



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

D – Western Balkans  
D.2 – Montenegro, Serbia

Brussels

Dear representatives of Civil Society Organisations and Regional Partners,

I refer to your letter dated 20 October 2023 addressed to President von der Leyen.

Montenegro, as an EU candidate country and Contracting Party of the Energy Community Treaty, has embarked on its green and energy transitions and its path towards decarbonisation and climate neutrality. The country is, with EU support, aligning with the EU environmental, energy and climate *acquis*, modernising its energy sector and advancing work on energy efficiency and renewable energies. In addition to the centrality of this work for the accession process, it is also key for the implementation of the Growth Plan for the Western Balkans that was discussed at the EU/Western Balkans Summit on 13 December.

Further to the formation of the new Government in Montenegro, I would encourage you to discuss the specific matter you raise with the authorities, in the first instance, during this period when the government is assessing options. The European Commission considers public participation in decision-making and nature protection as particularly important. I have also asked the EU Delegation in Podgorica to reach out and discuss directly with you.

Yours sincerely,

(E-signed)  
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