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Data from the MANS Investigative Centre show that during June and July alone, despite the legal obligation to make its spending in the pre-election period public, **the Ministry of Sports covered up as many as 136 transactions worth close to € 100,000.** The ministries of economy and culture had a similar practice. **By concealing data on actual spending, these institutions violated the Law on Financing of Political Entities, and created additional space for suspicion that there was a misuse of state funds for election purposes in these cases.** At the same time, the analysis of the finances of budget users shows that the **Environmental Protection Agency and the Administration for Inspection Affairs** also presented inaccurate data on spending. ▼
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In an interview with Television Vijesti, the Executive Director of MANS assesses in which state bodies the biggest obstructions are expected, as well as what challenges the new government will face in addition to the economic crisis and a huge epidemiological problem, in an attempt to obstruct its policy. **She sees the opening of institutions as the first necessary step in order to make available the data on where the money was spent and who was involved in corruption and other illegal activities, which is why MANS will offer the new government proposals for key laws that have been worked on for two decades.** You can find the entire interview at: <https://www.vijesti.me/tv/emisije/468665/calovic-markovic-opstrukcije-ocekujem-u-policiji-anb-centrima-za-socijalni-rad-ministarstvu-finansija> ▼
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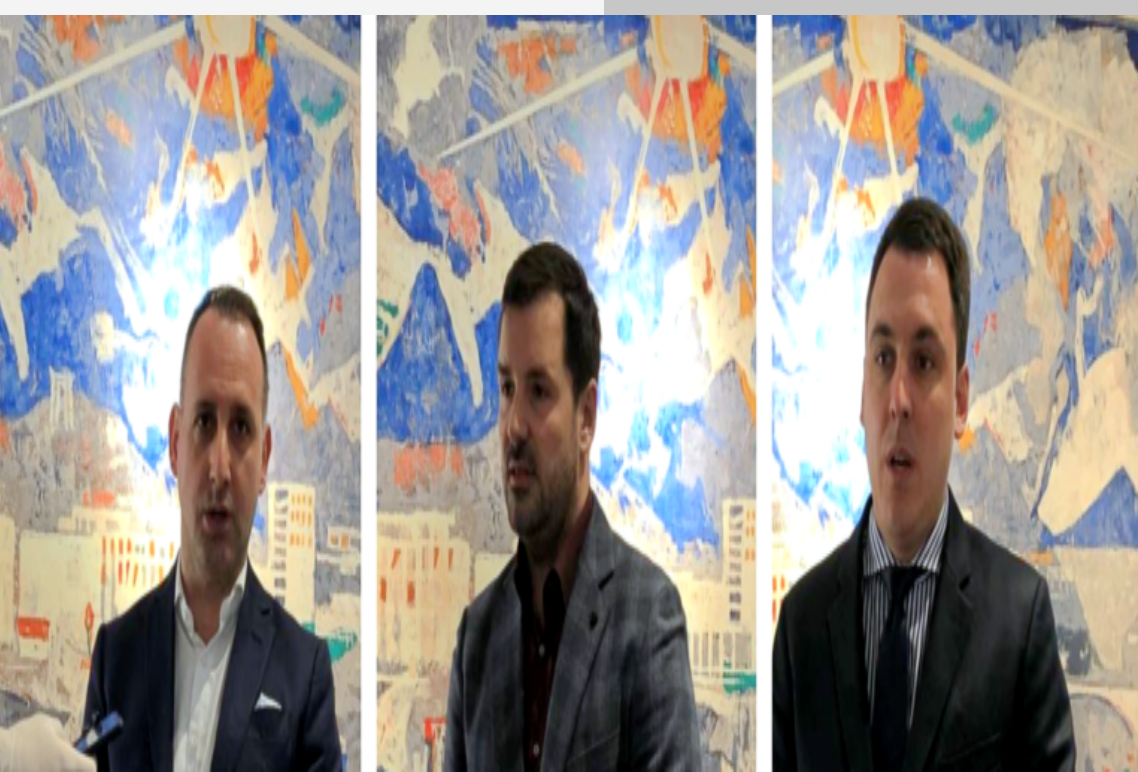
Participating in the show "Načisto" on TV Vijesti, the Executive Director of MANS pointed out that the results of the parliamentary elections were surprising, and that **"it is important that the citizens understand that the government can be changed with a pen."** At the same time, she points out that she does not see Duško Knežević as a humanist who fights for society and against the regime, and that **"he and the like can only be penitents and cooperating witnesses."** **According to her, it is very important to find legitimate mechanisms to confiscate property from those who acquired it illegally.** Details of the interview and the entire show can be found at the web address below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPsJLQIjnfQ> 17/09/2020

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Water supply company from Podgorica ("Vodovod") will have to terminate the contract on the construction of the first phase of the secondary sewage system in Podgorica, worth € 1.83 million, which it concluded with the company "Toškovići", because its owner Ivica Tošković was convicted last year for creating a criminal organization and evading taxes and contributions. **After MANS Investigative Centre informed the German KfW Bank about its findings, whose grant is financing this project of Vodovod, they confirmed that there was a violation of the procedure and that further financing of the project in which the company "Toškovići" is involved is no longer possible out of their grant.** 18/09/2020

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MANS filed a criminal complaint with the Special State Prosecutor's Office against **the mayor of the Capital City Podgorica, the executive director of "Vodovod i kanalizacija" Podgorica, and the owner of the company "Toškovići", all because of their involvement in the business affair of construction of the secondary sewage system in Podgorica, which was recently discovered by MANS.** The mentioned persons participated in awarding of the contract on the construction of the first phase of the secondary sewage system to Tošković's company, although it was contrary to the rules of KfW Bank, whose grant financed this project, as well as against domestic legislation. **Expected a timely reaction from the State Prosecutor's Office, which will further clarify the relations between mentioned persons and ultimately result in prosecution of all those responsible for breaking the law.** 22/09/2020

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The Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism (Re:Baltica), in cooperation with the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS), investigated data from transaction documents concerning **the former owner of the Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP), Oleg Deripaska.** The findings of that investigation indicate that part of that suspicious money was possibly invested in Montenegro through the purchase of property on Platanumi in the municipality of Kotor, where two companies connected with Deripaska own a luxurious complex. **That Deripaska had suspicious transactions is shown by the documentation processed within the investigation of FinCEN, a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which deals with the prevention of financial crime.** 24/09/2020

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That the business with the company "Toškovići" was detrimental to the interest of the citizens of Podgorica, is also shown by the situation on the construction sites where this company performs works. The fact that the High Court in Podgorica accepted the plea agreement by which **the owner of the company "Toškovići", Ivica Tošković, confessed creating a criminal organization and tax evasion, did not stop the Agency for Development and Construction of Podgorica from concluding several contracts worth close to two million Euros with this company.** **The latest data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre points out that the last in a series of contracts was concluded three months after he was convicted, and that none of the work was completed on time.** 26/09/2020

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