



Discussion on PIFC Policy in Montenegro AD 2021: state of play and next steps

The objective of the discussion is to take stock of the results achieved so far in the area of Public Internal Financial Control (PIFC) in Montenegro, to discuss priorities for the next period and how to achieve them. The timing of the webinar coincides with the finalisation of the new Public Finance Management Reform Programme, the publication of the most recent SIGMA monitoring assessment and the completion of the Technical Assistance (TA) project supporting the CHU. This provides a good opportunity to discuss state of play as well as the next steps for PIFC policy. The invited participants include the officials of the CHU, representatives of the Delegation of the EU in Montenegro, experts of the ongoing TA project and SIGMA experts.

Draft Agenda

9 December 2021, Zoom platform

- 10:00 Welcome and introduction**, Timo Ligi SIGMA
- 10:05 Presentation of the results of the 2021 SIGMA monitoring assessment**, Pilar Ormijana, SIGMA
- Main developments since 2017;
 - Regional comparison on key aspects
- 10:20 Comments on the assessment results and key CHU priorities for the next period**, Mladen Vlahovic, CHU
- 10:40 The perspective of the TA project: key achievements and suggestions for next steps**, Joyce Teunnissen
- 10:50 The EU priorities and availability of support for next period**, Eleonora Formagnana, EU Delegation
- 11:00 Discussion on selected aspects related to PIFC Policy:**
- what are the obstacles to increasing managerial accountability in state authorities and how to overcome them?
 - what are the main challenges regarding the quality of audit reports and how to further enhance the quality?
 - what are the main areas, where additional support is needed?
- 11:50 Summarising the main takeaways from the discussion**, Pilar Ormijana/Timo Ligi, SIGMA
- 12:00 Close of the webinar**