

## CASE STUDY: EXPROPRIATION COSTS INCREASED IN ELECTION PERIOD

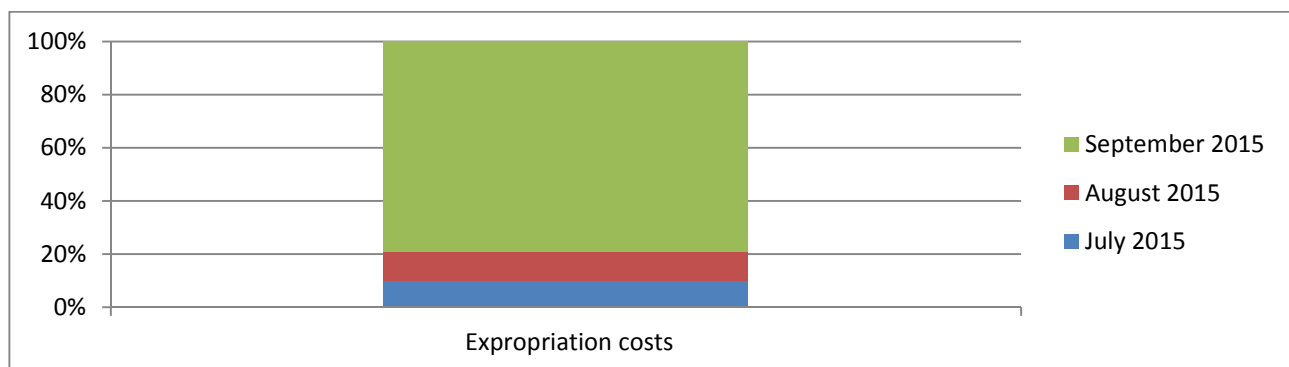


Highway construction site is currently the largest one in the country

**I: INTRODUCTION:** Expenses for expropriation of land, which the state pays for property taken due to the construction of infrastructure projects, significantly increased in September 2016, when €800,000 was paid for this purpose. This coincided with the period preceding the parliamentary election in Montenegro.<sup>1</sup>

August, the sum was €107,000.<sup>5</sup>

**III: A SUM OF €800,000 FOR EXPROPRIATION IN SEPTEMBER:** In September 2016, i.e. in the month prior to the parliamentary election, as much as €800,000 was paid for expropriation,<sup>6</sup> which is several times more compared to the previous two months.



Graph 1: Expropriation expenditures significantly increased in September 2016

Out of €800,000, as much as €430 thousand was paid from the Program of the Ministry of Finance called "Policy and Regulations in the Taxation," which, according to the budget, did not include the expropriation expenditures.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Parliamentary election in Montenegro were held on 16 October 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Statements of accounts of the Ministry of Finance on the budget spending in the election period were published on the website of the Ministry; link: [http://www.mif.gov.me/rubrike/analiticke\\_kartice\\_i\\_putni\\_nalozi/analiticke\\_kartice/?pagerIndex=1](http://www.mif.gov.me/rubrike/analiticke_kartice_i_putni_nalozi/analiticke_kartice/?pagerIndex=1)

<sup>3</sup> Parliamentary election in Montenegro was called on 11 July 2016.

<sup>4</sup> The exact amount is €101,729.

<sup>5</sup> The exact amount is €107,966.

<sup>6</sup> Statements of accounts of the Ministry of Finance on the budget spending in the election period which were published on the website of the Ministry; link: [http://www.mif.gov.me/rubrike/analiticke\\_kartice\\_i\\_putni\\_nalozi/analiticke\\_kartice/?pagerIndex=1](http://www.mif.gov.me/rubrike/analiticke_kartice_i_putni_nalozi/analiticke_kartice/?pagerIndex=1); the exact amount is €801,800.

<sup>7</sup> Link: <http://www.skupstina.me/zakoni/web/dokumenta/zakoni-i-drugi-akti/971/1022-6539-33-15-5.PDF>.

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