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## NEW AMENDMENTS OF MONTENEGRIN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION AND EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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With support of the **U.S. Embassy in Podgorica – Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)** and the **Konrad Adenauer Foundation**, Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM) organized **three-day training program for young professionals** in the justice system. The training was held in Budva, on 17 – 19 February.

The program is part of the multi-year project, which has been designed with the aim to enable legal interns and practitioners from the courts, prosecutors' offices and law firms as well as law students, to acquire additional knowledge and information on the application of the national criminal legislation and standards of the European Convention on Human Rights.

This year's training covered the area of criminal law, with special emphasis on the role of the public prosecutor in the preliminary investigation, control of the indictment, the application of measures of secret surveillance, detention and illegal deprivation of liberty, as well as domestic law and practice of the European Court of Human Rights. Through workshops, participants had the opportunity to gain applicable and practical knowledge that will be useful in their future work.

Speakers were selected among local legal experts - representatives of the judiciary, prosecutors, State agent before European Court for Human Rights, Ombudsman and the Ministry of Justice. The U.S. Embassy Resident Legal Advisor Erik Larson, gave a lecture on recent amendments to domestic criminal legislation and implementation of the Strategy to combat violent extremism in Montenegro.

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