entities from the Russian Federation
- Coordination Body for the Implementation was established
- ✓ the Decision on granting temporary protection to persons from Ukraine who cannot return to Ukraine i.e. the country of their origin, as they were forced to leave the country due to armed conflicts was adopted.

(1) Backsliding;	2) No progress;	3) Limited progress;	(4) Some progress;	(5) Good progress
	ASSESS	MENT OF ANNUAL PROGRES	SS	
Chapter of EU acquis	EC assessment 2019	EC assessment 2020	EC assessment 2021	SELF-ASSESSMEI MNE 2022
	C	luster 1 : Fundamentals		
23 – Judiciary and fundamental rights	Some progress	Limited progress	Limited progress	Some progress
24 - Justice, freedom, and security	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
Economic criteria	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
Public administration reform	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
5 – Public procurement	Limited progress	Some progress	Good progress	Good progress
18 – Statistics	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress
32 - Financial control	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
	C	luster 2: Internal market		
1 – Free movement of goods	Some progress	Limited progress	Limited progress	Good progress
2 – Freedom of movement for workers	Some progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Some progress
3 – Right of establishment and freedom to provide services	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
4 – Free movement of capital	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
6 – Company law	Limited progress	Good progress	Some progress	Good progress
7 – Intellectual property law	Good progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Good progress
8 - Competitiveness	Some progress	Limited progress	Some progress	Some progress
9 - Financial services	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Good progress
28 – Consumer and health protection	Some progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Some progress
	Cluster 3: Co	mpetitiveness and inclusive g	growth	
10 – Information society and media	No progress	Limited progress	Limited progress	Some progress
16 – Taxation	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress
17 – Economic and monetary policy	Some progress	Limited progress	Limited progress	Some progress
19 – Social policy and employment	Limited progress	Good progress	Limited progress	Some progress
20 – Enterprise and industrial policy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress
25 – Science and research	Some progress	Good progress	Some progress	Good progress
26 – Education and culture	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress

ANNUAL PROGRESS - TREND AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

(1) Backsliding;	2) No progress;	3) Limited progress;	(4) Some progress;	(5) Good progress;			
Cluster 4: Green agenda and sustainable connectivity							
14 – Transport policy	Some progress	No progress	No progress	Some progress			
15 – Energy	Some progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Some progress			
21 – Trans-European networks	Some progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Some progress			
27 – Environment and climate	Limited progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Some progress			
change							
Cluster 5: Resources, agriculture and cohesion							
11 – Agriculture and rural	Good progress	Good progress	Some progress	Some progress			
development							
12 – Food safety, veterinary and	Good progress	Good progress	Good progress	Good progress			
phytosanitary policy							
13 – Fisheries	Some progress	Some progress	Limited progress	Good progress			
22 – Regional policy and	Limited progress	Limited progress	Limited progress	Some progress			
coordination of structural							
instruments							
33 – Financial and budgetary	Limited progress	Limited progress	Some progress	Some progress			
provisions	-						
Cluster 6: External relations							
30 - External relations	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Good progress			
31 – Foreign, security, and defence policy	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress	Some progress			



