



## OSCE Factsheet Mission to Montenegro

With 56 participating States from Europe, Central Asia and North America, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) forms the largest regional security organization in the world. The OSCE is a primary instrument for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation in its area. It has 19 missions or field operations in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia.

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The Mission supports and assists Montenegro in its reform priorities. It also maintains a strategic partnership with civil society. The Mission's operational activities focus on democratization processes, legislative reform and institution building, protection of human and minority rights, media reform, police reform, politico-military affairs, protection of the environment and improving good governance.

## Background And General Information

The OSCE Mission to Montenegro was established on 29 June 2006 by the OSCE Permanent Council's Decision No.732. The decision followed Montenegro's declaration of independence on 3 June 2006. Prior to this, the OSCE was represented with an Office in Podgorica, which was a subsection of the Belgrade-based OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro.

### MANDATE

The OSCE Permanent Council mandated the Mission with assisting and promoting the implementation of the OSCE principles and commitments and co-operating with Montenegrin authorities in the OSCE's three dimensions of security: the politico-military, economic and environmental, and human.

In implementing its projects the Mission maintains contacts with various OSCE offices and institutions, as well as with other international organizations. It co-operates with Montenegro's local authorities, universities, research institutions and non-governmental organizations.



## MISSION STRUCTURE

The Mission's headquarters are in Montenegro's capital, Podgorica. It is structured around the following six programmes:

- **Police Affairs**
- **Politico-Military**
- **Democratization**
- **Rule of Law and Human Rights**
- **Media**
- **Economy and Environment**

The Head of Mission provides political guidance, with overall responsibility for the planning, management, implementation and direction of the Mission's activities in the host country. The current **Head of Mission is Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu** (Romania).

The **Office of the Head of Mission** also includes a **Management Unit**, headed by the Deputy Head of Mission, who is in charge of programme co-ordination and external co-operation, as well as a **Political Affairs and Public Information Unit**. The operation of the Mission is supported by the **Fund Administration Unit**.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

**Budget (2008): 2,309,500 Euro**

**Staff: 14 international, 32 local**

The OSCE Mission's programmes are delivered by joint efforts of all its staff members. In 2008, the Mission's budget amounted to 2,309,500 Euro. These funds are received from contributions made by the 56 OSCE participating States. Additional funds may be provided for specific projects financed by voluntary contributions made by the OSCE participating States.

## MISSION PROGRAMMES

The Mission's programmes are delivered through three main thematic dimensions:

### POLITICO-MILITARY DIMENSION

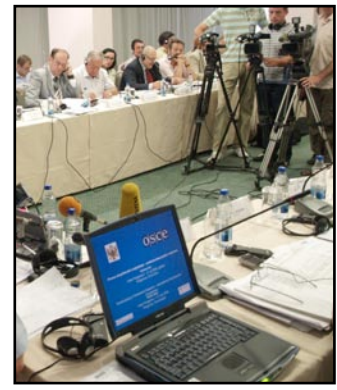
Through its activities, the Mission's **Police Affairs Programme** provides comprehensive assistance to the Government of Montenegro in implementing police-related reforms, with particular focus on the implementation of legislation, police education, the fight against organized crime and border policing.

The objectives of this programme include the development of a fully operational and integrated border management system and enhancing regional co-operation in the fight against organized crime, including cross-border crimes such as trafficking in human beings, narcotics and arms. Promoting co-operation between the police and state institutions, media and local communities are also covered by the Police Affairs Section. An OSCE Police Training Centre at the Montenegrin Police Academy in Danilovgrad works closely with the Interior Ministry and the Police Directorate on projects relating to training and education in community policing, border policing, crime scene protection and the principles of modern management.

The Mission assists the police authorities in implementing the Strategy and Action Plan for the Fight Against Organized Crime and Corruption, the Integrated Border Management Strategy and Action



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Plan, building the capacity of the National Criminal Intelligence System, the Special Anti-Terrorist Unit, the Interpol National Central Bureau, and the Border Police. Based on the National Strategy on Community Oriented Policing, and following a successfully implemented pilot phase, the Police Affairs Programme continued the Community Policing Project in 2008 throughout the country.

As part of the **Politico-Military Programme**, the OSCE Mission, in co-operation with the Defence Ministry of Montenegro and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), provides support to the implementation of the Montenegrin demilitarization programme (MONDEM). The objective of the programme is to improve human and environmental security, and make sure arms and ammunition are stored securely. In co-operation with the German Federal Ministry of Defence, the OSCE Mission, the UNDP Office and the Montenegrin Defence Ministry are working to develop the national capacity in operational management of stockpiles of conventional ammunition and ammunition storage sites through a series of training courses.

## ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

The Mission's **Economy and Environment Programme** promotes good governance in Montenegro through implementing the respective legislation, fostering regional and international co-operation, capacity building and public participation in decision-making.

The Programme contributes to raising public awareness on public participation in decision-making, access to justice in environmental matters, technical and

legislative aspects of money laundering and terrorism financing, the prevention and combating of trafficking in human beings, as well as the prevention of sexual exploitation of minors in the tourism industry.

## HUMAN DIMENSION

The activities of the OSCE Mission's **Democratization Programme** contribute to the development of democratic governance and accountability of both central and local authorities, promotion of an active civil society engaged in all levels of government decision-making, fighting discrimination and intolerance, including the protection of national minorities and promotion of equal opportunities.

Activities to promote good governance target both the national and local level. At the national level, the Mission is implementing a four-year project, funded by the Austrian Government, to support the Parliament of Montenegro. It aims to increase the efficiency of the Parliament, particularly its committees, and to support the parliamentary services. At the local level, the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct for local civil servants have been developed to increase transparency and capacity in combating corruption.

The Democratization Programme is helping develop Montenegro's Civic Education Strategy and its implementation through inclusion in the curriculum of all public schools, and continuously supports capacity building of a network of Citizen Information and Education Centres (CIECs). As regards to gender equality, in addition to taking part in developing respective legislation, the Mission initiated a programme to develop the capacity of local gender focal points. The Democratization Programme has also been actively involved in drafting a National Strategy on Volunteerism, the roll-out of Local Youth Action



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Plans, and provides support to the integration and empowerment of national minorities, including Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians.

The **Rule of Law and Human Rights Programme** assists the Montenegrin authorities in reforming the judiciary and building the capacity of institutions. The Programme supports the drafting and implementation of the new Constitution of Montenegro, the new Criminal Procedure Code, as well as the establishment and consolidation of the Ombudsperson Institution. It also helps build the capacity of the Prison Service Training Centre.

The Programme provides capacity-building and expert assistance in the implementation of judiciary reforms and respective action plans. In particular, the Programme focuses on international and regional judicial co-operation, enhancing co-operation with the International Criminal Court, developing a free legal aid system and promoting the use of mediation as an alternative conflict resolution model. Within its **Court Monitoring Project**, the Programme is helping


Montenegro establish effective tools for the criminal justice reforms.

The Programme will continue to provide support to the country's Constitutional Court.

Through its activities, the **Media Programme** focuses on improving and implementing the legislative media framework, capacity building and better communication between the media and state institutions. The objectives of the Programme are to improve the media regulation and self-regulation through co-operation and exchange of experiences with the countries in the region, to support the implementation of the Law on Free Access to Information, and provide assistance in the process of the transformation of the Radio Television of Montenegro (RTCG) into a public service broadcaster.

The Programme provides support to educational training programmes for journalists in Montenegro, in co-operation with the Faculty of Journalism and the Montenegro Media Institute.

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