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## OBJECTIVES

The objective of the PSF Specific Support to Montenegro, carried out by a panel of independent European Research and Innovation policy experts, is to provide tailored advice and concrete recommendations to help the Montenegrin government in three areas:

- *Creating an entrepreneurial and start-up friendly environment by addressing legislative barriers*
- *Setting up funding schemes for start-ups*
- *Developing a proposal for an organisational model for a functional entrepreneurial innovation and start-up ecosystem*

## SCOPE

Montenegro has only recently exited the transition from a planned to a market economy. It has progressed in building some elements of its innovation ecosystem, but its grassroots start-up communities are still underdeveloped and need to be connected.

The national government sees a number of challenges related to the development of a legislative framework and an ecosystem model for supporting entrepreneurship and start-ups in the country.

Montenegrin authorities attach high importance to this exercise since it will provide a valuable input for the national entrepreneurial innovation and start-up programme, for which preparation is ongoing in 2018.

Through field missions, stakeholder meetings and background research, the PSF will provide methodological support, guidance material, evidence-based analysis and good practice examples to act as building blocks in providing appropriate tailored advice for the challenges; faced in the areas of support requested by the Montenegrin authorities.

## SCHEDULE

- June 2018 **Kick-off meeting in Brussels**
- July 2018 **1<sup>st</sup> country visit to Podgorica, Montenegro**
- November 2018 **2<sup>nd</sup> country visit to Podgorica, Montenegro**
- February 2019 **Dissemination event**

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