



To whom it may concern

6th July, 2018

INVITATION FOR A MEETING ORGANISED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SPECIFIC SUPPORT TO MONTENEGRO UNDER THE HORIZON 2020 POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The Ministry of Science of Montenegro expressed its interest in receiving the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility advice and practical recommendations on the following three domains:

- 1. Creating a startup friendly environment by addressing legislative hurdles**
- 2. Design of a functional startup support ecosystem model with suggestion of new facilities and bodies to be set-up**
- 3. Setting Funding schem(s) for startups and other actors of the startup ecosystem**

The PSF panel of experts, appointed to carry out the specific support, is composed of four independent experts from Poland, Finland, Slovenia and France.

I would like to invite you/a representative of your organisation to meet the PSF Panel during the forthcoming first visit in Podgorica on 25-27 July 2018.

The PSF Panel will meet the Montenegrin authorities and representatives of startup, business and research community, business support intermediaries, and other relevant stakeholders.

The aim of the first mission is to:

- get a better understanding of the current situation in the three focus areas
- make **contacts to key stakeholders** in the country, and **gather their views** on how to tackle the focus areas,
- **collect information on possible solutions, options and their feasibility,**
- identify **visions for change** and the limitations for implementing them.

In the Annex 3 we provide few starting points for discussion with key stakeholders per each focus area. The discussions will be organised in small groups of stakeholders representing similar interests.

The Panel invites you to bring along or send in advance suggestions or documentation you consider important but please do not prepare any presentations.

After the mission, the panel will discuss the outcomes and draft a first tentative outline on the status quo in the focus areas, and possible options on how to improve the situation.

In a second in-country mission in November 2018, the panel would like to gather additional views of stakeholders that could not be met in the first mission because of time constraints, and discuss and verify possible options with the key stakeholders.

The PSF specific support context and process are described in Annex 1, the composition of the Panel is outlined in Annex 2. The programme of the visit will be communicated to you in coming days.

Should you require any further information on the objective and methodology of the review you can contact myself at daria@tatajinnovation.com phone +48 603 641 709 or Dr. Asel Doranova, Project Manager, asel.doranova@technopolis-group.com phone +32 470 10 98 82.

Looking forward to our future exchanges.

Yours sincerely,
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Chair of the PSF Experts' Panel

Annex 1 – PSF Montenegro fact sheet

Annex 2 – PSF experts panel

Annex 3 - Initial issues for discussions during the meeting