



Montenegro

Ministry of Finance

Directorate for management of the EU pre-accession funds structures

ANNEX A: REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

I declare that, for the implementation of the EU financial assistance to Montenegro under the Facility for the period IVQ 2025, based on my own judgement and on the information at my disposal, as well as on the evidence enclosed, the payment conditions set out in the Montenegro Reform Agenda for the following steps have been fulfilled:

Reform	Step		Financial value
1.1.1	1.1.1.1	Keeping a publicly available and up to date register of SOEs and companies with State's participation, including municipal companies. The register should be regularly updated with all relevant data on the financial performance of SOEs [liquidity, profitability, solvency], as well as the data on results of external audit	1,158,592.80
1.1.2	1.1.2.1	Inter-governmental agreements and third-country contracts. The level of transparency regarding all projects [completed, ongoing and future contracts] contracted under intergovernmental agreements is increased by introducing and making publicly available project-specific information in the e-procurement system.	2,317,185.60
1.1.5	1.1.5.1	Improving legal framework and focusing on informal economy. Adopt and implement changes to the Law on Misdemeanours, the Law on Inspection Supervision, the Law on Prevention of Illegal Business, as well as the Criminal Code of Montenegro, to increase the supervisory oversight of inspectors (including right of entry to residential premises where suspected unregistered activities are carried out), introduce appeal procedures, lift their territorial assignments, remove the possibility of discretionary decisions and to ensure the prerequisites are met for a systematic fight against the informal economy	2,317,185.60
2.3.2	2.3.2.1	Adopt legislation in line with the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) including a regulatory framework for prosumers and streamlining of permit-granting procedures (e.g. designation of a single contact point)	2,317,185.60
2.3.4	2.3.4.1	Ensure the issuing of Energy Performance Certificates (in line with the EPBD regulation) and amend relevant legislation to enable effective decision-making on energy efficiency investments for homeowners	2,317,185.60
2.4.1	2.4.1.1	Adoption of the National Plan for deployment of Broadband infrastructure by the government	2,317,185.60
2.4.3	2.4.3.1	Plan for full deployment of transactional national and local level public electronic services 2025-2027	1,158,592.80

Reform	Step		Financial value
		adopted by the Government (additional to services piloted by 2024); e-government platform and interoperability of registers functional.	
2.4.4	2.4.4.1	Adoption of the Law on Information Security by the Parliament in full alignment with the NIS2 directive	1,158,592.80
4.2.1	4.2.1.1	Appointment of the Supreme Court president	579,296.40
4.4.1	4.4.1.1	Supreme state prosecutor has put in place and monitor standard operating procedures for the prosecution as regards the handling of sexual and gender-based violence cases, in line with relevant articles of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, as well as of the EU Directive of Victim Protection; Standard operating procedures for the sentencing in cases of sexual and gender-based violence are put in place, in line with the new Criminal Code	2,317,185.60
Total			17,958,188.40

On the basis of the above I request that the amount of EUR 17,958,188.40 is made available, EUR 8,350,557.61 disbursed directly to the treasury of Montenegro, and EUR 9,607,630.79 to be made available through the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), of which EUR 4,453,630.72 in the form of loans and EUR 5,154,000.07 in the form of non-repayable support¹².

I hereby attach an assessment of each step, the required evidence showing the satisfactory fulfilment of the qualitative and quantitative steps set out in the relevant Annex to the Commission implementing decision³ and other information requested as per Article 14 of the Facility Agreement.

I hereby also declare that measures related to the reforms for which satisfactory fulfilment has been declared previously in prior Commission decisions have not been reversed by Montenegro.

Podgorica, 06. 05. 2025



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- ¹ Subject to rules laid down in Articles 16 and 17, each instalment shall draw from the indicative financial contributions set out in Article 2 paragraph 2, as follows: a) 28.7% from the non-repayable support and 24.8% from the loan support, in sum 53.5%, to be made available through the Western Balkans Investments Framework (WBIF), and b) 46.5% from the loan support to be channelled directly to the treasury.
- ² A condition precedent to the disbursement of the loan to the Treasury, to be channelled to the WBIF, is the submission of the signed contribution arrangement with the WBIF. This signed arrangement must be provided before any loan disbursements are processed.
- ³ CID C(2024) 7375 final, from 23/10/2024