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**1 April**

## **Montenegrin officials visited the ISAF mission**

Montenegrin President **Filip Vujanovic**, Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** and Chief of the Army of Montenegro, Vice Admiral **Dragan Samardzic**, visited on the last day of March the III Montenegrin military contingent in the ISAF mission in Afghanistan.

After visiting the base and talking to our staff officers, the Montenegrin delegation visited the base of Pannonia in Pol-e-Kömri, where the most Montenegrin soldiers are, 33 of them. After the ceremonial welcome by the III Montenegrin contingent, led by the commander **Zoran Vukadinovic**, the delegation was received by the commander of the provincial reconstructive team **Balazs Slosjar**.

President Vujanovic made a donation of school supplies to the “Gawar chad Beigum” school. Director of the schools thanked for the donation and aid that Montenegro is sending.

On the second day of the visit Montenegrin delegation was received by the President of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan **Hamid Karzai** and the commander of ISAF, General **David Petraeus**.

**5 April**

## **Slovak support for the Euro-Atlantic integration**

Montenegro's Prime Minister, **Igor Luksic**, Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Rocen** had separate visits with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic **Milan Jezovica**.

The results of Montenegro on its path to the European Union and NATO have been recognized at all European addresses, Jezovica said in a conversation with the Montenegrin Prime Minister.

A senior official of Slovakia said he was pleased with the increase in support for Montenegro's membership in NATO and said that Slovakia is ready to give our country provide any assistance in the Euro-Atlantic integration.

State Secretary Jezovica said to Minister Vucinic that everybody is familiar with the contribution of Montenegro to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan, and it is a clear sign that Montenegro is ready to contribute to peace and stability in the world.

In a conversation with Minister Rocen, Jezovica confirmed readiness of the Slovak Government to be a constructive partner of Montenegro in the European and Euro-Atlantic integration and he said that although a difficult path is ahead of Montenegro, Slovakia firmly believes that Montenegro will successfully meet its obligations from the demanding agenda of accession to the EU and NATO.

## 5 April

### **Hungary committed to the integration of Balkan countries**

Hungary is ready to support accession of Montenegro to the European Union and NATO, and its entry into these alliances would be important for the entire region, said the Hungarian President **Pal Schmitt**, after talks with his Montenegrin counterpart **Filip Vujanovic**.

Schmitt said that the accession of Montenegro into NATO and the EU would be very significant in terms of economic cooperation as well.

Vujanovic said that the cooperation between the armies of Montenegro and Hungary is of high quality, and that it is most strongly expressed through cooperation in the ISAF mission in Afghanistan.

He stressed that importance of NATO integration for Montenegro is significant, and that we wish to continue to enjoy such support of Hungary in the process of integration.

## 12 April

### **Support from the Mediterranean**

Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Rocen** received on April 11 in separate meetings the Ambassador of the Republic of Greece **Emmanouil Papadogiorgakis** and Ambassador of Portugal **Luis de Almeida Sampaio**.

Rocen spoke to Ambassador Papadogiorgakis about the further intensification of cooperation within, as mutually rated, excellent bilateral relations. In this context, importance of the contribution of Greece to promotion the European and Euro-Atlantic perspectives of Montenegro was emphasized.

Ambassador of Portugal Luis de Almeida Sampaio said that Montenegro is progressing very well in the European and Euro-Atlantic integration, that this progress is visible, and that it should be commended. He also stressed the importance of maintaining a positive dynamics of this process and the importance of a permanent commitment to integration. He repeated the full support of Portugal to bringing Montenegro closer to the EU and NATO, and he also conveyed the readiness of Portugal to provide expert assistance and transfer of experience in these areas through various projects.

## 14 April

### **Rocen at the NAC meeting**

Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration **Milan Rocen** in Berlin, at the invitation of the NATO Secretary General **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**, attended a NATO North Atlantic Council meeting with non-NATO ISAF contributing nations.

Minister Rocen confirmed at the meeting Montenegro's commitment to building global peace and security and to support the transition process in Afghanistan.

During a two-day visit Rocen in Berlin had bilateral meetings with participants of the meeting, and with high German officials.

Ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council brings together 48 countries whose troops are in Afghanistan, and at the last North Atlantic Council meeting with non-NATO ISAF contributing nations it was agreed that the transfer of military and security authorities to the Government of **Hamid Karzai** should soon begin, with an aim to be completed by 2014.

On that occasion, **Christoph Heusgen**, chief foreign and security adviser to German Chancellor **Angela Merkel**, said that the doors of NATO and the EU are open to Montenegro, adding that Germany monitors and encourages Montenegro in the process of accession to European and Euro-Atlantic structures, especially in the context of meeting the seven key priorities and obtaining a date for start of accession negotiations.

## 18 April

### **Vucinic: Integration is a project of the entire society**

Montenegro's integration into NATO is not a project of the Government, but the interest of the entire society, Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** said for TV Atlas.

"A better security solution is not available at the moment, and anyone who proposes military neutrality is ignorant or fantasizing", Vucinic said on the VIP Atlas show.

This is primarily a project of the whole society, a project of the whole country, and of course the Government is the holder of that project but I think that no smaller share in this issue should have the rest of society, especially civil society and the academic community. I believe that when it comes to NATO, first of all we need to talk about this issue transparently, that it should be discussed about, a campaign should not be led but we should indicate what are the advantages and disadvantages of the NATO membership of a country", Minister of Defence said.

When it comes to neutrality, the Minister said that one should always have an alternative, just to see what it is and whether the basic solution and the main goal is worse than the alternative.

"We think, to be very clear with you, that no better solution exists. However, both should be analysed and it should be seen what both bring", he concluded.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE COORDINATION TEAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND PARTNERS****3 April****PAX Fest successfully closed**

Multimedia event titled PAX Fest was held on Sunday, 3 April 2011 at the Faculty of Administrative and European Studies in Podgorica.

PAX Fest was organized with an aim to meet April 4th, the Students' Day, and also the day of the signing of the Washington Treaty, with whom NATO was established.

The event was opened by the Head of the Coordination Team for the Implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration **Dragan Pejanovic** and the Dean of the Faculty of Administrative and European Studies, **Djordjije Blazic**.

The festival was held under the motto "**Peace - Youth and Action**" and it was divided into several interactive segments: competition in oratory - "I am proud to say", competition for the best photo - "I spread the image", and competition for the selection of the best video clip - "I see and feel".

Participation in the competition was taken by more than 40 students from several faculties and the winners of the competition were given valuable prizes.

**Pejanovic** expressed his belief that young people are a key factor in the integration of Montenegro into Euro-Atlantic structures, and that this event is a proof of their serious work and interest in this process.

Dean Blazic repeated the full commitment of the Faculty of Administrative and European studies to this important foreign policy priority of our country, and encouraged the participants and visitors to contribute to the further promotion and preservation of ideas of freedom and youth action.

PAX Fest was organized as a part of "Pristajem NA TO" project and its aim is open communication and informing the student population and other visitors on the Euro-Atlantic integration, but also on the importance and role of youth in securing lasting peace and stability in the world.

This event was jointly organized by the **Coordination Team for the Implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic Integration** and the **Faculty of Administrative and European Studies**.

**5 April****Graduates interested in the benefits for the state**

A lecture for high school students "The role of civil society in the Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro", organized by the **NGO Spona** from Berane, in collaboration with the High School "30. septembar", was held in Rozaje.

The importance of NATO membership was discussed by representatives of the two **NGOs: Mreza 9** and **Montenegro herc**. Graduates were mostly interested in what benefits to the state will the membership in the Alliance bring, what the obligations of Member States to participate in peacekeeping operations are, and what the role of the Alliance in the current events in Libya is.

President of the NGO Spona **Sasa Radunovic** said that NATO was formed primarily to provide protection and security of the Member States, but that this role has changed over time. Besides security, the challenge for full membership in this organization is that standards should be met as well, Radunovic said.

He pointed out that this means that Montenegro, if it wants to join the Alliance, must lead the fight against organized crime, corruption, but also work on the improvement of human and minority rights.

## 15 April

### “NATO Karavan” successfully completed

The Communication strategy on Euro Atlantic Integration was marked in April with a new project whose aim was to introduce the role of NATO to the citizens of Montenegro, as well as to achieve a direct contact with the public, and it was all accomplished in the environment of informative, sports and entertainment activities. The project “NATO Karavan” visited five cities in Montenegro - **Cetinje (April 6)**, **Niksic (April 8)**, **Podgorica (April 11)**, **Bar (April 13)** and **Bijelo Polje (April 15)**. The program, organized under the title “Pristajem NA TO”, started with a multimedia event in Cetinje, and it ended in Bijelo Polje.

Multimedia event “Pristajem NA TO” was organized by the **Faculty of Administrative and European Studies** with support from the **Coordination Team for the Implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration** and the **local governments**.

The event was attended by representatives of the Government's Coordination Team for the implementation of the Communication Strategy, representatives of relevant ministries, local governments and NGO representatives including **Boro Vucinic**, Minister of Defence; **Dragan Pejanovic**, Head of the Coordination Team; **Aleksandar Bogdanovic**, Mayor of the Royal Capital Cetinje; **Zarko Pavicevic**, Mayor of Bar; **Aleksandar Zaric**, Mayor of Bijelo Polje; **Nebojsa Radojicic**, Mayor of Niksic; **Zoran Begovic**, Assistant Minister of Interior for Civil Security and Emergency Management; **Krsto Perovic**, the newly appointed Chief of the Defence Section in the Mission of Montenegro to NATO; **Dragoslav Pumpalovic**, Head of NATO Department in the MoD; Major **Ilija Dakovic**, the Army of Montenegro; **Dubravka Lalovic**, Director of NATO Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration; **Petar Krstajic**, Chief of Cabinet for the Director of Police; **Mladen Markovic**, the Commander of the Special Anti-Terrorist Unit, UP; Lieutenant Colonel **Mladen Buric**, the Army of Montenegro; Captain of the frigate **Vesko Tomanovic**, Navy of the Army of Montenegro; **Cedomir Fustic**, Counsellor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration; **Dragana Vesovic**, 2nd Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration; **Djordjije Blazic**, Dean of the Faculty of State and European Studies; **Aleksandar Dedovic**, executive director of the NGO "ALFA Centar", and **Nazif Velic**, Executive Director of the NGO "Novi horizonti".

Participation in the event was also taken by the representatives of the diplomatic corps **Frantisek Lipka**, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic; **Petar Turcinovic**, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia; **Morten Ringheim**, Permanent Representative of the Ministry of Defence of Norway to the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro; **Aljosa Selan**, representative of the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia and advisor in the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro.

High school and university students had the opportunity to explore the process of Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro through informal discussions "1 on 1" with representatives of the relevant ministries, but also to have fun at the soccer competition, table tennis, stacking puzzles and karaoke. Best of the competitors were awarded prizes, and musician Bojan Delic entertained the visitors with music.

Addressing the citizens and participants of the Karavan in Niksic, Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** said that membership in the North Atlantic Alliance, above all, means a stable and a secure country, and therefore a warm welcome to the European Union.

Događajem u bjelopoljskoj Gimnaziji, na kome se okupio veliki broj mladih ljudi, uspješno je završen projekat „NATO karavan“.

“It would be important for Montenegro to decide on the global issues and lasting peace and stability in the region, along with 28 other members of the Alliance. We are here in order to talk to young people about what is, above all, their interest and interest of the generations that will live in this area”, Minister of Defence said, adding that it is difficult for Montenegro to find a better path than this.

The event in Bijelo Polje high school ended the project “NATO Karavan”, successfully gathering a large number of young people.

**Dragan Pejanovic**, Head of the Coordination Team for the Implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration, expressed his satisfaction with a well prepared and successfully implemented project titled “NATO Karavan”.

“Younger generations are by nature carriers of the progressive ideas and positive energy that is very important in the integration process, and therefore their involvement in these processes is extremely important. I believe that through quality dialogue and public debate we have given answers to many questions and therefore we will continue with these and similar activities in the future”, Pejanovic said.

**Sonja Becanovic**, President of the Student Parliament of the Faculty of Administrative and European Studies, said she believes that the Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro is of great importance, bearing in mind that NATO membership is one of the strategic orientations of our country, and that the younger population will feel the most benefits of this membership. Young people are, according to polls, least informed about the process of integration and least familiar with the activities of the Alliance. This is the main reason that this event is dedicated to young people.

“We believe that this is a good way to bring them closer to the process, to bring the Alliance closer to them, its main lines of action, to inform them in a direct and informal way. Besides that, they can also have fun at the event”, Becanovic said.

The winners of the competitions from this event will pay a study visit to the Air Force Base, military barracks "Milovan Saranovic" in Danilovgrad, and the Navy of Montenegro on 14 and 15 May 2011. Among other things, awarded high school and university students will be able to fly by helicopter during a study visit, talk to Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic**, learn about the living conditions in the barracks, visit the training ship "Jadran" and cruise on the most beautiful Montenegrin sailboat.

## 16 April

### The first round of ALIANTE 2011 completed

The first round of national competition "ALIANTE 2011" was completed, organized by the **NGO ALFA Centar**. This round involved a total of 49 teams from all parts of Montenegro. Knowledge necessary to reach the second round was successfully demonstrated by 24 participants.

Areas that Montenegrin high school students will be interested in until May 27<sup>th</sup> (when the 2nd round of the competition ends) are: **international relations, the structure and functioning, history and geography of the North Atlantic Alliance.**

At the end of the second round of the competition the best will be awarded with prizes - computers, provided by the Ministry of Information Society and Telecommunications, as well as digital cameras and participation at the fourth Euro-Atlantic Regional Camp - REACT 2011.

The fact that competitors come from all parts of Montenegro speaks volumes about the popularity and importance of the ALIANTE competition for our country.

Top six winner teams in the national competition will participate in the world competition that will this summer be held in Montenegro.

## 18 April

### CDT: Continuation of the EU and NATO workshops with graduates

Interactive workshops within the project "EU and NATO workshops" - "The European direction - a safe road", continued in April in Podgorica.

The project is a continuation of the **Centre for Democratic Transition** implemented with the aim of educating high school students throughout Montenegro in the area of Euro-Atlantic and European integration.

After the spring break, workshops were held in the High school "Spasoje Raspopovic", in High School "Vaso Aligrudic" and the High School of Medicine.

In addition, workshops were held in April in the High School "Marko Radevic", at the end of April instructors of CDT held workshops in the High School of Economics "Mirko Vesovic" and High School "Slobodan Skerovic".

Workshops were organized by the **Center for Democratic Transition** in cooperation with the **Coordination Team for the implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro**.

**20 April**

**Workshop „GEPSUS – Analysis of the project“ opened in Podgorica**

Within the GEPSUS (Geographic Information procedures for environmental protection from pollution) project "Simulation Models of air pollutants in urban areas" was supported by the NATO program "Science for Peace and Security" in December 2010, applied for by the Faculty of Electrical Engineering.

Project "Simulation Models of air pollutants in urban areas" for the University of Montenegro is managed by the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, and the project director is Professor **Radovan Stojanovic**.

The project aims to establish a centre for simulation and modelling of disasters, and the intention is to enlarge the project to other forms of crises that are specific to Montenegro.

In the introductory part of the workshop, Professor **Radovan Stojanovic**, partner director of the project, said that the GEPSUS project addresses the problem of air pollution in urban areas, and it is focused on the disasters caused by the uncontrolled emission of air pollutants.

**Predrag Miranovic**, Rector of the University of Montenegro, on this occasion said that this project represents a powerful mechanism involving the University of Montenegro in strategic decisions but also confirms the necessity of using scientific achievements in the process of social development.

**Dragan Pejanovic**, Head of the Coordination Team for the Implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro said at the opening that he believes that the founding of the centre for the simulation of natural disasters will significantly contribute to the prevention and control of risks and challenges that our society could be facing in the future.

**Drasko Jovanovic**, Deputy Minister of Defence for Defence Policy, said that Montenegro opted for this way in order to provide its own security and that the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro has decided to strongly support this project as one of the end users.

Opening speakers included **Zoran Begovic**, Assistant Minister of Emergency Management, **Srdjan Stankovic**, Dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, **Sasa Ivanovic**, a representative of the Ministry of Science and **Giuseppe Conti**, representative of the GEPSUS project.

The workshop was attended by representatives of institutions of the Government of Montenegro, representatives of foreign diplomatic missions in Montenegro, as well as project participants from Montenegro, Italy, Slovenia and Israel.

29 April

### Training of state and local servants and employees continued in April

In April, 9 lectures were held within the **Training of state and local servants and employees on NATO**, out of which 6 in Podgorica, and one each in Bijelo Polje, Bar and Rozaje.

The Training is conducted within three topics: Montenegro on its path to NATO; International Security and Montenegro: UN, NATO, EU, OSCE; National security system of Montenegro.

Lectures were attended by a significant number of members of the Army of Montenegro and civil servants and employees.

Guest lecturers at the lecture held on April 4th on „**International Security and Montenegro: UN, NATO, OSCE**“ were: Ambassador of Croatia in Montenegro professor **Petar Turcinovic**; expert consultant in the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro **Jack Petri**, a retired colonel of the U.S. Armed Forces; and the representative of the Directorate of Defence Policy of the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia and the new advisor in the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro, **Aljosa Selan**.

The lecture was opened by director of the Human Resources Management Authority, **Svetlana Vukovic**, and the training was held by Colonel **Mehmedin Tahirovic**, Head of the Verification Centre for Arms Control at the Ministry of Defence and a member of the Coordination Team.

Ambassador Turcinovic on this occasion spoke on "EU and NATO - The inter-relations", Petri spoke on "The ISAF mission in Afghanistan – future and perspectives", and participants of the Training could hear Selan talking about the experience of Slovenia in NATO's ISAF peace mission - "Case Study - Slovenia in Afghanistan".

The Training is organized by the **Human Resources Management Authority of the Government of Montenegro** and the **Coordination Team**.

24 April

### Q&A column in “Pobjeda”

Column "NATO - misconceptions and truths" is published every Monday in the daily Pobjeda in cooperation with the Coordination Team for implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic Integration of Montenegro.

In the column entitled "NATO - misconceptions and truths" 7 questions about the Euro-Atlantic road of Montenegro were answered in April:

**Is NATO Contact Point Embassy a mission and what does it do in our country?, Does NATO have its own army that fights in wars?, Do only great powers make decisions in NATO?, Why is "silence procedure" special in NATO?, Who is NATO Secretary General and what does he do?, By joining NATO, will we leave our coast to others who seek for a perfect place for military bases?.**

25 April

### Introducing NATO member countries

In cooperation with the Coordination Team and the Faculty of Political Sciences, on Mondays student Marija Martinovic writes about one NATO member country for the website [www.nato-montenegro.me](http://www.nato-montenegro.me). The column gives a brief overview of NATO member countries. The following countries were included in the section Member States in April: **the USA, Iceland and Greece.**

### "NATO-Info" aired on Radio Crna Gora

"NATO-Info" is a half-hour program about NATO, aired on Channel 1 of Radio Crna Gora, and one of the information activities defined by the Action Plan which primarily discusses key NATO topics, with various and numerous guests, and with direct contact with the listeners. The show "NATO-Info" is broadcasted twice a month, on Thursdays at 10h. In each show, the first part is dedicated to regular report from the Ministry of Defence on the status of our soldiers in the ISAF Mission in Afghanistan.

**7th April** - Guest of the issue was the President of NGO IN4S and the IN4S web portal, **Gojko Raicevic.**

**21st April** - Guest of the issue was **Zoran Konjanovski**, Minister of Defence of R. Macedonia.

Head of the Coordination Team, **Dragan Pejanovic**, spoke about the successful completion of the project „NATO karavan“.

### "Raport" aired on Radio Antena M

"Raport" is a program on Euro-Atlantic integration, defence and army. It is broadcasted twice a month, on Wednesdays at 16h.

**13th April** - Topics of this issue were:

- Seminar titled „International Security and Montenegro: UN, NATO and OSCE“ held within Training of state and local servants and employees on NATO.
- „NATO karavan“ within project „Pristajem NATO!“ in Podgorica.

**27th April** - Topics of this issue were:

- The hearing in the disciplinary proceedings against the president of Trade Union Organization of the Army of Montenegro Nenad Cobeljic, was delayed.
- Workshop "GEPUS - Project Analysis" supported by the NATO program "Science for Peace and Security".
- Promotional event of the project "Be a Soldier - Be a Cadet" of the Ministry of Defence

- Event „Pristajem NA TO!“ closed „NATO karavan“, an entertaining and educational project which is aimed at achieving open communication between citizens and informing them about the Euro-Atlantic integration.

## “NATO-Info” broadcasted on TVCG

“NATO-Info” is a short, informative journalistic form, which is usually broadcasted twice a month, and it deals with current issues from NATO, from NATO member states and partners, as well as from Montenegro on its way to NATO. “NATO-Info” is shown twice a month, on Wednesdays at 22h and it is repeated on Fridays at 14.05h. There were two episodes broadcasted in April, as follows:

**13th April** – topics of the issue were visit of President Vujanovic and Minister of Defence Vucinic to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan, visit of President Vujanovic to Hungary, Training of state and local servants and employees on NATO, project "NATO karavan" in Cetinje and Niksic.

**27th April** – topics of the issue were visit of Minister Rocen to Germany, opinion of Alain Kundycki, Ambassador of Belgium on integration of Montenegro, visiting Head of Russian Diplomacy Sergei Lavrov, opening of GEPSUS project, promotion of the project "Be a Soldier - Be a Cadet" of the Ministry of Defence, and "NATO karavan" in Montenegrin towns.

## 1 May

### Integracije on TV IN

Integracije is a new TV show made by IN television that speaks about Euro-Atlantic integration in its three segments: the Duel, Info and Presentation of activities in Montenegro. The show runs once a month, on Sunday at 21:35h and it is repeated on Monday at 15:10h.

Guests of the Duel in the April issue of Integracije were **Zoran Begovic**, Deputy Minister of Interior for Emergency Situations and **Dritan Abazovic**, expert on politics.