

TWINNING PROJECT Support to Support to Regulation of Financial Services

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Welcome speech of Ivana Šaranović Jovičević, Deputy Director in Insurance Supervision Agency of Montenegro

Dear Ambassador Oravo, dear representatives of European Delegation to Montenegro, representatives of Montenegrin Government and Financial Market Authorities, Your Excellences' Mr. Mattern, Mr. Grubišić, and Mr. Van den Dool, Twinning Project Partners, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to greet you all, on behalf of the Insurance Supervision Agency of Montenegro and on my own behalf, and to thank you all for being here. Special thanks to our colleagues from Twinning partner institutions whom travelled a long way to be with us today. I'm confident that presence of our distinguished guests, is the reflection of our strong joint commitment to successfully implement this Twinning project.

Allow me first to express also from my side our special gratitude and appreciation to the representatives of European Union and colleagues from European Delegation to Montenegro, for dedicated support in this project. The project provided us the access to scarce expertise in Solvency II acquis that is not available in less developed markets such as ours. Let me further extend our gratitude to European Union institution for support to ISA, that is essential for our young institution with many demanding tasks in implementing new insurance acquis, in the upcoming period, that has been challenging even for most developed counterparts in the EU. Our profound gratitude also goes to our Twinning partners BAFIN, HANFA and DNB, whose expert support is of great importance in implementing Union acquis in our financial market.

The first key result to be achieved in insurance component of the Project is the alignment of Insurance Law with Union acquis –known as Solvency II framework. The second key result is further capacity building and development of supervisory procedures and practice, with focus on *risk based off-site and on-site supervision, supervisory and undertaking risk and solvency assessment, actuary practice and AML*. Achieving all stated results is necessary to enable the full implementation of enacted framework.

The main results to be achieved in this project, in insurance component, are undoubtedly very challenging, and require great effort from all Twinning partners, mainly due to a very robust and complex new Union acquis that, after several postponements, has been introduced in 2016. However, we are confident that we will have the necessary support in all project tasks, owing to the fact that our Twinning partners are highly reputable institutions with extensive expertise and long experience and even more important that the key people involved from their side are proven professionals, committed to success.

As regards to insurance, Introduction of Solvency II framework in our market will tackle every aspects of insurance business. Every process as well as system in insurance sector will be adapted to the new regulatory and market demands.

Despite the highly ambitious project tasks and timetable, we confirm our full commitment to the project and we are certain that all results will be successfully achieved. Finally, I wish us all a very successful work together.

Thank You very much.