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Today, high officials of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Mr Brahima Sanou, Director of Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Acting Coordinator for the Europe Region, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), paid a visit to the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services. On behalf of the Agency, the visitors were received by Ms Ana Radonjić, Member of the Agency's Council, Mr Boris Jevrić, Deputy Executive Director and Mr Pavle Mijušković, Manager for Internet and other IP-based Services. Director of BDT, Mr Brahima Sanou, was elected to the office in January 2001. He has 30-year-long experience in telecommunications and ICT, and he was Director of ITU Regional Office in charge of Africa for 10 years.

During the meeting, the member of the Agency' Council, Ms Ana Radonjić informed the visitors from the ITU about major activities that the Agency had conducted or which had been under implementation in last two years. The focus was on the activities relating to analyses of seven relevant markets, cost accounting and accounting separation, implementation of the Universal Service and the service of number portability, then management and monitoring of radio frequency spectrum. Also, the increasing effort on the protection of electronic communications users in Montenegro was particularly stressed, as well as the development and implementation of advanced technologies, like LTE as the latest technological stage preceding 4G mobile communication networks, announced the other day by one of Montenegrin mobile operators.

Mr Sanou expressed his satisfaction with the fact that Montenegro had become a full member of the ITU after regaining its independence, and with substantial contribution given by the representatives of this Agency in the previous period through participation in regional and international conferences, which had been under the auspices of the ITU, then in ITU expert and working groups. On this occasion the progress that Montenegro had made in the regulation of electronic communications, the level of service development and their availability for customers were pointed out. Mr Sanou particularly stressed high position of Montenegro, ranked as 51st in the index showing ICT development, which is, in his opinion, a remarkable success of Montenegro, bearing in mind its size and number of population.

Acting Coordinator for the Europe Region, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), Mr Jaroslav Ponder stressed the importance of successful communication between ITU and its members, so he promised stronger and more considerable support to Montenegrin administration in various issues, both those related to further development of regulation, and those concerning additional training and involvement of the Agency's representatives in the activities being conducted by the ITU.

The representatives of ITU accepted the invitation to take part in the tenth, jubilee international conference that the Agency will organize at the end of September 2012, and to visit tomorrow the Main control-measuring center on Dajbabska gora, if their duties related to participation in current International Conference: Cyber Security – Global Challenge of 21st Century, allowed them.