



**Dialogue on Regional Mobility of  
Professionals in CEFTA**

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## Session 2:

# Professional mobility

- **Law on Employment and Work of Foreigners** (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No.22/08 and 32/11) and **Law on Foreigners** (Official Gazette of Montenegro No.82/08, 72/09, 32/11, 53/11).
- The new **Law on Foreigners** is currently under development (to be adopted during the second quarter of 2014). It will transpose the provisions of the Law on Employment and Work of Foreigners.
- **Migration service centers** in Montenegro: Bar, Berane, Herceg Novi and Podgorica.
- **EURES** department within Employment Office of Montenegro (head of department + 3 counselors which will be appointed during 2015)
- Regulations in this area are **partially aligned** with the EU acquis. For the purpose of convergence, the changes are planned through **the amendments on Law on Foreigners until the accession to the EU.**

# Recognition of qualifications

- Jurisdiction of Ministry of Education
- **Convention on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education in the European region** (Lisbon, 11 April 1997) - ratified by Montenegro in March 2004.
- National **ENIC/NARIC** centers
- Quality cooperation with countries from the region, as well as Italy, Russia, Ukraine etc.
- Most common professions that are subject of recognition derive from the following areas: **economy, management, medicine etc.**
- **Bilateral agreements** regulating recognition of foreign diplomas were in force while Montenegro was part of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia. There are initiatives for their renewal i.e. from Hungary

## Professional services

- Montenegro services market is very liberal.
- Article 8 of Law on Advocacy recognizes that a foreign lawyer may practice before the judicial and other state authorities in Montenegro, on condition that reciprocal arrangements exist in their home country. The Ministry of Justice will be responsible for confirming the existence of reciprocity, based on a prior opinion from the Bar Association.
- Montenegro has agreement with Serbia in providing legal services

# Law on Employment and Work of Foreigners

Article 26 – refers on *Cross-border Services of Foreigners*

- Cross-border services of foreigners are services performed under the agreement signed between a foreign business company, i.e. a foreign citizen and a legal entity based in Montenegro for whom the services are performed.
- Cross-border services can be provided by a foreigner employed with a foreign business company engaged in providing these types of services.
- Cross-border services of foreigners, who are required to have a university degree and specialized knowledge and experience, may be provided by a foreigner without a working relationship. Before submitting the request for the work permit, a legal entity based in Montenegro shall be obliged, upon the written explanation, to obtain the consent from the State Administration body responsible for the activity in which the service is provided.
- The work permit is issued for the period of one year within the quota set for cross-border services.



***Thank you for your  
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