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The Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) filed a criminal complaint against Montenegro's President Milo Đukanović and his sister, lawyer Ana Đukanović, as well as against several persons involved in the privatization of Montenegrin Telekom Crna Gora in 2005 due to suspicion of abuse of office and passive bribery. The criminal complaint includes NN persons – government officials from 2005, as well as NN persons who participated in concluding of fictitious contracts with the companies Fiesta, Aktiva, Sigma and Roli through which bribes were paid. 01/03/2019

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MANS Investigative Centre obtained data that Montenegro's state aircraft stayed in one of the most popular Spanish resorts last year, and for 10 days in Malta as well at the beginning of this year. There was no answer from the Government as to what was the purpose of the trip of Montenegrin officials to destination which, as opposed to Brussels, Berlin or Geneva, is quite unordinary. Also, official data from the Government, the Parliament and the President's cabinet indicate that there were no official visits to the mentioned resorts during that period. 03/03/2019

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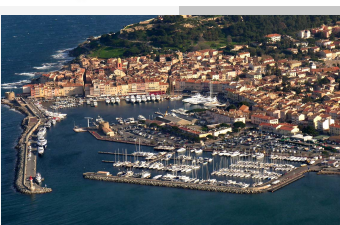
MANS filed a criminal complaint against Montenegro's President Milo Đukanović, the vice-president of the Parliament, Branimir Gvozdenović, and several others for suspicion of abuse of office, in order to gain illegal profit and power in privatization process of the Electric Power Company of Montenegro (EPCG). Namely, members of the criminal organization enabled A2A to take over EPCG, while at the same time enabling offshore London company and its hidden owners to get a commission of € 6.8 million. 04/03/2019

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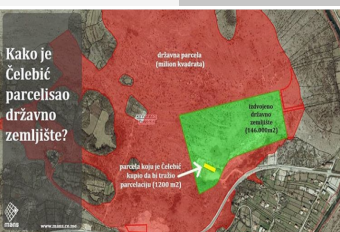
Calculation of the MANS Public Finance Programme shows that, although the Government of Montenegro claims that monthly electricity consumption of 300 kilowatts is enough for a household, this amount is not enough for a decent life, not even for a single person, let alone a household. Citizens who plan to pay electricity at a lower rate and consume only 300 kilowatt-hours a month would have to give up many electrical devices and have light bulbs on for no longer than four hours a day. 11/03/2019

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NGO MANS submitted to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) initiatives to launch the proceedings against Milo Đukanović, Branimir Gvozdenović and Goran Rakočević, all due to the failure to report gift in the form of paid stay in Saint Tropez in France during 2010, paid by Duško Knežević, owner of the Atlas Group. APC dismissed the initiative stating that it has no jurisdiction to act in cases before 2010, despite the fact that in one of the earlier cases, the Administrative Court ruled that it had jurisdiction in cases in the period before 2016 as well. 11/03/2019

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MANS Investigative Centre disclosed information that "Čelebić" company bought 165 thousand m2 of state-owned construction land, without the announcement of a public tender. Due to the fact that Čelebić was enabled to acquire property over valuable assets and obtain unlawful material gain to the detriment of the state, a criminal complaint against several officials of the Government was filed for suspicion of abuse of office. Details of the complaint available at <http://www.mans.co.me/en/criminal-complaint-against-several-officials-due-to-the-sale-of-land-to-celebic/> 12/03/2019

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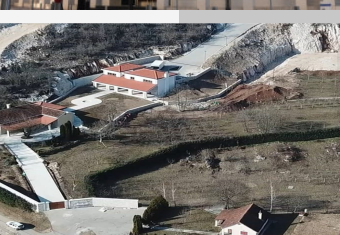
Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project - OCCRP and MANS announced a competition for grant funding of projects of the civil society organizations. The competition is part of the project "Supporting Civil Society in Montenegro: Network for Change" funded by the Government of the United States of America. The goal of the project is to improve the capacities of local NGOs in the areas of rule of law and fight against corruption, especially in part of improving transparency and accountability in the work of state institutions at the local level and in local communities. 14/03/2019

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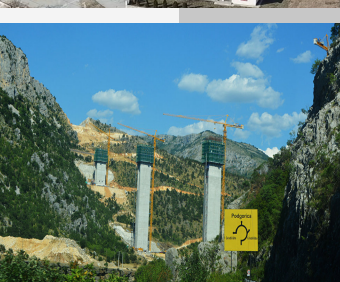
Transparency International, together with NGO MANS, urged the Government of Montenegro to withdraw the amendments to the Law on Classified Information, which would undermine the country's freedom of information laws and anti-corruption efforts. Previously, 26 NGOs joined MANS in a public call to the Government (read more at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/urging-the-government-of-montenegro-to-withdraw-proposed-amendments-to-the-law-on-classified-information/>) to withdraw the proposed amendments, which resulted in withdrawal from the parliamentary procedure. 19/03/2019

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NGO MANS submitted to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) another initiative for launching proceedings against Milo Đukanović, the President of Montenegro, this time for not reporting a property increase in the Municipality of Nikšić. Two out of three Đukanović's houses in Nikšić's settlement were not reported to APC, and they do not exist in the records of the Nikšić land registry and the Secretariat for Urban Planning, although they are clearly visible on the air footage, as well as the fact that it is not about ruins but fully arranged and functional facilities. 20/03/2019

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MANS Public Finance Programme presented the facts that the project of construction of Montenegro's highway is undoubtedly among the greatest risks to the sustainability of public finances of the country, although the officials are convincing citizens that the construction of the first section of the highway from Smokovac to Mateševo would not cost "a Euro more" than the agreed amount, while avoiding to mention additional costs, which will significantly increase the price of this controversial investment. A criminal complaint was also filed against the President of the Parliament and the former Minister of Transport due to "forgotten works" and damage to the state budget. 21/03/2019

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MANS organized a conference on challenges and solutions in financing of the political parties and campaigns. The first panel was dedicated to international experts who discussed proposals for amending the legal solution, while at the second and third panel, representatives of political parties and civil sector from Montenegro abroad exchanged their opinions. The conference can be viewed on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/NVOMans/videos> 28/03/2019

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In cooperation with KRIK, MANS prepared a Manual for Investigative Journalists with the aim to obtain accurate data necessary for investigative stories in a faster and easier manner. The Manual provides basic data sources in Montenegro and abroad, such as company registries, land registries, offshore registers, which are a solid basis for start of a research. 28/03/2019

March in photos

