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Subject: Participation of Civil Society Organisations in Cultural Policy

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter to Commissioner Kos regarding the public consultation on the Draft Law on Culture and the participation of CSOs in Montenegro's cultural policy. The Commissioner asked me to reply on her behalf. The information provided is an example of the important role civil society organizations (CSOs) can play in promoting governance and, transparency in the implementation of public policies.

The European Union monitors the involvement of civil society in policymaking through the Country Report, as well as through the EU–Montenegro Civil Society Joint Consultative Committee (JCC), which provides a basis for dialogue and cooperation with public authorities.

It is important that best use is being made of such channels as well as of the democratic processes including the general public consultations carried out for the preparation of legislation and strategies. Good to read that you are contributing to the public consultation on the new draft Law on Culture.

Rest assured that the European Commission will continue monitoring the involvement of civil society, notably when assessing the functioning of democratic institutions, and we will keep underlining it in our dialogue with the authorities of Montenegro at different levels in the context of the accession negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

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