



MONTENEGRO

Montenegro's accession to NATO in 2017 was a watershed moment for this small, multi-ethnic country. The United States is committed to helping Montenegro advance the reforms needed to continue its rapid Euro-Atlantic integration, particularly to increase its ability to fight organized crime and corruption and strengthen independent media. U.S. assistance supports reforms to strengthen the rule of law, bolster civil society, and promote economic growth. Programs also help Montenegro to counter global security threats such as the proliferation of weapons of mass destructions and illegal trafficking in narcotics and weapons.

Assistance Activities by Sector:

Peace and Security

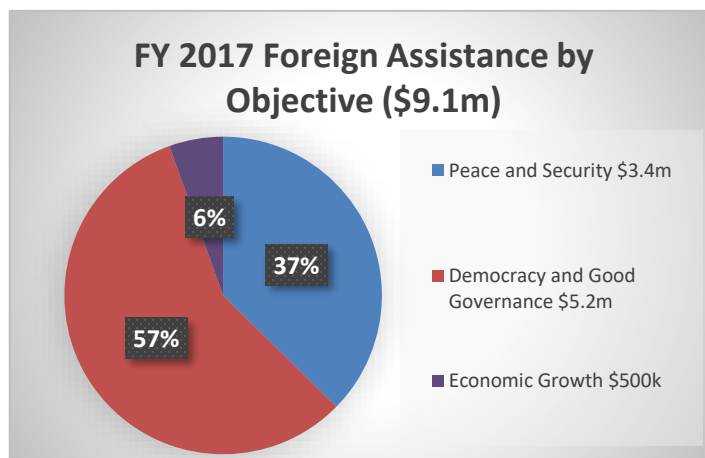
- Improve Montenegro's ability to combat organized crime, corruption, terrorism, trafficking in persons and narcotics, and other transnational crimes.
- Modernize law enforcement agencies and improve the effectiveness of nascent institutions, particularly new police investigative and tactical units that combat transnational organized crime, corruption, money laundering, and international terrorism.
- Provide training on surveillance, counter-surveillance, and intelligence gathering to facilitate corruption investigations and other improvements in intelligence-led law enforcement.
- Promote regional cooperation in fighting cross-border crime, including training for criminal justice officials on international legal cooperation.
- Increase border security and improve the ability of enforcement agencies to interdict illicit trafficking in items of proliferation concern and conventional arms.
- Strengthen Montenegro's military capabilities as the newest NATO Ally and increase its contributions to international operations, including peacekeeping missions.
- Increase the professionalization of military forces and forge lasting relationships between Montenegro's emerging military leaders and U.S. counterparts through education and training courses.

Democracy and Good Governance

Montenegro Quick Facts*

- State /USAID Assistance since 1998 - \$363.8 million
- Population - 622.8k
- GNI (per capita) - \$6,970
- Ease of Doing Business Grade - 73.18/100

*Information for Population, GNI, and Ease of doing business sourced from World Bank



- Enhance the effectiveness of nascent institutions such as the Anti-Corruption Agency, the Office of the Special State Prosecutor, and the Center for Training of the Judiciary and Prosecution through training, mentoring, and targeted equipment donations.

ASSISTANCE BY ACCOUNT	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018**
TOTAL (\$ in Thousands)	4,632	9,082	*
Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, & Central Asia	2,508	7,000	*
Foreign Military Financing	1,000	1,000	*
International Military Education & Training	624	582	*
International Narcotics Control & Law Enforcement*	-	-	*
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining & Related Programs	500	500	*

*FYs 2016 and 2017, bilateral programs managed by the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) were funded via the Assistance to Europe, Eurasia & Central Asia (AEECA) account.
**FY 2018 funding levels will be finalized and updated imminently.

- Work with the Ministry of Justice to advance legislative forms required for EU accession and increase judicial independence.
- Promote the development of Montenegro’s prosecutor-led investigative system, including by increasing cooperation between law enforcement and prosecutors.
- Support Montenegro’s participation in regional media programs that strengthen linkages and partnerships between journalists and media outlets across the Western Balkans, making media practitioners more competitive in the local and regional marketplace and strengthening the sustainability of the independent media sector across the region.
- Improve the capacity and effectiveness of civil society to promote reforms vital for Montenegro's democratic and economic development as well as its Euro-Atlantic integration.
- Build relationships between civil society organizations and media outlets to amplify advocacy efforts and press forward Euro-Atlantic reforms.
- Strengthen the ability of investigative reporters to produce high-quality, fact-based journalism that exposes abuse of power and promotes accountability.
- Improve the general public's ability to detect disinformation and be critical consumers of news through media literacy training.
- Support independent media outlets and journalists producing objective news and analytical content.

Economic Growth

- Support Montenegro's participation in regional economic growth programs designed to strengthen the business environment, lower barriers to entry and facilitate business operations, thereby reducing avenues for corruption.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[State Department Fact Sheets](#) [U.S. Embassy Website](#) www.foreignassistance.gov [Millennium Challenge Corporation](#)

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The Department of State and USAID work closely with the Departments of Defense to facilitate programs in Montenegro.