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## COVID 19 INFLUENCE ON ECONOMIES AND SDG

- The COVID 19 pandemic set up various challenges towards economies in all countries and it is expected to reduce investments in the field of environmental protection
- On the other hand, this crisis has focused on the digital transformation and the need to overcome the crisis with innovative solutions and use of ICT
- Montenegro is no exception when it comes to the negative impact of this crisis on economic and social developments as well as the impact on environmental protection
- It is important to use all the potentials and benefits of digital technologies in overcoming this global health and economic crisis

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AS RESPONSE

- The Ministry of Public Administration continuously carries out activities on the development of e-government and in cooperation with other institutions works on the digital transformation in all areas of society.
- National Sustainable Development strategy for 2030 digitization recognizes the use of ICT in the development of various information systems as key instruments that should enable the application of measurable indicators to monitor progress in implementing sustainable development goals
- On the other hand it is very important to use digital transformation and ICT to strengthen the orientation towards green economy, public participation with regard to fight corruption in this field

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY

- General strategic goals in the field of digitalization are given in the Strategy for the information society development 2020
- Ministry of Public Administration is obliged to develop a Digital Transformation Strategy this year in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Science
- This strategic document aims to consolidate goals from the previous strategy, but also to provide a broader framework for encouraging the development of innovative solutions in all social areas
- This strategic framework must identify key indicators of sustainable development in order to achieve the goals of environmental management

## SINGLE INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC DATA EXCHANGE

- In the process of implementation and monitoring of sustainable development indicators it is important to enable the involvement of all official and administrative producers of statistics, through the Single Information system for Electronic Data Exchange
- This system is currently used by institutions that exchange electronic data from:
  - Central Population Register (CRS)
  - Register of Education of Montenegro
  - IS Social Card
  - Central Register of Taxpayers and Insured Persons (CROO)
  - IS of the Health Insurance Fund

## OPEN DATA

- Openness and transparency within public institutions has become a necessity and obligation of all governments in the world
- The openness of the Government directly affects the increase of transparency and the reduction of corruption in all areas of society, including the field of environmental protection.
- There are currently 106 data sets on the National open data portal
- This gives an additional obligation to provide all data that will provide opportunities for SMEs to generate new innovative products and services that can lead to new businesses in the environmental, regional decision-making

## E-DEMOCRACY AND ANTI CORRUPTION

- Strengthening openness and citizen participation in the policy-making process is one of the key mechanisms for fighting corruption
- Establishment of the e-participation portal and e-petition portal, the Ministry of Public Administration has created the conditions for e-democracy processes to take place electronically
- The National Strategy for Sustainable Development measures three key elements of environmental democracy through monitoring of the Environmental Democracy Index (EDI) indicators: transparency, participation and justice
- At the moment, activities are being carried out to increase the promotion of these services, because research has shown that citizens and the civil sector do not sufficiently use these mechanisms to participate in policy-making and other issues of importance to the environment
- in 2019 alone, over 20 public calls for public debate were published on the e-participation portal for various laws, studies, studies in the field of environmental protection, climate change and other related areas
- On the e-petition portal, citizens had the opportunity to vote on the proposal to declare a part of the north of Montenegro a protected area and a national park.

## PROVISION OF E-SERVICES

- National e-government portal, which is a unique place for the provision of electronic public administration services, offers 22 services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency
- Currently, on the e-government portal there are over 580 services for citizens and the economy
- The integration of the Unified System for Electronic Data Exchange, the National System for Payment of Administrative Fees and the National System for Electronic Identification will create the conditions for all services to be of the highest level of sophistication