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Meeting of the Working Group for the negotiation chapter 18 - Statistics

The working group for chapter 18 – Statistics held its constituent session on April 15, 2022, in the old Government building. The session was chaired by the head of the Working Group for Chapter 18 and the director of the Statistical Office, Miroslav Pejović. The session was of a constitutive nature, after the adoption of a new Decision on the formation of a Working Group for the preparation and conduct of negotiations on the accession of Montenegro to the European Union for the area of legal acquis relating to the negotiation chapter 18 - Statistics. At the session of the Working Group, the current situation, upcoming obligations, as well as the importance of statistics for all negotiation chapters were presented.

After the opening speech of the head of the Working Group, Miroslav Pejović, and the statement that the agenda was adopted in the proposed text, the following agenda items were discussed at the session:

- 1) Information on the secretary of the Working Group and adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group for chapter 18;
- 2) Organization of the negotiation structure;
- 3) Position of Chapter 18 Statistics in the context of the new Extension Methodology;
- 4) Signing of Confidentiality Statements;
- 5) Realization of the EU Accession Program of Montenegro 2022-2023;
- 6) List of priority regulations that the EC wants to have insight into;
- 7) Report on the implementation of the Action Plan and recommendations for full implementation;
- 8) Activities on the development of the Roadmap for the fulfillment of the final benchmarks for chapter 18 - Statistics;