

RULES OF PROCEDURE
of the
EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC)

Rule 1

The EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee is established on the basis of the European Parliament's Conference of Presidents decision of 10 June 2010 and the decision of the Collegium of the Parliament of Montenegro from 1 June 2010, and on the basis of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement (notably, art. 125).

Rule 2

The task of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall be to consider all aspects of relations between the EU and Montenegro and, in particular, the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Rule 3

On a proposal from the Bureau of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, recommendations may be made to the European Parliament, to the Parliament and Government of Montenegro, to the Council of the European Union and to the European Commission.

Recommendations shall be considered adopted if they receive the support of a majority of the members of the delegation of the European Parliament and of the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Rule 4

The EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall be composed of an equal number of members appointed by the European Parliament and by the Parliament of Montenegro.

The term of office of the members of the delegations shall be decided in accordance with the rules, practices and decisions of competent bodies of the European Parliament and the Parliament of Montenegro.

Rule 5

The Bureau of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall consist of the Chairperson of the delegation of the European Parliament, the Chairperson of the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro and Vice-Chairpersons from both delegations.

The office of the Chairperson shall be filled by turns by the Chairperson of the European Parliament delegation and the Chairperson of the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro. The Chairperson in office shall, where necessary, be replaced by the Vice-Chairperson of his or her delegation.

Rule 6

The EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall meet twice a year, once in one of the workplaces of the European Parliament and once in Montenegro.

The draft agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Bureau, shall normally be sent to Members a fortnight in advance.

Meetings shall be held in public, unless the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee decides otherwise.

Rule 7

Members of the Stabilisation and Association Council, established under art. 119 and following of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, the Council of Ministers of the EU, members of the Montenegrin government, members of the European Commission and any other person may, by decision of the Bureau, attend and speak at the meetings of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee.

Rule 8

The Secretariat of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee shall be provided by the secretariat of the European Parliament, in collaboration with officials designated by the Parliament of Montenegro.

Minutes shall be drawn up for each session of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee for approval at the opening of the following meeting.

Rule 9

Members may address meetings of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee in an official language of the European Union or of Montenegro. Translation and interpretation will be provided on the basis of decisions of the Bureau of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, and in accordance with the internal rules of the European Parliament.

Rule 10

The travel expenses and subsistence allowances of Committee members and officials assisting them shall be paid by the Parliament that has appointed them.

Other expenses entailed by the meetings and activities of the Committee shall be apportioned between the European Parliament and the Parliament of Montenegro.

Rule 11

Changes to these rules, proposed by the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, shall be submitted to the Bureau of the European Parliament and to the competent bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro.