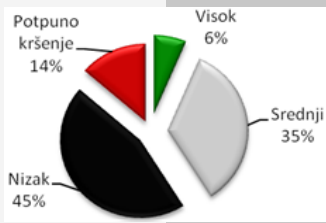


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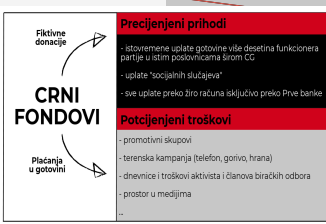
In the past year, MANS analysed the willingness of institutions to publish basic information about their work, in accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information, which obliges them to proactively publish certain categories of data on their websites. The analysis covered the websites of 139 authorities, including the Parliament of Montenegro, ministries in the Government of Montenegro, state administration bodies, the Capital City, local self-governments and public companies. 04/01/2019

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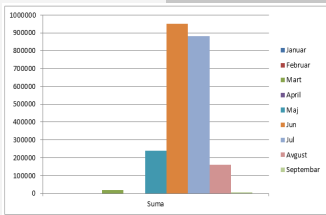
MANS Public Finance Programme published data that unambiguously indicate that the situation with the country's public finances remains unenviable. Despite the fact that the Government claims it is able to refinance loans and service its regular obligations, it is undisputed that debts are not repaid within the planned deadlines, instead, they are reprogrammed. During ten months of 2018, the executive authority spent over €700m for debt repayment, while around €70m was allocated for interests. 08/01/2019

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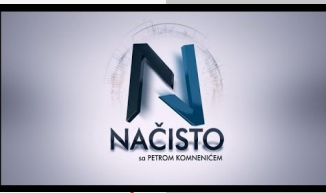
By participating in the work of the recently formed Committee for Electoral Legislation Reform, MANS suggested that the debate on the aspect of money donations be a priority. They repeatedly pointed to the irregular donations of the ruling party as well as its financing, as confirmed by the current issue in Montenegro, as well as the confession by the director of Atlas Group that, in agreement with the president of Montenegro, Milo Đukanović, DPS illegally donated money for last year's campaign in Podgorica, which is a new evidence of the so-called black funds from which the strongest ruling party is financed. 10/01/2019

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MANS published data on the decisions of the chief government cabinet, immediately after the end of local elections in May 2018, when more than €2 million was paid for various forms of social assistance. One of the most important mechanisms of the ruling party to influence voters' electoral preferences in earlier electoral cycles was social benefits, while payments from the budget reserve are among the most non-transparent in terms of spending from the state budget. 11/01/2019

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Regarding the current issue in Montenegro, MANS Executive Director spoke in "Načisto" TV show on the topic of illegal financing of the ruling party, as well as other aspects of the current affair "Envelope". You can see the show on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHOAAWxrBwg> 17/01/2019

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MANS announced a call to civil society organizations for a one-day training, which was held on January 30, in the area of the Law on Free Access to Information, processing and analysis of data as well as public advocacy. Through this training, civil society organizations become more proficient in using and obtaining information from public institutions, data analysis and public advocacy. 18/01/2019

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In cooperation with the Regional Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), MANS announced the competition and invited journalists to apply for funding for creating of investigative stories. The competition for the allocation of funds is organized within the project of strengthening the Montenegrin civil society with the support of the Government of the United States of America. 21/01/2019

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MANS filed a request to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption to initiate a procedure to determine whether Montenegro's President Milo Đukanović had violated the Law on the Prevention of Corruption, since there is a suspicion that he did not indicate income based on the gift from the Atlas Bank in his income and property reports in the amount of slightly less than €17 thousand. APC rejected MANS' request, payment card is not a gift!? 23/01/2019

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MANS Investigative Centre published a story about the apparent conflict of interests of the current governor of the Central Bank of Montenegro (CBM) while he was at the head of the Ministry of Finance, who did not report according to the Law on Public Procurement. The Governor of the CBM, Dr Radoje Žugić, the then Minister of Finance, provided the Proxim company, registered by his nephew, to win three tenders issued by the Ministry, by which the company earned income in the amount of €170,000. 25/01/2019

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After the public hearing was concluded, MANS submitted to the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism remarks to numerous omissions in the drafting of the Spatial-Urban Plan of the Municipality of Pljevlja. Among other things, it was pointed out that the Government is changing the most important planning document for Pljevlja in order to expand the exploitation zone for the Coal Mine, which is state owned. 29/01/2019

January in photos

