Subject: Ulcinj Salina

Dear Mr Saveljić,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated of 9 July 2015 on the situation in Ulcinj Salina and apologise for the delay in my answer.

We have been informed that, following a Government of Montenegro’s decision, some funds have been dedicated to reparation of the pumping plant in Djerane. Consequently, the sea water pumping into the channels and the pools of Ulcinj Salina is effective again since July, 10th.

While this is a positive step ahead, we are aware that there are other issues that still need to be addressed. In particular, we note the need to provide the site with adequate level of legal protection and to ensure effective long term management of Ulcinj Salina that is compatible with the nature protection requirements.

We were informed that the Government plans to designate Ulcinj Salina as national protected area by October 2015. However, the designation as the Emerald site has encountered some delays.

The European Commission will continue to closely monitor the developments regarding Ulcinj Salina in the context of the accession negotiations of Montenegro, in particular under Chapter 27 (Environment – Climate change).

Yours sincerely,

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