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June 6

Albania: Importance of a strategic partnership with NATO

Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations **Milan Rocen** had an official visit to the Republic of Albania at the invitation of Minister of Foreign Affairs **Edmond Haxhinasto**, with whom he discussed questions of improving bilateral relations, European and Euro-Atlantic integration and regional cooperation.

Haxhinasto, speaking of European and Euro-Atlantic integration, emphasized full support of Albania for Montenegro's membership into NATO and he in particular stressed the importance of further EU enlargement process for all countries in the region.

Rocen thanked his counterpart for the support that Albania gives to Montenegro on its way to NATO and he repeated Montenegrin willingness to cooperate with Albania in process of EU accession.

Rocen also met Prime Minister **Sali Berisha**, who reiterated the full support of Albania for the rapid accession of Montenegro to NATO and he expressed his willingness to intensify bilateral cooperation in all areas of common interest.

Montenegrin Minister also had talks with the President of the Republic of Albania, **Bamir Topi**, where they repeated a mutual willingness to renew relationships of the two countries in the pursuit of common European and Euro-Atlantic vision.

June 9

Minister Vucinic at the NATO HQ

Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** took part in a Meeting of NATO Defence Ministers with non-NATO ISAF Contributing nations in NATO Headquarters in Brussels.

The meeting was chaired by NATO Secretary General **Anders Fogh Rasmussen**, and it was attended by Commander of the ISAF mission, General **Petraeus**, Commander of the Strategic Allied Command Operations Admiral **Stavridis** and NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan, Ambassador **Simon Gass** who gave an overview of the current security situation in the country.

Minister Vucinic conveyed the intention of Montenegro to continue to support the ISAF mission by sending the members of the Army of Montenegro to this mission, as well as sending military instructors to train the Afghan National Army Police within the A-5 initiative and Slovenia.

An agreement was made that the by next meeting of defence ministers in this format a political-military plan will be made that will introduce a concept for post-transition period, i.e. period after the 2014. During the meeting, the new Commander of ISAF was presented, General **Allen**, who will replace General Petraeus by the middle of this year.

Besides Minister Vucinic, the meeting was attended by the Ambassador of Montenegro to NATO **Vesko Garcevic**, and Military Representative of Montenegro to EU and NATO, Lt. Gen. **Ljubisa Jokic**.

June 11

McCain: Montenegro an example for other countries in transition

On je čestitao Crnoj Gori na doprinosu koji daje bezbjednosti u svijetu učešćem crnogorskih vojnika u mirovnoj misiji ISAF u Avganistanu.

Sastanku je prisustvovao ministar odbrane **Boro Vučinić**.

Prime Minister **Igor Luksic** met in Budva with U.S. Senator and Vice President of the Senate Armed Services Committee **John McCain**.

Prime Minister Luksic informed Senator McCain of the results that Montenegro has made in achieving its strategic goals - joining the European Union and NATO.

"We are committed to strengthening regional cooperation as a precondition for further integration, security and economic stability," Prime Minister Luksic said.

"Montenegro could be an example to other countries in transition, not only in the region ", Senator McCain said, and he expressed readiness to further support the Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

He congratulated Montenegro on its contribution to the security in the world by participating in the ISAF peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic**.

June 12

Lamers: Montenegro is an important partner of NATO

Prime Minister of Montenegro **Igor Luksic** met in Budva with President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Deputy Chairman of the Bundestag Defence Committee, **Karl A. Lamers**, and on that occasion they exchanged views on integration processes of Montenegro.

The President of NATO Parliamentary Assembly welcomed the commitment of Montenegro to the European and Euro-Atlantic integration. He said that Montenegro is an important partner of NATO, it meets all the requirements and therefore it has the full support of NATO to become the 29th Alliance member.

Luksic said that Montenegro will remain committed to working on respecting of European and Euro-Atlantic principles, not only in order to gain full membership status in these organizations, but primarily in order to reach a better quality of life for the citizens of Montenegro.

Lamers also met with Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic**.

During the meeting, Lamers said he was impressed by the efforts of Montenegro on its path towards membership in NATO, highlighting the importance of Montenegro's contribution to international peacekeeping missions.

Vucinic said that Montenegro takes seriously its role of a reliable partner and that it is ready to continue and intensify its participation in peacekeeping missions, stressing the importance of support of the Federal Republic of Germany on that road.

June 17

Rocen and Brown about the Euro-Atlantic issues and the region

Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations **Milan Rocen** received U.S. Ambassador **Sue Kay Brown**, with whom he discussed bilateral cooperation, European and Euro-Atlantic issues and the region.

Rocen informed Ambassador Brown that Montenegro is in its final stage of fulfilling obligations under the Action Plan and the first Annual National Programme within MAP, and he thanked the U.S. for the assistance and support provided to Montenegro in achieving its strategic goals.

Ambassador Braun commended Montenegro for the successes achieved in the period following newly gained independence. She pointed out that the United States highly appreciate and recognize Montenegro's efforts in strengthening regional and global stability through engagement in ISAF and other missions and, in this regard, the United States are willing to be a constructive partner and a friend of Montenegro and Montenegrin people on the road to full membership in the EU and NATO.

June 27

The first cycle of MAP concluded

A meeting of the North Atlantic Council and Montenegro was held in Bussels, where the first progress report on Montenegro's participation in the Membership Action Plan (MAP) was discussed with NATO Allies, and it formally concluded the first cycle of MAP for Montenegro.

The meeting was chaired by NATO Deputy Secretary General **Claudio Bisogniero**, and it was attended by Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integrations and the Minister of Defence of Montenegro, **Milan Rocen** and **Boro Vucinic** who addressed the North Atlantic Council.

Allies encouraged Montenegro to continue efforts towards Euro-Atlantic integration and to address outstanding reforms in order to meet Alliance standards. Allies also commended Montenegro's steadfast commitment to regional and international security and thanked Montenegro for the valuable contribution to NATO's ISAF operation in Afghanistan, with emphasis on initiatives made during the Montenegrin presidency of the US-Adriatic Charter on

sending to Afghanistan a joint team of instructors of the Charter member countries and Slovenia.

June 27-29

Parliamentarians in the Professional Development Programme

Delegation of the Montenegrin Parliament, at the invitation of Secretary General of NATO Parliamentary Assembly **David Hobbs**, in Brussels took part in the work of the Professional Development Programme, which was organized by NATO Parliamentary Assembly for the members of the Parliament of Montenegro on June 27-29.

The Delegation of the Parliament was made of the members of the Security and Defence Committee and International Relations and European Integration Committee: Mevludin Nuhodzic, Miodrag Vukovic, Obrad Stanisic, Radivoje Nikcevic, Aleksandar Bogdanovic, Vasilije Lalosevic, Goran Danilovic and Mehmet Bardhi.

The Secretary General of NATO PA, David Hobbs, host of the meeting, on the first day of work presented the role of the PA and in particular pointed the usefulness of inter-parliamentary dialogue and strengthening the transparency that the Parliamentary Assembly provides, as well as understanding the key security issues in the world.

The relationship between the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO and the Western Balkans was also discussed, besides security sector reform and program of parliamentary support.

Also, they exchanged views on NATO cooperation with Montenegro, with special emphasis on security and military issues, as well as European policy in these areas.

June 29

NATO Secretary General visits Montenegro

NATO Secretary General **Anders Fogh Rasmussen** had an official visit to Montenegro on 29 June in Budva, where he participated in the meeting of the Partnership Commission A5, which ended the six-month presidency of this regional initiative. On that occasion, he met with Montenegrin President **Filip Vujanovic**, Montenegrin Prime Minister **Igor Luksic**, and within the Partnership Commission A5 Meeting he held a lecture.

At a joint press conference with Prime Minister **Igor Luksic**, **Rasmussen** said that Montenegro successfully implements the activities envisaged by the Membership Action Plan (MAP), and that it successfully steps towards the membership in the North Atlantic Alliance.

Rasmussen praised the efforts of the Government of Montenegro in implementing reforms in society and said that NATO is open to all countries of the Western Balkans and that NATO wants to see them as members of the North Atlantic family. He expressed the readiness of the Alliance to assist in implementing reforms and improving peace and stability.

Rasmussen commended Montenegro's participation in the ISAF mission in Afghanistan, saying that he believes that participation in the ISAF mission is an important contribution of our country to international security and stability. He stressed the importance of contribution of Montenegro to the US-Adriatic Charter (A5), which represents a good framework of regional cooperation on building peace and security.

Luksic reminded that the full membership in NATO is one of the main foreign policy priorities of Montenegro, that NATO remains the guarantor of stability and peace in the region and that it is therefore only logical that our country is one of the aspirants for membership.

The Prime Minister said that Montenegro will continue to be committed to participation in international peacekeeping missions and thus contribute to global peace and security.

In a meeting with Rasmussen, President **Vujanovic** expressed his satisfaction with the assessment of the Secretary General on the execution of the Annual National Programme, and he expressed hope that NATO experts would help our activities in the process of joining NATO in all relevant areas.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COORDINATION TEAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND PARTNERS

June 1

Conference on "NATO and the Economy"

Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Podgorica and Chamber of Economy of Montenegro organized a conference on "NATO and the Economy" on June 1st.

Topics of the conference were "Opportunities for economic development in NATO integration" and "Experience of the Republic of Slovenia in the field of economics during the accession to NATO". The conference was opened by **Velimir Mijuskovic**, president of the Montenegrin Chamber of Commerce, and **Jernej Videtic**, Ambassador of Slovenia to Montenegro.

In an era of global interdependence and development are connected, security of one country is very high on the priority list of essential for economic development, and on the other hand, economic stability is a necessary prerequisite for security, Velimir Mijuskovic, President of the Chamber said.

The basic and long-term purpose of NATO is to ensure freedom and security of all its members in political and military means, said Jernej Videtic, Ambassador of Slovenia to Montenegro. In his opinion, economic and technological potential of NATO is an opportunity for further development of the Montenegrin economy. Videtic explained that Montenegro would have political, security and economic benefits from joining NATO.

Marinko Aleksic, Head of the Standardization and Codification Department in the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro said that membership in the Alliance will enable our companies to participate in tenders and international projects, and to export Montenegrin products to NATO countries.

Dejan Markovic, the director of "Tara Aerospace and Defence Products" from Mojkovac said that this company in 2011 and 2012 expects business arrangements with U.S. and German companies, and its products, such as pilot ejection seat cartridges in the event of an accident, are well known the regional market and they are a guarantee a successful business.

The company Buster from Niksic was introduced by its Director Alexander Minic, who stressed that the accession of Montenegro into NATO is a precondition of its future. He also said that the company was recently registered in Baltimore, and that it can participate in tenders on equal terms with U.S. companies.

NATO representatives spoke about the use of Alliance assets and possibilities of participating in tenders, and they also featured a presentation "NAMSA's Business Opportunities."

Representatives of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia, spoke about their experiences of their country, economic and other benefits that the membership brought, and representatives of the Airport Cerklje presented the practical use of NATO assets in the construction of this facility. Slovenian experts, familiar with the possibilities offered by NATO, presented other projects implemented in Slovenia and informed about the possibilities given by the NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency - NAMSA.

June 7

Training continues in Rozaje

Within Training of state and local servants and employees on NATO, organized by the Human Resources Management Authority of the Government of Montenegro and the Coordination Team a lecture on the Euro-Atlantic integration was held at the Elementary school "Mustafa Pecanin" in Rozaje.

The lecture was held in the newly opened classroom of the Human Resources Management Authority, which was equipped by the People's Republic of China, where Colonel **Mehmedin Tahirovic** held a lecture entitled "Montenegro on its path to NATO" to local servants and employees and representatives of the Armed Forces of Montenegro.

The lecture was also attended by the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia **Petar Turcinovic** who was answering numerous questions in relation to Euro-Atlantic integration.

The training was preceded by the opening ceremony of the classroom that was equipped for the training of local and state employees in the north of Montenegro.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of China to Montenegro **Zhi Zhaolin**, Ambassador of Croatia to Montenegro **Petar Turcinovic**, Director of the Human Resources Management Authority **Svetlana Vukovic**, Colonel of the Army of Montenegro **Mehmedin Tahirovic**, President of the Municipality of Rozaje **Nusret Kalac** and his associates, as well as director of Elementary school "Mustafa Pecanin" **Ibro Skenderovic**.

June 10-12

2BS Forum held in Budva

2BS Forum (To be Secure Forum) was organized in Budva from June 10 to 12 by the Euro-Atlantic Club of Montenegro, in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro, with the partnership of NATO and the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, on "The role of Montenegro in building the security framework of South-East Europe".

2BS Forum is an annual high-level forum that addresses global, transatlantic and security in Southeastern Europe. The Forum was opened by Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice **Dusko Markovic**, the president of Euro-Atlantic Club of Montenegro **Savo Kentera**.

The Forum brought together experts in the field of security, as well as senior representatives of NATO and the EU. Participants were unanimous in opinion that Montenegro has a very responsible approach in its integration process and that its dynamics can encourage the integration of the entire region. It was agreed that the processes of joining the EU and NATO are complementary and that progress in one track of integration is at the same time a chance for the other. Representatives of diplomatic and consular missions of NATO member countries in Montenegro reiterated support of their countries, and said that Montenegro has reliable partners who will help its integration processes.

June 13

49 percent of citizens support NATO integration

The latest opinion poll shows that there is an increasing number of those who support Montenegro's membership in the Alliance, i.e. 49 percent of citizens support the accession of Montenegro in NATO, while 40 percent is against this decision.

Research conducted by the **IPSOS Strategic Marketing** shows that 30 percent of respondents would certainly vote pro-accession, while 19 percent of respondents would probably vote affirmatively. 32 percent would not support NATO integration, while eight percent would probably vote against accession. Three percent of the population would not vote, and eight percent refused to answer. The study found that from March 2011 the number of those who would probably vote for joining NATO increased for five percent, and the percentage of those who would definitely vote for this option reduced for one percent.

The data show that 83 percent of respondents believe that Montenegro will join the Alliance, which is five percent more than in March 2011 and December 2010. Expectations that Montenegro will not join the Alliance are 17 percent, which is six percent lower than in March this year, or six more than in December last year. Ten percent of respondents did not know whether Montenegro will join NATO.

More than half of respondents, 56 percent, believe that NATO membership will contribute to faster entry into the EU, while 43 percent believe that the two do not influence each other.

The data were collected by telephone on a sample of 814 citizens from 25 May to 2 June.

June 14

Winners of national competition ALIANTE 2011 selected

On Tuesday, 14 June 2011 a press conference was held for the proclamation of the winners of the **national competition ALIANTE 2011**.

At the award ceremony, Deputy Minister for Defence Policy, **Drasko Jovanovic** said that the Ministry of Defence supports this competition and the work of non-governmental organizations on informing and educating citizens on the Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro. He congratulated all the participants and wished them success in the further competition.

Executive Director of the NGO ALFA Centar **Aleksandar Dedovic** said that the fact that the competitors come from all parts of Montenegro speaks volumes about the popularity and importance of ALIANTE competition for our country.

The winners of the competition, the best among equals, are Sinisa Pasic and Jelena Badnjar, students of the High School "17. Septembar" from Zabljak, who were selected at the discretion of the jury. Deputy Minister for Information Society and Telecommunications Radule Novovic handed the winners lap top computers, a reward for their effort and acquired knowledge during the competition.

Winners of the national competition will participate in the world finals which are to be held on July 4-10 in Vucje, Montenegro.

The main organizer of the competition is an NGO ALFA Centar, and partners in the project are the Coordination Team for implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro, Ministries of Defence, Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Information Society and Telecommunications, and the Armed Forces of Montenegro.

June 15-16

Workshop for journalists on the Euro-Atlantic integration

The Coordination Team for implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro organized a two-day Workshop for media representatives in order to strengthen the contact and cooperation with media representatives. Workshop **for journalists on the Euro-Atlantic integration** was held on 15 and 16 June 2011 in Plav, and the participants of the workshop were representatives of the Montenegrin print and electronic media.

Speakers at the two-day workshop were the Head of the Coordination Team **Dragan Pejanovic**, a representative of the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia **Aljosa Selan**, member of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia and former journalist **Safet Bisevac**, Commander of the second contingent of the Armed Forces of Montenegro to the ISAF mission major **Veljko Malisic**, and Director of NGO OPSA from Croatia, Denis Avdagic.

Lecturers at the workshop conveyed to the participants the experiences of their countries in the process of integration into Euro-Atlantic structures. During the workshop the following topics were discussed: the experience of Slovenia in the Euro-Atlantic integration and comparative analysis, the results of the summit in Lisbon, NATO's role in peacekeeping missions - a personal experience, and responsibility of the media towards NATO integration - how to avoid positive and negative propaganda?

On the first day of the Workshop the Head of the Coordination Team **Dragan Pejanovic** within his presentation spoke about the results of NATO summit in Lisbon: the New Strategic Concept and the fight against modern challenges and threats, a new policy of partnership, reform of the command structure of NATO, the issue of Afghanistan and a new era of strategic partnership between NATO and Russia. He said the New Strategic Concept of NATO is future-oriented, brief and concise, and he emphasized the danger of contemporary security challenges, risks and threats facing the world, such as cyber crime, terrorist operations and the threat to energy security, which this strategic document places as priorities on the NATO agenda.

Aljosa Selan, a representative of the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia, stressed the importance of informing different public groups, from internal to professional, political and media, and he said that transparent communication is necessary at all levels, both national and international, and local.

Safet Bisevac, former Macedonian journalist, said that many activities undertaken by Montenegro in its Euro-Atlantic path Macedonia did not undertake, because public support for this integration process was very high in pre-accession period and there was no greater resistance in the presentation of the values of NATO.

Participation in international peacekeeping missions is one of the primary missions of the Armed Forces of Montenegro, said major **Veljko Malisic** during the workshop. He shared with the participants his experience from Afghanistan during his participation in the second contingent in the ISAF mission, he showed photos and discussed the way of thinking, attitudes and the way of living in everyday life of local Afghanistan people.

Director of OPSA, **Denis Avdagic** shared with participants suggestions from his experience in reporting on this subject and told the journalists that the role of the media is priceless, just as a presenting new information to the citizens.

The basic form of work during the workshop was a discussion, and media representatives stressed their satisfaction with the workshop. In this way, the Coordination Team continues a successful cooperation and involvement of journalists in the process of informing the public of Montenegro on Euro-Atlantic integration of our country. The participants visited Murino and laid a wreath at the Memorial to the victims in the 1999 bombing.

Workshop for journalists confirmed that meetings like this are of great importance for the exchange of experiences and the Coordination Team in this way continues the successful

cooperation and expansion of the network of journalists involved in the process of informing the public about the Euro-Atlantic integration of our country.

June 22

NAMSA Seminar in Podgorica

University of Donja Gorica and the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses (ISSP), in cooperation with the Coordination Team, organized on 22 June at the premises of the ISSP the second Seminar on Codification System of NATO Maintenance and Supply Agency (NAMSA).

Lecturer at the seminar was **Marinko Aleksic**, Head of Standardization and Codification Department in the Ministry of Defence and an expert in this field, who spoke on "Standardization in the defence of Montenegro: goals, problems, benefits".

Aleksic stressed the importance of adopting NATO standards in the field of defence, through the Partnership for Peace Programme, which aims at building credible defence capabilities, support for civilian institutions in crisis situations and contributing in building and maintaining peace in the region and the world.

As Aleksic said, NATO standards are highly professional military standards and represent the collective product of highly developed countries of NATO, and they are continually improved and built.

Aleksic said that NATO has a large number of standards that are not purely of military nature and which are connected to the relationship with civil society, such as the standard for military and public relations, the standard for monitoring bird migration, protection from RF radiation, assessment of noise risk or standard for determining the level of knowledge of English language etc.

Participants of the Seminar were representatives of the student population (students of economics, law and political science), representatives of private and NGO sector.

The first seminar was successfully completed on Thursday, June 16 on "NAMSA and EU standards, ISO and HACCP" at the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses.

The aim of the two organized seminars was informing on standardization and confirmation of quality which represents a contribution to expanding the market for Montenegrin companies, representation of the total profits and benefits arising from the adoption of NATO standards, opportunities to adopt them and the use of NAMSA system, as well as presenting successful case studies and discussion of participants.

June 24

Workshop on drafting the VIII Action Plan

A Workshop on drafting the VIII Action Plan for the implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro for the period July 1 – December 31 2011, was held in Podgorica in organization of the Coordination Team and attended by the representatives of NGOs, universities, academia and the media.

Opening the workshop, the Head of the Coordination Team **Dragan Pejanovic** stressed the importance of an active role of all segments of society in achieving Euro-Atlantic goals of Montenegro and he confirmed complete openness of the Government for further strengthening of cooperation with partners from civil society in this area.

Summarizing the results of previous activities, Pejanovic said that the quality of projects, targeted both to specific target groups and the general public, resulted in better understanding of the importance of the collective security system for the overall development of society and it contributed to further strengthening of public support for Montenegro's membership in NATO. Much of the credit for the excellent results belongs to a number of partners from NGOs, universities, academia and the media, he said.

The main part of the Workshop was dedicated to the consideration of communications projects which were suggested by the participants for the next six-month Action Plan. It was jointly stated that through the continuation of activities a direct contact with citizens should be achieved and the entire spectrum of political, security and economic benefits that will bring the membership of Montenegro in the North Atlantic Alliance should be thematically covered, as well as conditions that need to be fulfilled to achieve this goal.

The largest number of presented projects, which were responsibly prepared and focused on achieving the most important national interests of Montenegro, won the support of the Coordination Team and will be included in the draft Action Plan, which will be referred to the Government for adoption. Also, in designing the draft plan suggestions of partners concerning rationality and good coordination in the implementation of planned activities will be taken into account.

In order to achieve complete transparency of the process, the final version of the Action Plan will be available to the public immediately after its adoption.

June 28

MONET Magazine – Security Edition published online

Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses and the University of Donja Gorica published a special issue of Montenegro Economic Trends magazine - MONET, Edition Security.

Two issues were published in this edition: a Collection of Works, and the History of European Security.

In the first issue – a Collection of Works - the following texts can be found:

dr Olivera Injac: STRATEGIC CULTURE AND SECURITY STRATEGY OF MONTENEGRO

mr Marjan Djurovski: NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND NATO MEMBERSHIP

mr Marjan Djurovski: THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA IN NATO

mr Ivan Jovetic: SECURITY ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

mr Ivan Jovetic: TRANSATLANTIC ECONOMY: The Seven Indicators

Mirko Djukovic: EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

Vukasin Pejovic: NATO MEMBERSHIP: Guarantee of peace and opportunity for prosperity of Montenegro

The second issue – the History of European Security - represents a chronological overview of the twentieth century Europe and stages of development and security integration and Union functions, 1945-2011.

MONET project - Security Edition was realized in cooperation with the Coordination Team, and the implementation was achieved within the framework of the VII Action Plan.

June 30

"NATO Info Point for north-east of Montenegro" opened in Berane

Within the project "NATO Info Point for north-east of Montenegro" NGO Spona from Berane opened a NATO Info Point office.

Besides the representatives of partner NGOs "Spona" from Berane and Plav, the opening was attended by representatives of the Forum 2010, **Blagoje Grahovac** and **Dritan Abazovic**, representatives of the municipal committees of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro and the Pokret za promjene in Berane, the local government representatives **Samir Agovic**, President of the Municipal Assembly, and **Braho Adrovic**, Deputy President of the Municipality, and **Sasa Brajovic**, from the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, which supported the opening of this office.

Sasa Radunovic, Chairman of the Board of NGO "Spona" said that he hopes that this office will not divide people, but that will gather people of different opinions in order to exchange them.

"Berane is a too small town, and Montenegro is a too small country, to be divided between ourselves regardless of differing opinions on certain issues, including the issue of full membership in NATO. The office will be open every working day for those who want to learn more about NATO, as those who support Montenegro's full membership in the Alliance, and for those who oppose its membership. I am certain both groups wish only great things for Montenegro", **Radunovic** emphasized.

Implementation of the project " NATO Info Point for north-east of Montenegro", besides opening the office, envisages 12 more activities, primarily organizing citizens' forums and lectures for high school students, which are to be implemented by June 2012.

The project was started in late May by organizing lectures for students in Bijelo Polje.

June 30

Training of state and local servants and employees continues in June

In June, 13 lectures were held within the **Training of state and local servants and employees on NATO**, out of which 6 in Podgorica, and 3 in each 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 were Ambassador of Croatia to Montenegro professor **Petar Turcinovic**; Ambassador of Slovakia to Montenegro **Frantisek Lipka**; expert consultant in the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro **Jack Petri**, a retired colonel of the U.S. Armed Forces; 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**; and Head of the Military-Political Section of the OSCE Mission in Montenegro **Predrag Prelevic**.

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.

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

June 6

Q&A column in "Pobjeda"

Column "NATO - misconceptions and truths" is published on Mondays 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" in June questions about the relations between NATO and Russia were answered: **What is specifically cooperation between NATO and Russia based on?**, **What is the NATO-Russia Council?** and **How does the new NATO Strategic Concept define the cooperation between Russia and NATO?**

June 30

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. The column gives a brief overview of NATO member countries. The following countries were included in the section Member States in June: **the Czech Republic** and **Poland**.

"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.

June 2 - Guest of the show was the Ambassador of Italy to Montenegro, Mr. **Sergio Barbanti**.

The program aired a report on the conference on "NATO and the Economy", a feature from the A5 Defence Ministers Meeting, a feature on establishment of the regional team of instructors who will train Afghan security forces, and the statement of Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence of Croatia **Pjer Simunovic**.

June 19 - Guest of the show was the Commander of the Navy of Montenegro, Captain **Rajko Bulatovic**.

The program aired a report on the Workshop for journalists on the Euro-Atlantic integration, held in Plav, from 15 to 16 June 2011, which introduced **Aljosa Selan**, a representative of the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia, as well as a feature on the awards ceremony for the national ALIANTE 2011 competition organized by the ALFA Centar.

"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 June, as follows:

June 8 - topics of the issue were: President **Filip Vujanovic** visits Poland, A5 Defence Ministers Conference, visit of Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** to the Kingdom of Norway, statement of Frank Boland, Director of Force Planning, NATO Defence Policy and Planning Directorate, a visit to Montenegro and lecture by the Deputy Commander NATO Headquarters Sarajevo **John Andreas Olsen**, statement by the SDP president **Ranko Krivokapic** at the Congress of that political party, conference "NATO and the Economy" and the Training of state and local servants and employees in Bar.

June 22– this issue presented an interview with Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic**, an interview with the Head of the Coordination Team **Dragan Pejanovic**, as well as a feature from the 2BS Forum held in Budva.

June 5

"Montenegro and NATO" broadcasted on RTV Atlas

TV Atlas broadcasts "Montenegro and NATO" show which deals with Euro-Atlantic integration. The aim of this show is to offer clear arguments and affirm the EU and NATO integration, as well as to present the views of political, professional and scientific public about NATO and the EU, through pro and cons model.

Theme of the program was a visit of students to the Special anti-terrorist unit (SAJ) of the Police with the aim of bringing students closer to the work of this unit. On that occasion, a demonstration of tactical exercise was made titled "Open Door Day". An interview with the commander of the SAJ **Mladen Markovic** was broadcasted in the show.

June 26

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.

Topic of the June issue of Integracije was the importance of Euro-Atlantic integration for tourism in Montenegro, and guests of the show were Dean of the Faculty of Business and tourism professor **Rade Ratkovic** and Director of hotel "Queen of Montenegro" **Dragan Purko Ivancevic**.