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MANS Investigative Centre obtained documentation showing that Slavoljub Stijepović, a long-time government official suspected of money laundering, was at the centre of a conflict of interest worth over 15 million euros thanks to a business arrangement between his daughter and Bemax company. Full investigative story on the suspicious businesses of the Stijepović family at:

<http://www.mans.co.me/en/suspicious-business-of-the-stijepovic-family-with-bemax/> 09/12/2019

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NGO MANS organized traditional **XIII National Anti-Corruption Conference** as part of a project implemented in collaboration with Transparency International. Through two thematic panels, we addressed *political corruption*, key issues in Montenegro and international standards and expert recommendations, as well as *detection and prosecution of the high-level corruption*. In addition to domestic ones, experts from the UK, Germany, Italy and Greece shared their experiences in the mentioned fields. 09/12/2019

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Traditional XIII National Anti-Corruption Conference organised by MANS marked the beginning of **Anti-Corruption Week**, through thematic panels regarding topics crucial for the society. Namely, we dedicated the panel discussion that took place on the second day to the planned Government Amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information, which will inevitably limit and prevent the existing rights of citizens, while at the same time abolish key obligations of the authorities. 10/12/2019

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As a part of the Anti-Corruption Week, NGO MANS also marked the completion of a project supported by the European Union aimed at helping the development of investigative journalism in Montenegro. During the project, activities of training and providing of technical support to interested journalists were combined. On this occasion, the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro and MANS awarded three best investigative stories on corruption and organized crime. 11/12/2019

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As the closing panel of this year's Anti-Corruption Week, MANS organized a press conference - **Four years of secrets regarding the highway project**. On that occasion, the third report on the construction of the Bar-Boljare highway was presented, as well as the film - *A year of silence of state institutions* (the film can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trxY_k0sa2E). At the same time, the next steps of the civil sector regarding environmental monitoring and the impact of highway construction were presented. 13/12/2019

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On behalf of a coalition bringing together five NGOs from the Western Balkans, and as part of the regional project Balkan Tender Watch, funded by the European Commission, MANS organized a **Regional Conference on the state in the public procurement**. The aim of the conference was to promote good practices and identify shortcomings in the public procurement system. The following day, a workshop "Civil society and public procurement monitoring" was held. 17/12/2019

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In an interview with weekly newspaper *Monitor* on the topic *Parallel system in a captive state*, the director of the MANS Investigative Centre said that by amending the Law on Free Access to Information in the eve of the election year, the Government wants to allow political parties to evade the legal obligation to publish information about their funding. In this way, any civic control over the spending of political