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## Welcome to ECG Summit Highlights of 2019

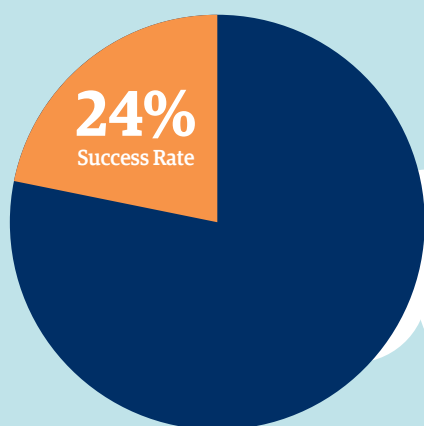
**Proud of our accomplishments and substantial success in 2019**  
**Note from Director, Danijel Pantic**



2019 was another great year for ECG Summit (ECG) with new EuropeAid IPA technical assistance projects starting in Serbia, Montenegro, Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina. You can find more details about these projects along with project highlights in this issue.

We are pleased to announce that ECG is **No.1 EuropeAid Contractor in Republic of Serbia according to Assortis**. Since its humble beginnings, ECG has grown to participate in major development programs funded by international donors such as EU Commission-EuropeAid, USAID, EBRD, EDF and other schemes, in Serbia, and neighboring countries. Currently, according to Assortis and based on historical data, ECG is

**Ranked #1 for Serbia**  
**with 51 awarded**  
**and 212 shortlisted deals.**



Source: Assortis

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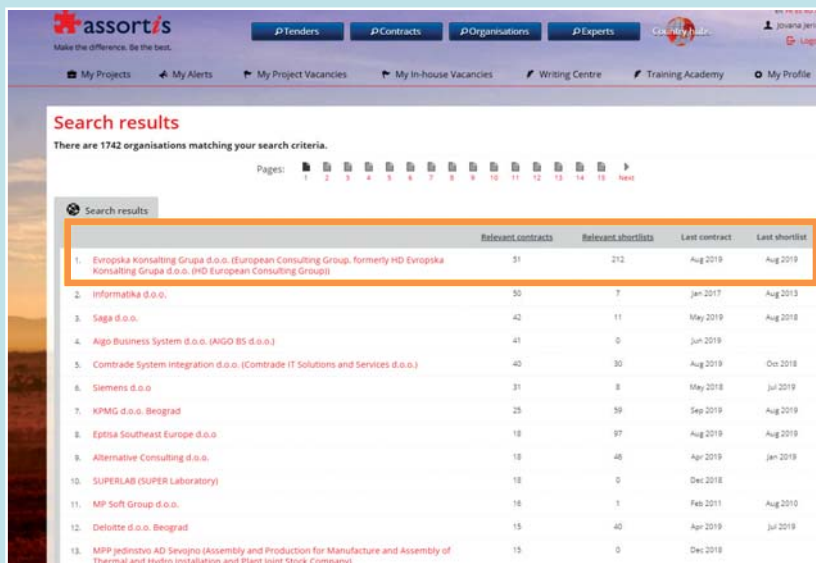
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|  | Relevant contracts | Relevant shortlists | Last contract | Last shortlist |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Evropska konsalting grupa d.o.o. (European Consulting Group, formerly HD Evropska Konsalting grupa d.o.o. (HD European Consulting Group))         | 51                 | 212                 | Aug 2019      | Aug 2019       |
| 2. Informatika d.o.o.  | 50                 | 7                   | Jan 2017      | Aug 2019       |
| 3. Saga d.o.o.   | 42                 | 11                  | May 2019      | Aug 2018       |
| 4. Algo Business System d.o.o. (ALGO BS d.o.o.)  | 41                 | 0                   | Jun 2019      |                |
| 5. Comtrade System Integration d.o.o. (Comtrade IT Solutions and Services d.o.o.)  | 40                 | 30                  | Aug 2019      | Oct 2018       |
| 6. Siemens d.o.o.  | 31                 | 8                   | May 2018      | Jul 2019       |
| 7. KPMG d.o.o. Beograd   | 25                 | 59                  | Sep 2019      | Aug 2019       |
| 8. Eptisa Southeast Europe d.o.o.  | 18                 | 97                  | Aug 2019      | Aug 2019       |
| 9. Alternative Consulting d.o.o.   | 18                 | 46                  | Apr 2019      | Jan 2019       |
| 10. SUPERLAB (SUPER Laboratory)  | 18                 | 0                   | Dec 2018      |                |
| 11. MP Soft Group d.o.o.   | 16                 | 1                   | Feb 2011      | Aug 2010       |
| 12. Deloitte d.o.o. Beograd  | 15                 | 40                  | Apr 2019      | Jul 2019       |
| 13. MPP jedinstvo AD Servijno (Assembly and Production for Manufacture and Assembly of Thermal and Hydro Installation and Plant joint Stock Company) | 15                 | 0                   | Dec 2018      |                |

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The project aims at improving the enforcement of penal sanctions and capacities of the prison administration in the area of alternative sanctions, post penal and healthcare of prisoners. Specifically, the project aims **to increase the capacities of the 25 established Probation offices, provide suggestions for amendments to the relevant legislative framework and recommendations for expanding the activities of the Commissioners in terms of introducing a new reporting system during the criminal proceedings.**



In the area of **post-penal care**, this project aims to create stronger cooperation between the public sector and civil society organisations, provide trainings for Commissioners who work with former inmates and special groups of former convicts (e.g. drug addicts, recidivists, violent prisoners and prisoners with infectious diseases amongst others) as well as organize

and support Media Campaign in order to **change social perception of importance of social reintegration of former convicts.** The third relevant aspect of the project relates

to **health care in prisons** and will provide **recommendations for the improvement of the current healthcare system in prisons** and offer recommendations for the possible and gradual transfer of healthcare competences from the Prison Administration to the Ministry of Health. This will also include the provision of training and the drafting of training programmes for staff as well as drafting of guidelines for the health services in prisons.

The project was awarded in April 2019 and began in September 2019.

Also, we are proud to announce that **ECG Summit, for the first time, became a Lead Implementing Partner for the Framework Project in Montenegro "Assessment of the quality, safety and accessibility of current microbiological services in Montenegro" 2019/408281-Version1; Lot4 EuropeAid/138778/DH/SER/Multi**. The assignment was awarded to our Framework Consortium led by ICON in August 2019 and is scheduled to start by the end of 2019.



As assessed, public microbiology laboratories remained undeveloped in Montenegro with almost every single microbiological laboratory on primary health care level still lacking adequate technical capacities and without meeting the standards needed to provide quality health and non-health related services throughout the country. At the same time, other related standards including safety at work are also lacking. *The specific objective of this assignment is to conduct the assessment of currently available infrastructure, space, equipment and human capacities of public microbiology laboratories that will serve as a corner stone for further improvement of the laboratories, services and equipment in order to fill gaps in microbiology services identified by ECDC.*

ECG is part of consortium led by ICON- Institute Public Sector GmbH from Germany that was awarded a contract "Framework contract services for the implementation of external aid 2018 (FWC SIEA 2018), Lot 4 Human Development and safety net" with identification number EuropeAid/138778/DH/SER/MULTI, for a two - year period. The Contracting Authority for above mentioned contract is the European Commission in Brussels.

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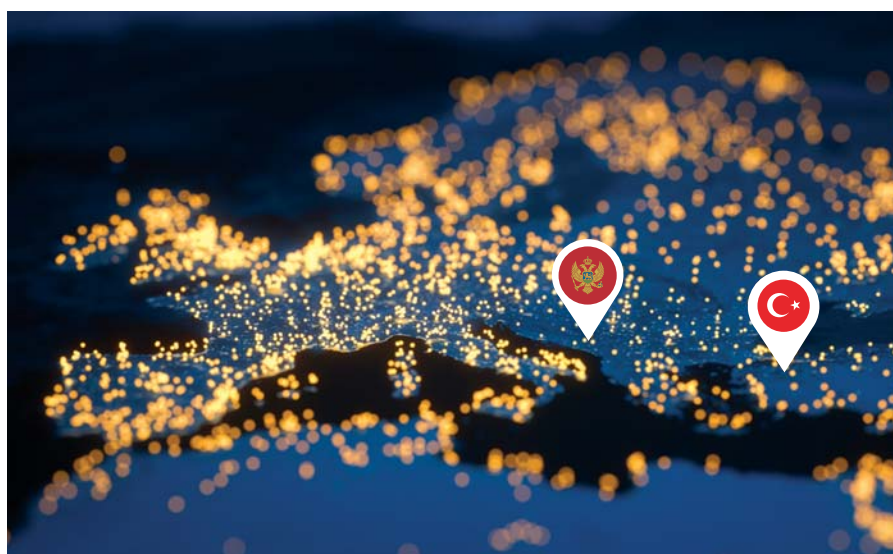
## ECG SUMMIT Extends Its Geographical Reach to Montenegro and Turkey

ECG Summit was part of Consortium, led by Ecorys Nederland B.V, which was awarded the EU funded project in Montenegro "Improvement of Budgeting System, multi-annual budget framework and Public Internal Financial Control System".

*Two new EU funded projects  
began implementation:*

*"Improvement of Budgeting  
System, multi-annual budget  
framework and Public  
Internal Financial Control  
System" in Montenegro and*

*"Technical Assistance  
for Migration and  
International Protection  
Matters - Promoting Public  
Awareness" in Turkey.*



The overall objective of the project is to contribute to increased fiscal sustainability and sound management of public finances in line with EU requirements. At the same time, the main purpose of the project is to fully implement a multi-annual budgeting framework and programme-based budgeting as well as to further improve public internal financial control and transparency in public finance management.

**We are also pleased to announce that ECG was part of Consortium led by NORM Consulting, which was awarded the EU funded project in Turkey "Technical Assistance for Migration and International Protection Matters - Promoting Public Awareness".**

This project aims at improvement of administrative infrastructures in the field of migration management, including international protection, in line with the LFIP and the requirements of the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement.



## ECG SUMMIT PROJECT UPDATE Policy and Legal Advice Centre in Serbia

ECG was part of Consortium led by DMI Associates Ltd. which was awarded the EU funded project in Serbia "Policy and Legal Advice Centre" (PLAC III). PLAC III project started in January 2019 and will last until July 2021.



Successful Project Launch Conference was held on April 16, 2019

In order to accompany the negotiation process, the PLAC III Project is providing legal assistance to the Government of the Republic of Serbia in the process of harmonization of the national legislation with EU acquis through amending the existing and drafting new legislation, and assisting in the process of accession negotiations with the European Union.

The main beneficiaries are the Ministry of European Integration and the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union. The project beneficiaries are also line ministries and institutions involved in legal harmonization in specific areas under different negotiating chapters.



EU funded "Policy and Legal Advice Centre" held a special training session for journalists on October 31, 2019 - What European Standards Bring to Serbia: Stricter Enforcement of Tobacco Control Rules

*The project **PLAC III** is covering 11 negotiation chapters:*

- **Chapter 3:** Right of establishment and freedom to provide services
- **Chapter 8:** Competition policy
- **Chapter 9:** Financial services
- **Chapter 12:** Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy
- **Chapter 15:** Energy
- **Chapter 16:** Taxation
- **Chapter 17:** Economic and monetary policy
- **Chapter 27:** Environment and climate change
- **Chapter 28:** Consumer and health protection
- **Chapter 32:** Financial control
- **Chapter 33:** Financial and budgetary provisions

## ECG SUMMIT PROJECT UPDATE

### Support to Implementing Anti-Corruption Strategies in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Consortium led by ECG is continuing its successful work on the EU funded project **"Support to implementing anti-corruption strategies in Bosnia and Herzegovina"** in BiH. The project aims at strengthening the capacities of institutions in BiH in implementing the anti-corruption strategies and related actions plans at the different levels of government. The main objective is to prevent and respectively reduce all forms of corruption in this country.



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Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, Head of the EU Delegation and EU Special Representative to BiH, who chaired the conference, recalled the consequences of corruption and the importance of a true fight against it:



*"The Anti-Corruption Strategy is just plain paper if there is no political will for it. We want the fight against corruption to be a top priority in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through the support of the European Union, corruption prevention bodies will be empowered and more effective in combating corruption, and will more effectively communicate with citizens," said Wigemark.*



The conference "Strengthening Anti-Corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina" was organized as part of the IPAK project - Institutional Support to Anti-Corruption, funded by the European Union with 750,000 euros. IPAK is one of three projects totaling around 3.5 million euros, launched by the European Union at the beginning of 2019 within the framework of continuous support to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the rule of law field.

## ECG SUMMIT PROJECT UPDATE

### "THE DAY OF EUROPE" - EU Information and Cultural Centre 2017-2018 in Kosovo



The main objective of this project is the day-to-day running of the EU Information and Cultural Centers in Pristina and North Mitrovica. The EU Information and Cultural Centre has the main objective to increase the level of information and public awareness about the European Union in Kosovo as well as about the European agenda.

As a part of this project our Consortium which is led by Ecorys Brussels N.V., organized the event on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in Kosovska Mitrovica which is the official Day of Europe.

In the light of promoting the political entity of the European Union in the territory of Kosovo and celebrating its importance different activities and festivals were organized.

The activities ranged from painting and creative workshop for children, debates, gigs, conversations with successful individuals from the local community to famous music band performances.



**EUROPE DAY**  
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## Q&A WITH ECG SUMMIT ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT ON: Maja Davidovic

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We touched base with Maja Davidovic, former ECG Senior Manager during her last visit to Belgrade. Maja currently works at Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers in White Plains, New York as Education Project Manager. She reflects on her time at ECG and what excites her about her new job.

**Q** You got your start at the local private high school and then worked at ECG Summit European Consulting Group for years. How has working at ECG Summit shaped your career?

**A** Each work experience brings a wealth of new knowledge and insight. I suppose I was fortunate enough to embark on the project management journey at ECG Summit, as I can't even imagine what I would be doing now without the immense abilities I acquired. I learned about standardization and process approach on a more practical hands-on level. But it wasn't only the abundance of knowledge and skills that I took with me. After the initial adjustment, which is unavoidable when you change jobs, it is the value of working for a greater good that captured my heart and pushed me to work even harder towards leading the way to change the national curriculum framework, introducing an office for cancer screening in the MoH, creating an office for free legal aid to refugees, or working on every other project I was involved with.

**Q** What are some things you took from your work experience at ECG Summit that still hold true for you today?

**A** In a unique work environment such as ECG, of course, there are many things; nevertheless, I can freely say that hard work pays off in the long run. In addition, genuine care for people in your work environment and daily positive interaction creates happiness at work. Finally, clear, precise, and direct communication and "higher-level" stakeholder management skills will always lead to successful projects. I believe I find these statements universal for all environments.





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**Q** What excites you about your current role at SMPTE?

**A** Helping people advance their knowledge and skills by learning about the latest technologies in the Media and Entertainment industry is quite exciting because I learn a lot with each new project. Besides programming and day-to-day management duties, I find myself discussing the latest types of screens: it was 4K yesterday, and now it's 8K and 16K... I'm working on the session for the IBC show in Amsterdam that deals with the history of the technology used to produce the original Toy Story and what new tech is used to work on it now. A special program for the SMPTE fall conference will deal with "Space:" we're bringing together NASA astronauts and project leaders to talk about the Artemis project and why they are accelerating the timeline to get back to the Moon, while Todd Miller will speak about his movie "Apollo 11", a recent restoration success. We are trying to solve issues related to streaming and image quality that comes from space. While I coordinate and program the content for the conferences that talk about these issues, I see my son eagerly participating in e-sports competitions that use Unity gaming platforms, while at the same time I discuss the potential of gaming platforms with Unity leaders for use in the M&E industry. It is all very hectic, but I love it.

**Q** Anything else you want to share?

**A** ECG has been my second home for seven years, and I look forward to visiting again during my next visit to Belgrade. I always look forward to seeing my ECG friends, who have supported and helped me every step of the way. We never know where we will end up in life but keeping a tab on important people and times helps us identify with who we are, and I am deeply grateful for my ECG experience as I believe it formed a significant part of my professional being.

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## ECG HIGHLIGHT

ECG belongs to the highest class of creditworthiness in Serbia. The company has fulfilled creditworthiness criteria for 2019 and belongs to the top Serbian companies that can use status AAA as a symbol of Credit rating Excellence.

# AAA

**Highest Creditworthiness Rating**

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**Belgrade, July 18th, 2019**

Milan Dragić, General Manager Bisnode Southern Market





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