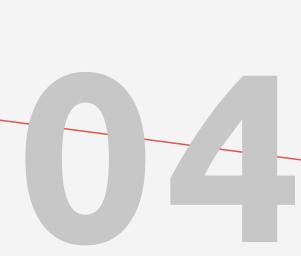


## December in MANS



The civil sector points out the positive fact that for the first time in 30 years, the future prime minister first presented his plans to the public, and only then set forth his programme in the Parliament. Although aware that this is not going to be easy because the Democratic Party of Socialists still controls key levers in the judiciary, they still believe that some things will move from the deadlock. "There is going to be a completely different attitude towards organized crime and corruption, and above all, a different attitude towards the media and civil society, which has been announced to be strategic partner in implementing reforms. That is exactly what we have been waiting for all these years," MANS stated.





Three months after the elections, Montenegro will have a new government facing difficult tasks. In an interview with the weekly Monitor, the Executive Director of the NGO MANS points out that "it is necessary to implement numerous reforms and correct many injustices and mistakes of the former regime. It is going to be very difficult for the new ministers to choose the right priorities, and it is obvious that they will be under constant political pressure and exposed to unrealistic demands of certain parties of the new majority." You can read more on how difficult it is going to be in such conditions to dismantle the system that DPS built in previous years as well as the full interview at: https://www.monitor.co.me/vanja-calovic-markovic-direktorica-mans-ateski-zadaci/





MANS' report on the construction of the highway shows that the costs of construction, expropriation, supervision and management, which were paid from the beginning of construction to the end of August 2020, amounted to at least 690 million euros. The main contractor, Chinese CRBC, was paid over 645 million. The costs of supervision, agreed with foreign consultants, are over 20 million, while at least six million was spent for the work of three state commissions, and over five million euros for the work of Monteput, which performs supervision. In addition, over 18 million euros was spent on expropriation of land for the highway. You can read full report with all the precise data at: http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Fourth-report-on-the-construction-of-the-Bar-Boljare-highway-ROAD-WITHOUT-END.pdf





In the eve of the International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9, the civil sector has concrete expectations and proposals for MPs of the new parliamentary majority. NGO MANS points out that "The first thing this government should do is to allow access to all the information that the previous regime has withheld so far, especially data on the use of budget reserves, payments to tycoon companies and benefits granted to public officials and servants. Therefore, it should adopt a new law on free access to information, as well as regularly publish data on budget spending."

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On International Anti-Corruption Day, along with other NGOs, MANS
submitted draft amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information to the
Ministry of Public Administration, which is supposed to mark a break with the
current practice of withholding information of public interest. This is the first
anti-corruption law proposed to the new government with the aim of
enabling citizens, the media and the NGO sector to play a more active role
in fighting corruption and controlling the work of the government. The
European Commission and numerous international institutions have
repeatedly pointed out the need to amend this Law, especially emphasizing
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the importance of access to information that may indicate corruption and
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DAVALAC DRŽAVNE POMOĆI	KORISNIK/KORISNICI DRŽAVNE POMOĆI	IZNOSI DRŽAVNE POMOĆI
Opština Cetinje	Pomoć sportskim koletivima sa teritorije Opštine Cetinje	181,780.00
Ministarstvo nauke	Konkurs za sufinansiranje naučnoistraživačke i inovativne djelatnosti u 2019. godini - Učešće u EUREKA programu	90,000.00
Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva	Pomoć preduzeću "Montenegro airlines" A.D. Podgorica	5,500,000.00
Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva	Pomoć prduzeću A.D. "Barska plovidba", Bar	3,000,000.00
Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva	Pomoć preduzeću "Crnogorska	4.020.002.60
Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva	Pomoć nepoznatom pravnom licu	214,970.00
Ministarstvo održivog razvoja i	Pomoć preduzeća H.T.P. "Ulcinjska	
turizma	rivijera" A.D. Ulcinj	2,221,495.24
Ministarstvo održivog razvoja i turizma	Pomoć "Nacionalnoj turističkoj organizaciji Crne Gore" (LOW COST)	650,000.00
ОКОР	16,688,338.93	

The Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector points to the latest example of inadequate access to information held by state bodies that has created fertile ground for corruption. MANS published recorded state aid in 2019, where it can be seen that the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs paid "aid" in the amount of 214,970 euros to an unknown legal entity. They note that such and similar examples will be a challenge for the new Government, and the prosecution of all actors must begin as soon as possible.



Despite the ruling of the Administrative Court in favour of MANS, the Agency for Prevention of Corruption again banned access to the documentation on the control of the Democratic Party of Socialists in connection with the "Envelope" affair, which is continuation of the practice of non-transparency in the work of this body. Such conduct completely disables the civil control of the Agency's work in cases of special interest for the general rule of law in the country. The continuation of such practices is unacceptable, and this is especially true in cases of political corruption. The fight against corruption must be transparent and non-selective, because only in that way can it give sustainable results.

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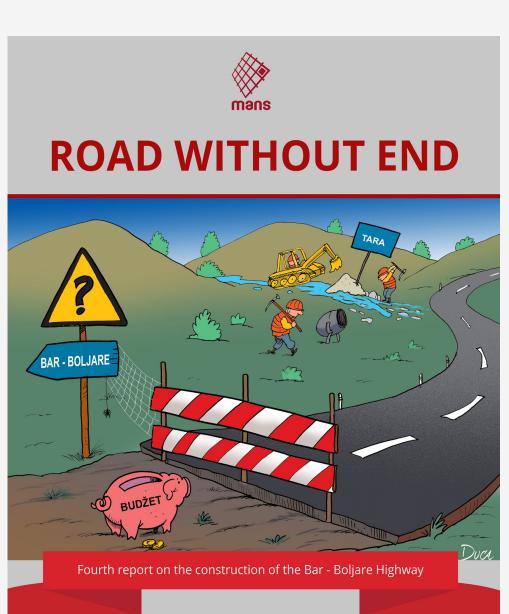
NGO MANS welcomes the latest action of the Special State Prosecutor's Office (SSPO) in which the director of the Real Estate Administration, Dragan Kovačević, was deprived of liberty, but at the same time, they remind that this institution has very concrete evidence of much more serious crimes, to which MANS has pointed out for years. MANS has so far filed several criminal charges against Kovačević, which refer to his work as the director of the state cadastre, but also in relation to suspicions of illicit enrichment. You can read more on all previous illegalities on the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/there-is-also-evidence-of-very-serious-crimes-against-kovacevic/ 23/12/2020

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