



# Reform of public administration

## Modernising Quality Infrastructure

### Montenegro

*"Reforming quality infrastructure in Montenegro may not look "sexy" but is a challenge that the country has to face as it creates huge opportunities for its business and for its citizens."*

Leopold Maurer, Head of EU  
Delegation to Montenegro



### Project Partners

Ministry of Economy -  
Department for Quality  
Infrastructure and  
Board of the  
Government  
Programme for Quality

Institute for  
Standardisation of  
Montenegro

Accreditation Body of  
Montenegro

Bureau of Metrology

Bioethic Srl, Italy

Intertech Batinorm  
SARL, France

### Facts and Figures

- Total budget: € 2.33 million
- EU contribution: € 2 million
- Duration: March 2010 - November 2011
- Working on the project: 54 experts

### Context

Montenegro's preparations for European Union accession in the area of free movement of goods are moderately advanced. The country needs to build up its institutional and administrative capacity, enhance cooperation between State institutions and align its legal framework with EU legislation. Additional effort is needed to start aligning Montenegrin product-specific laws with EU rules.

### Objectives

- Bring legislation and technical regulations in line with the body of EU law.
- Promote the transposition of European and international standards into national ones, by enhancing the capacities of the Montenegrin Institute of Standardisation, the Accreditation Body and the Bureau of Metrology.
- Create more favourable conditions for future international recognition of Montenegrin accreditation certificates and test and calibration results.
- Ensure an unbroken chain of traceability of measurements for the relevant metrology standards.

### Impact

- The overall metrology, standardisation, accreditation and conformity assessment set up is compliant with EU law.
- Three new laws and 7 new directives are in the process of being adopted. Through 30 training courses 120 people from quality-inspection bodies have been trained, and there have also been 4 study visits.
- Inter-institutional coordination has been strengthened.