

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Mission to Montenegro



Who we are

The OSCE Mission to Montenegro, headquartered in Podgorica, was established on 29 June 2006.

The Mission is mandated to assist Montenegro in the implementation of OSCE principles and commitments in the three dimensions, by promoting co-operation on politico-military, economic and environmental issues, and on human dimension aspects of security and stability.



What we do

The Mission operates through three core programmes:

- Security Co-operation and Governance Programme (SCOG)
- Democratization Programme (DEMO)
- Media Programme (MEDIA)

These programmes are complemented by extra-budgetary projects (ExB) that address specialized areas of work, including trial monitoring, small arms and light weapons (SALW) and stockpiles of conventional ammunition (SCA) risk mitigation, and K9 capacities.

What we do

Security Co-operation and Governance

supports Montenegro in strengthening police professionalization and accountability in addressing transnational threats, serious and organized crime, cyber-crime, illicit exploitation of natural resources, trafficking in human being and supporting control of SALW. SCOG's key partners in the implementation of these activities are the Ministry of Interior, its Police Directorate and Forensic Centre, as well as the Ministry of Defence, the State Prosecution and international stakeholders in Montenegro.

Democratization

supports democratic processes and institutions; the advancement of human rights and gender equality, youth engagement and regional co-operation; and promotes preventing and combating violence against women and girls. DEMO's main partners in the implementation of these activities include the Parliament of Montenegro, the State Election Commission and Municipal Electoral Commissions, the General Secretariat of the Government, the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Sports and Youth, the Supreme Court, the State Prosecution, the Police Directorate, the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) Local Branch Office (LBO) in Montenegro, Local Self-Governments, and a variety of civil society organizations.

Media

promotes a professional, independent and pluralistic media sector, and the safeguarding of freedom of information, media literacy and the safety of journalists. It supports the strengthening of media self-regulatory mechanisms and the implementation of media legislation in line with international standards. In consultation with relevant stakeholders, it also supports an integrated approach to the education of journalists, and strengthens the communication capacity of key state institutions.

MEDIA's main partners include the Ministry of Culture and Media, the Ministry of Education, the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office, the Agency for Audio-Visual Media Services (AMU), the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms, the Constitutional Court, the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Montenegro, the Technical Working Group on Self-Regulation, the Commission for Monitoring Investigations of Cases of Attacks Against Journalists, the Public Service Broadcaster of Montenegro, independent journalists, media outlets, and numerous civil society organizations.

ExB

To supplement SCOG's existing project in this domain, the ExB project, Mitigation of Safety and Security Risks related to SALW/SCA in Montenegro (2020 to 2026), contributes to reducing the risk of unplanned explosions at munition storage sites and to counter the diversion of SALW and SCA into criminal or terroristic groups.

ExB

The ExB project, "Strengthening K9 capacities to more effectively reduce, prevent, and counter illicit trafficking and misuse of SALW/SCA" (2025-2028), also supplement's SCOG's existing projects.

ExB

The EU-funded ExB project, Regional Trial Monitoring Project (2021 to 2026) supports the strengthening of the administration of justice in serious corruption and organized crime cases through trial monitoring. Since July 2021, the Mission has monitored over 50 organized crime and corruption cases. In June 2024, the project released a report with 19 recommendations that, inter alia, focused on strengthening the justice system.

Facts and figures



Head of Mission
(as of December 2024)

Ambassador Jan Haukaas
Norway

Deputy Head of Mission
(as of August 2024)

Giovanni Gabassi
Italy



Staffing
(as of September 2025)

UB: 23 local staff and 9 international;
ExB: 10 local staff and 2 international



Budget (as of 2021)

2,152,100 EUR

Extra-budgetary portfolio

5,507,176 EUR



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