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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION: MONTENEGRO IS INTEGRATION AND REFORM LEADER**

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Prime Minister of Montenegro Duško Marković hosted Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations at the European Commission Christian Danielsson.

The meeting expressed satisfaction with the appointment of candidates as members of the European Commission, noting that the proposal to appoint more people from the region of Southeastern Europe to significant positions is a confirmation of the European perspective of the Western Balkan countries and an encouragement for further affirmation of European policies and values.

"I believe we will also take this opportunity. There is no dilemma that Montenegro, as a responsible state and leader of integration and reforms in the region, will further strengthen the integration process as a whole and will strengthen its commitment and efficiency in fulfilling its obligations, which must produce good results," Prime Minister of Montenegro Duško Marković noted in the announcement provided by his office.

Prime Minister of Montenegro Duško Marković pointed out that the success of the integration process depends not only on motivation and commitment but also on evaluating the results.

PM Marković informed Mr. Danielsson that the implementation of the Government's policies in the field of anti-corruption, rule of law and media freedom resulted in the corruption investigations within the system, a new Council of the Anti-Corruption Agency, termination of attacks on journalists and the media and the proposed set of media laws that were harmonized with the European Commission.

Furthermore, the Prime Minister and the Director-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations discussed issues of economic cooperation in the region and aspects of attracting European investment in specific Montenegrin strategic infrastructure projects.

Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, Ambassador Aivo Orav, and Head of the Mission of Montenegro to the EU, Ambassador Bojan Šarkić also attended the meeting.

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