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Regarding current topic of the public's right to know, the Director of the MANS Investigative Centre was a guest in a show "Crnom Gorom u pola 2" aired on Radio Free Europe. He spoke about who and under what terms had received an apartment or loan from the state even before 2016. The show can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoXh34zk9zg> 02/09/2019

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MANS warns that the granting of loans to officials and civil servants is contrary to the Government's Decision on the manner and criteria for addressing housing needs of officials. Some judges of the Supreme Court received loans from the state even though they owned real estate at the time. MANS has already requested that all information on housing loans granted to government officials, including pre-2016, be published. 04/09/2019

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According to an analysis by the MANS Investigative Centre, Miras Radović, Judge of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, will have to diligently allocate around €40 a month until 2029 to repay more than favourable housing loan of 40 thousand he was given ten years ago by the Government. In the meantime, the former Minister of Justice has acquired significant assets, which calls into question the justification of the Government's decision to grant the loan. 06/09/2019

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MANS' investigation revealed that Judge of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, Radule Kojović, is also paying only €75 a month for the 119m2 apartment, thanks to a loan he received from the Government. This is not the first housing loan family Kojović received from the Government, which is why MANS continues to require from the authorities to publish all relevant documentation for granting of loans to address the housing needs of officials. 07/09/2019

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Dejan Milovac and Lazar Grdinić from the Investigative Centre of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS), won the third prize for European Union investigative journalism. The topic of the award-winning story was investigation of donations from citizens and black funds during elections in Montenegro. Full story is available at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/donations-of-citizens-or-black-funds/> 10/09/2019

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Regarding the current topic in Montenegro, Dejan Milovac, Executive Director of the MANS Investigative Centre spoke about allocation of apartments and loan to officials, as well as other aspects of the current "Apartments" affair in a show *Reflektor* as a guest in the studio. You can watch the show at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqaziGDDaZs> 10/09/2019

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MANS organized a Conference on combating corruption and organized crime with a special focus on property acquired through criminal offense, its seizure and management. The first panel was dedicated to the experiences and recommendations of international experts, while the second panel focused on Montenegro's experience in combating corruption, as well as the management of seized assets. Conference report at the link: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/report-from-the-conference-property-acquired-through-criminal-offense-seizure-and-management/> 11/09/2019

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At the conference "Property acquired through criminal offense - seizure and management", MANS advises that Montenegro, like Italy, should prescribe ways to manage property acquired through criminal offense in order to use it after seizure for charity and humanitarian purposes. Specific MANS's recommendations can be found at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/proposals-for-the-improvement-of-the-law-on-seizure-and-confiscation-of-material-benefit-derived-from-criminal-activity/> 12/09/2019

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By analysing final court verdicts for the criminal offense of money laundering, MANS published a report on the results of the judiciary in the fight against this offense in Montenegro. This document contains an analysis of the legal framework, statistics and court verdicts for the said work, adopted from 2013 to the end of 2018. The full report can be downloaded at the following link: [http://www.mans.co.me/wpcontent/uploads/2019/09/Monitoring-3-FINAL\\_MNE.pdf](http://www.mans.co.me/wpcontent/uploads/2019/09/Monitoring-3-FINAL_MNE.pdf) 12/09/2019

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Human Rights Action (HRA), Institute Alternative (IA) and the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) filed charges with the Supreme State Prosecutor and the Chief Special Prosecutor against members of the Judicial Council on grounds of suspicion that, by grossly violating regulations during selection of 10 candidates for judges in basic courts of Montenegro in public announcement in July this year, they committed criminal offenses of abuse of office, malpractice in office, unlawful influence, forgery of documents and violations of equality. 14/09/2019

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MANS Investigative Centre reveals that for four years, the Supreme Court President Vesna Medenica was hiding financial transaction with controversial businessman Zoran Bećirović, worth nearly €139,000. Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-efV9FWm1l> 15/09/2019

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MANS filed a request with the competent bodies of the Judicial Council to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, Vesna Medenica, who back in 2015 sold inherited land in Kolašin for nearly €140 thousand and failed to report it to the then Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest by filing an extraordinary statement on revenues and assets. 17/09/2019

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The lack of accountability and transparency in the Montenegrin judiciary, the affairs of the President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro and the Chief State Prosecutor, as well as other current issues, was addressed by MANS Executive Director Vanja Čalović Marković in a TV show "Načisto". You can watch the show at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b4cTeGO6Ac> 19/09/2019

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At a public hearing on the Draft Law on Free Access to Information, representatives of the NGO sector expressed sharp criticism of the draft law, describing it as worse solution than the current one. After numerous cases of corruption and other scandals uncovered thanks to this law, and in the eve of the election year, the Government is proposing amendments to the Law on the basis of which it will be able to withhold even more information. 23/09/2019

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MANS notes that the amendment to the Law on Free Access to Information does not enable the implementation of the Constitution and the rights of citizens, instead, it protects institutions from citizens. The draft amendments to the law take place in the midst of a scandal over the allocation of apartments to government officials under favourable terms - an information that has been secret until recently. 26/09/2019

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In the eve of International Day for Universal Access to Information, MANS and 43 NGOs signed an open letter to the Prime Minister of Montenegro and the Minister of Public Administration, requesting that they abandon the proposed amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information that introduce new restrictions and drastically reduce the transparency of institutions, contrary to international standards. 27/09/2019

## September in photos

