

On the basis of the Joint Declaration of the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action (then: Economic Affairs and Energy) and the Ministry of Economy of Montenegro on the Establishment of an Institutional Partnership to Strengthen the Enforcement of the Montenegrin Competition Law from 22 October 2019 the two sides have come together to renew the cooperation and implement a partnership project for one year.

The goal of the project is to strengthen the administrative capacities of the Montenegrin Agency for Protection of Competition (APC) through the experience of German counterparts, where colleagues will acquire the necessary knowledge to solve important and complex cases in accordance with European legislation and practice. The project furthermore aids in fulfilling the requirements of Montenegro in the accession process to the EU, as laid down in Chapter 8.

To this end the project partners Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the Bundeskartellamt (Federal Cartel Office, BKartA) of Germany and the Agency for Protection of Competition (APC) of Montenegro have given themselves a Work Plan and intend to implement it truthfully. The partners decided to set up a Steering Committee Meeting for the purpose of close monitoring and management of the project implementation. When need arises the Work Plan can be adapted during a Steering Committee Meeting.

The expenses of this project are covered by the BMWK. The partners are determined to each contribute to their best abilities in order for this project to be successful.

If disagreement arises between the partners they will first attempt to resolve the matter amicably. If this attempt fails or unforeseen issues arise that warrant a termination of the project each party can end the cooperation. It should inform the other side in writing the latest one month in advance.

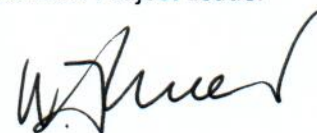
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