

CUSTOMS 2013

EU Programms represent integrated row of activities adopted by European Union in order to promote cooperation between members states in different areas related to common EU policies.

EU Programms ,based on separate item in EU General calculation, are basecly dedicated to EU member states, but some of them are also open to countries which are in EU accession process .As such they are considered as one of important instruments of pre-accession strategy, actually informing EU candidate countries with European Union methods of work, as well as their integration in Eusector policies, expecting accession.Countries which are not EU members, and as such do not contribute to a common calculation are obliged to pay in the membership fee if they want to participate in the Community programms and the amount of the fee depends from program to program.

One of EU program where Montenegro participates is Customs 2013. Program was established with the Decision no. 624/2007 EC of European Parliament and Council of 23 May 2007 and it is continuation of Community program CUSTOMS 2007 and CUSTOMS 2002. Montenegro participates in this Program since January 2012 based on Memorandum of Understanding between European Union and Montenehgro for participation of Montenegro in EU Program CUSTOMS 2013.

The objectives of Program CUSTOMS 2013 are:

- **Provide to harmonize customs activity with the needs of common market,including security of supply chain,trade facilitation,support to economic development and creation of new job posts ;**
- **Strenghtening of cooperation and carrying out the tasks of customs services of member countries in order to act as uniformed customs service**
- **Strenghtening of the protection and security ;**
- **Preparation of the candidate countries for accession,including exchange of experiences,thye best practices and knowledge with customs services of member countries;**
- **Standardize and simplify customs sysem and control in order to diminish administrative obstacles and harmonizations cpsts for economic operators ;**
- **Identification, development and application of the best working practice .**

Program is operatively conducted trough following activities:

- **Development of information-communication systems for electronic exchange od data**
- **Benchmarking**
- **Seminars and workshops**
- **Project and managing group**
- **Working visits**

- **Trainings**
- **Activities of supervision**
- **Any other activities needed for implementation of Program objectives**

Program is managed by European Commission –General Directorate for Taxes and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) with support of the Board CUSTOMS 2013 consisted of representatives of customs services of all countries members of the Programa.

Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration of Montenegro is in charge for implementation of this Program in Montenegro, which appointed National coordinator responsible for overall coordination for implementation of this Program in Customs Administration of Montenegro.