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Country: Montenegro Amendment to Project Document "Efficient and transparent Local self-governments" (Project ID 00120946)

Project Title: Efficient and transparent Local self-governments

The purpose of the Amendment is to reflect changes in the Project Document related to:

- 1. Extension of duration of project,
- 2. Resources reallocation.

1. Extension of duration of project

The project is extended for additional 12 months. Initial duration was August 2019 to July 2021. Extended duration is now until July 2022.

The reason for extension is Covid 19 Pandemic and changed functioning of local self-governments in the situation of pandemic.

Namely, as per Project Action Plan it was envisaged to organize regional trainings for LARIS software for municipalities in November 2020, but as the measures with COVID 19 pandemic haven't allowed any gatherings in that period, trainings were rescheduled for January – February 2021, with delaying period of data migration and validation. Additionally, municipalities changed their mode of functioning in the situation of pandemic by working with limited human capacities (from home or in shifts) which made it impossible for the contracted Consortium to finalize data migration and validation as initially planned. This process is still on and will take additional time having in total 20 municipalities working in parallel.

2. Resources reallocation

Having analyzed utilized and committed Project budget resources, it was concluded that left-over resources are 8,500 USD. This was reported to the Project Board and members agreed to allocate these unspent resources on following activities:

- Engagement of IT Consultant for VPN installation support to municipalities,
- Engagement of IT consultant to support Project Advisory Group in preparation of draft assessment of additional modules of the LARIS software and costing. This activity would require additional implementation period, which will consequently impose Project extension.

For the above-mentioned reasons, I recommend extension of the project duration for additional 12 months, until July 2022.

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