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DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FIELD

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on Implementation of the Integrity Plan of the Public Procurement Administration in 2015

Pursuant to Article 68 of the Law on Civil Servants and State Employees, the Public Procurement Administration prepared and adopted the Integrity Plan, by its Decision no. 01-1253 of 28 February 2014, and it was published at the web page of the PPA <u>www.ujn.gov.me</u>

During the reporting period, in accordance with the envisaged measures aimed at reduction of risks related to occurence of corruption which were provided in the Integrity Plan, the following was established:

- No cases of corruption risks were identified within our institution;
- During the reporting period, the heads of organizational units conducted meetings with employees aimed at prevention of corruption in our institution;
- There is an ongoing process of education for employees in public procurement field in purpose of strengthening anti-corruption rules and prevention of conflict of interest, referring to the measures contained in our Integrity Plan;
- The employees were introduced to the Code of Ethics of the civil servants and state employees and they observe the norms stipulated therein;
- There were no rotations of employees of the Public Procurement Administration, since they perform their duties in a conscientious and responsible manner;
- The measures contained in the Action Plan of the Government of Montenegro for fight against corruption and organized crime in public procurement are duly implemented;
- The normative framework in public procurement field in Montenegro is to a large extent harmonized with the European public procurement standards;
- The acts of the Public Procurement Administration are available to public and they are published at our portal, while the principle of transparency in work is completely observed (the Rulebook on Internal Organization and Job Classification of the Public Procurement Administration, the Guide for Access to Information, the Rulebook on Protection of Personal Data, the Rulebook on Use of Official Vehicles of the Public Procurement Administration, the Work Program of the Public Procurement Administration, the Strategy for Development of the Public Procurement System in Montenegro for the period 2011-2015, the Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy for Development of the Public Procurement System in Montenegro for the period 2011-



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2015, the Annual Report on Public Procurement and other acts within the competences of the Administration).

- The Public Procurement Administration ensures competeition among bidders in a transparent manner, conducts public procurement procedures in accordance with the Law and publishes the following acts on Public Procurement Portal: public procurement plan; tender documents for public competitions; decisions on selection of the most advantageous bid; decisions on cancellation of public procurement procedure; decisions on annullment of public procurement procedure; public procurement contracts; Report on public procurement as well as other important information relevant to the public procurement system.
- There are no discretion rights pertaining to manager/head of department.

The employees of the Public Procurement Administration attended seminars related to realization of measures from the Integrity Plan, which referred to implementation of the Code of Ethics and education for the fight against corruption and organized crime:

- Conference "How to improve the control function of the Parliament", organized by the NGO Institut Alternativa, held on 27 February 2015 in Podgorica.
- Public debate organized by the Institut Alternativa themed "Ethics of the MPs from standards to practice", in Podgorica on 17 April 2015.
- The Fair of socially responsible business and social entrepreneurship held on 24 April 2015 in ATLAS Capital Center in Podgorica.
- The second panel discussion "Against corruption in public procurement", organized by the Institut Alternativa, was held on 9 July 2015 at the Hotel "Princess" in Bar.
- Conference "Strengthening of the impact of the State Audit Institution in Montenegro", held on 1 July 2015 in Hotel "Podgorica".
- Panel discussion titled "The ways of fighting corruption in public procurement", organized by the Public Procurement Administration, the State Commission for Control of Public Procurement Procedures and the Institut Alternativa was held on 24 June 2015 in Hotel "Bjanka" in Kolašin.
- Roundtable themed "Chapter 23 where are we with reforms and the ways of ensuring progress", organized by the CRNVO, was held on 9 June 2015 in Podgorica.
- Panel discussion within the project "Civil society and citizens against corruption in public procurement" was held in organization by the NGO Institut Alternativa and the Embassy of Kingdoom of the Netherlands in PR Center in Podgorica, on 16 September 2015.
- At the invitation by TASCO, the NGOs Fair was organized in Podgorica, on 16 October 2015.
- Association of Disabled Youth of Montenegro organized a conference themed "Let's strengthen the capacities to enhance changes", in PR Center in Podgorica, on 1 December 2015.
- The IX National conference on anti-corruption, organized by MANS, was held in Hotel "Ramada" in Podgorica, on 9-10 December 2015.



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Considering that the Integrity Plan of the Public Procurement Administration should be further improved and updated, the heads of organizational units may suggest new measures for reduction of risks of corruption, and thus ensure strengthening of integrity in the organizational unit they manage.

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