

# MONTENEGRO

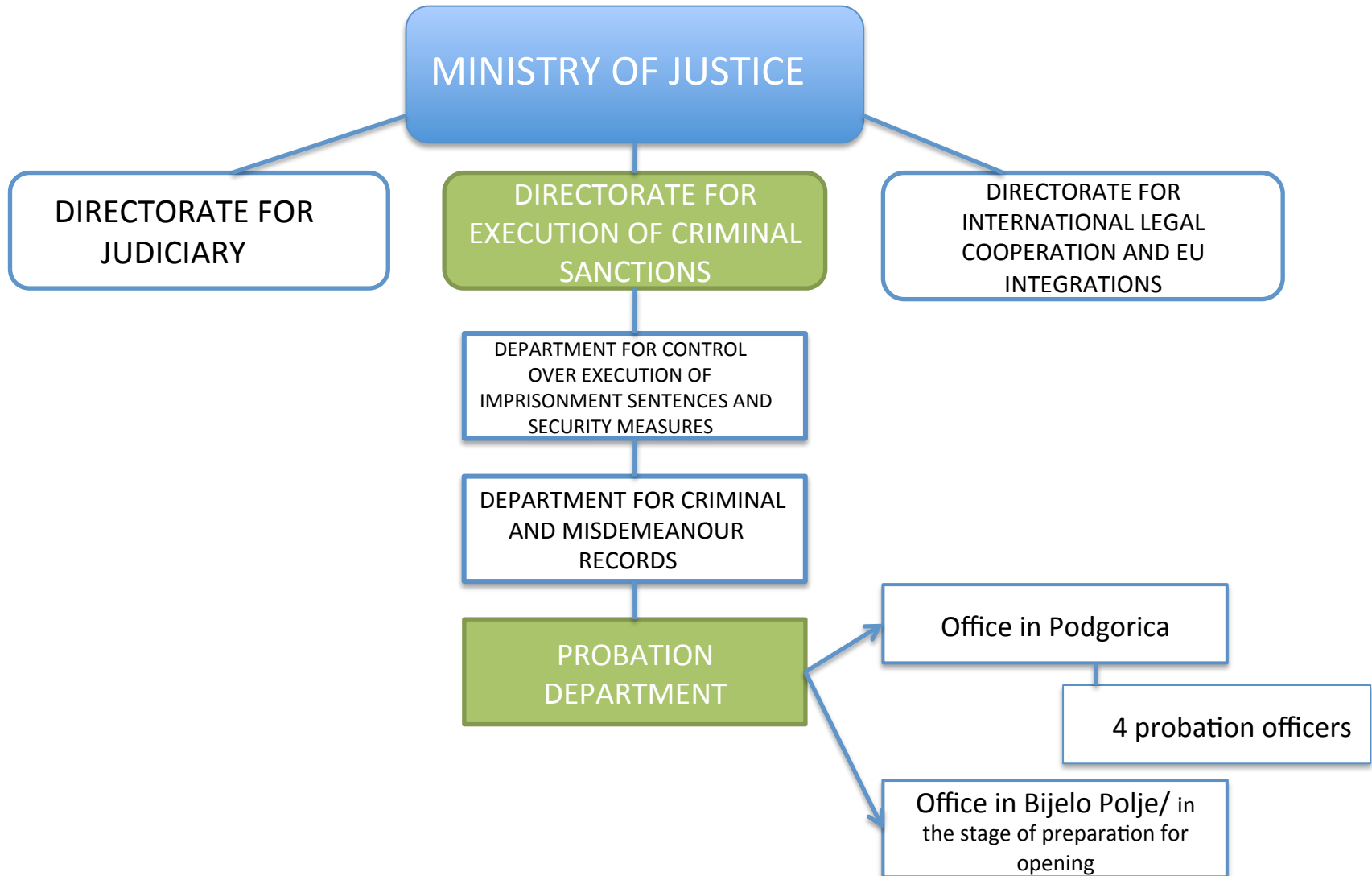
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# Short history of the probation system in Montenegro

- January 2012 – reform of the execution of criminal sanctions has started in Montenegro;
- October 01st 2013 – Probation unit of Montenegro (within Ministry of Justice of Montenegro) has officially started operating;
- Professional support for improvement of the system of alternative sanctions in Montenegro has been provided by the foreign experts from the countries with long probation history;
- Matra CoPROL programme – Cooperation for strengthening the rule of law;
- Process of drafting the Strategy for continuation of the reform of execution of criminal sanctions (for the period 2017-2020), together with the Action plan is in progress – through TAIEX Expert Mission (European Commission);

# Organization



# Main competencies

- **1. Law on Enforcement of Suspended Sentence and Community Service Sentence** (Official Gazette of Montenegro no. 32/14)
  - Execution of alternative sanctions
    - Suspended sentence
    - Suspended sentence with protective supervision
    - Community service sentence
  - Supervision over conditionally released convicted person
  
- **2. Law on Enforcement of Sentence of Imprisonment, Fines and Security Measures** (Official Gazette of Montenegro no.36/15)
  - Execution of imprisonment sentence in the premises where convicted person resides
  - Execution of security measures: restraining order and removal from the apartment or other residential premise

# Plans for the future

- upgrading personnel and technical capacities of the Probation Unit of the Ministry of Justice (increasing the number of staff members – officers and their training);
- decentralization (opening of branch offices);
- increasing the level of cooperation and networking between institutions involved in probation (cooperation with state bodies, local self-governments and civil-society organizations);
- further promotion of alternative sanctions in public;
- creating legal preconditions for participation of the probation in criminal procedures (recommendation of foreign experts);