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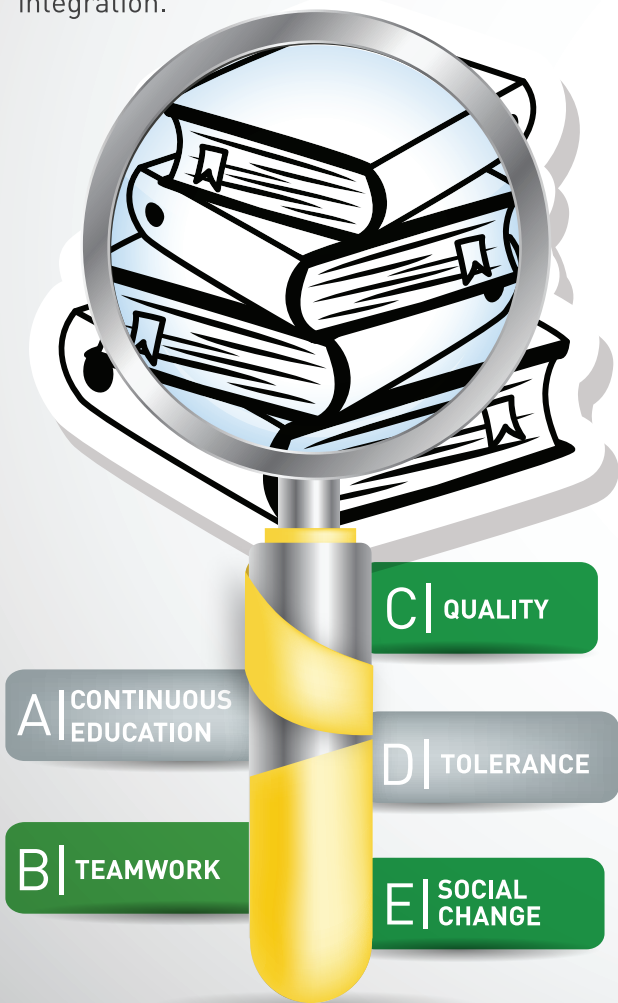
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Centre for Civic Education (CCE) is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation, established in 2002.

Vision of the CCE is Montenegro as a democratic society of responsible citizens.

Mission of the CCE is to contribute to the development of civil society and participation of citizens in policy shaping and decision-making through the education of various actors in the field of democracy, human rights and European integration.



Objectives of the CCE are:

- ✓ Enhancement of citizens' education in the field of democracy, human rights and European integration of Montenegro;
- ✓ Encouragement of citizens to actively participate in decision-making processes and building an open society based on the rule of law and equal opportunities for all;
- ✓ Increase of transparency, accountability and efficiency of institutions' work;
- ✓ Monitoring and promotion of anti-corruption policies;
- ✓ Research, analysis and representation of solutions and policies that are leading to further democratization and Europeanization of Montenegro;
- ✓ Documenting of and advocating for fact-finding on human rights violation, especially those which are relevant to the process of dealing with the past;
- ✓ Affirmation of freedom of expression and freedom of media;
- ✓ Improvement of the status of minorities and marginalized groups;
- ✓ Informing and empowering young people for their personal development and social activism;
- ✓ Encouragement of citizens' initiatives.



At *national level*, the CCE is one of the founders and active member of the broadest existing coalition of non-governmental organizations in Montenegro “Through Cooperation to the Aim”, as well as the member of coalition “My administration”.

At *regional level*, the CCE is a member of the Coalition for RECOM, which stands for the establishment of the Regional Commission for establishing the facts about war crimes and other severe human rights violations on the territory of former Yugoslavia, as well as the referential organization for this coalition in Montenegro. In addition, CCE is the member of Coalition for equality – STEP, as well as of WeBER Platform (for the implementation and monitoring of state administration reform).



More broadly, the CCE is a member of CIVICUS, World Alliance for Citizen Participation, an international network consisting of influential organizations of the whole world.

The work of the CCE is organised through three main programmes: **Europeanisation and democratization**, **Human Rights** and **Active citizenship**, and within these programmes hundreds of projects have been implemented and various expertise provided to different stakeholders.

Furthermore, there is an active CCE Youth Group.

For the past fifteen years, CCE has had a growing publishing activity which involves more than 120 publications, out of which the largest part is available online on the CCE website.

CCE representatives continuously take part in the working groups of the Government of Montenegro tasked to create certain legal texts, strategies and action plans within the field of CCE interest, and which should align Montenegrin legal and institutional framework with best international standards and practices. Also, CCE representatives contribute to the public policy shaping through their active engagement within working groups for negotiations with the EU (Chapter 23 – Judiciary and Fundamental Rights; Chapter 28 – Consumer and Health Protection; Chapter 25 – Science and Research; Chapter 26 – Education and Culture); then through the Council for Protection of Discrimination; Council for Development of non-governmental organisations; Consultative body of MFAEI that monitors and evaluates the implementation of activities from Communication Strategy for EU; and Operational Team for development of Action plan and implementation of measures from Action plan in line with the principles of Open Partnership.

Core team consists of 17 permanently employed, as well as of 9 permanent associates on various grounds, whereas large number of external associates is hired throughout the year within on-going projects. Significant support to the CCE work is provided by 5 local and international interns.



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