

## news

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# Prestigious EU role for Hughie

EARLIER this year Tipperary County Councillor Hughie McGrath was appointed to the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) which represents local government in the European Union decision making process. Last week, at a meeting in the historical capital of Montenegro, Cetinje, Cllr McGrath was elected as Co-President of the CoR - Montenegro Joint Consultative Committee which is a 16 member working group with the aim of helping local government in Montenegro prepare to join the European Union.

The Mayor of Cetinje Aleksandr Bogdanović was elected to Co-President of this important working group with Cllr McGrath. Whilst the group will meet only twice a year it will deal with a range of practical issues to help the

local authorities in Montenegro and to exchange experience with their EU counterparts. The meeting this week focused on the areas of administrative capacity and strong human resources policy at local government level as well as cross-border co-operation. The meeting

was attended by a range of experts and Montenegro's chief negotiator for accession to the EU, Secretary of State Aleksandar Pejović.

Cllr McGrath said that he was delighted to be appointed to such an important position and felt that it was important that local authorities in Montenegro had the opportunity to learn from the experience of how the EU has worked for local authorities. Participants also had the opportunity to visit a large scale project of water and waste water management funded by the EU as well as a solar powered street lighting project.



Cllr Hughie McGrath with Mayor of Cetinje Mr Aleksandr Bogdanovic chairing the meeting of CoR - Montenegro JCC in Cetinje.



## Christmas Party Nights

NOV 28TH, DEC 5TH, 12TH & 19TH  
SUMPTUOUS 4 COURSE MENU **€29 PPS**

### Live Entertainment

**SAT NOV 28th** ..... TRADSTONE  
**SAT DEC 5th** ..... TAILOR MADE  
**SAT DEC 12th** ..... TAILOR MADE  
**SAT DEC 19th** ..... TRADSTONE  
**SAT DEC 26th** ..... BOX OF FROGS  
**THURS DEC 31st** ..... LIVE MUSIC

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