



A U S T R A L I A A N D

M O N T E N E G R O

Key engagement

Direct aid projects, support for candidacies to international organisations, community ties.

Bilateral relations

Australia and Montenegro enjoy cooperative diplomatic relations underpinned by people-to-people links, specifically a small Montenegrin community in Australia. Australia and Montenegro engage in international organisations on matters of mutual interest.

Australia recognised Montenegro on 27 June 2006 following its declaration of independence from the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. Diplomatic relations between Australia and Montenegro were established on 1 September 2006. The Australian Ambassador to Serbia has non-resident accreditation to Montenegro. The Ambassador of Montenegro to the United Arab Emirates holds non-resident accreditation to Australia.

Through its Embassy in Belgrade, Australia supports direct aid projects that benefit local communities in Montenegro. These projects focus on empowering women and youth, combatting hate speech against ethnic and other minorities and protecting democratic values such as freedom of speech.

Economic and trade information can be found in the [Montenegro Fact Sheet](#):

Foreign policy

Montenegro considers accession to the European Union as a strategic foreign policy goal. The European Commission Council opened membership negotiations with Montenegro in June 2012.

On 5 June 2017, Montenegro became the 29th member of NATO.

Further information is available at:

[Ministry of Foreign Affairs \(www.gov.me\)](http://www.gov.me)

FAST FACTS



Visitors to Australia (year ending December 2022)

n/a



Australian visitors (year ending December 2022)

780



Resident Australian population claiming Montenegrin ancestry (2021 census)

2,720



Students in Australia (2022)

11

Australian Embassy in Belgrade

serbia.embassy.gov.au/bgde/home.html



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