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Following the verdict of the Basic Court in Podgorica, the High Court also confirmed that the Parliament of Montenegro unlawfully dismissed the executive director of the NGO MANS from the position of a member of the Council of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption and annulled the decision of the Parliament. The proposal for dismissal was previously submitted to the Parliament by the Anti-Corruption Committee, after APC made a decision which determined that she had allegedly violated the Law on Prevention of Corruption. **"Court verdicts confirm that I was dismissed from the APC's Council solely on political grounds and that I have never violated the law. The MPs of the then government dismissed me only because I insisted that the APC do its job and pointed out to the public, on concrete examples, that the institution was under political control."**

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In the eve of the fifteenth anniversary of the restoration of independence, read the column of the executive director of MANS: **Where is Montenegro now and where it should go.**

- Exposing of crime, inherited corrupt deals and secret agreements must be a priority of the new government, which must not allow any individual to think about taking over these very lucrative deals and continue on the same path.
- After the untouchable "court" of the former regime, even the new ones must not have untouchable "tsarevichs".

You can read the entire column at the link below: <https://www.facebook.com/nvo.mans/photos/a.513531598747644/3565786676855439/> 17/05/2021

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Montenegro is building its first highway, one of the most expensive in the world. The project has been affected by allegations of corruption, construction delays and environmental disasters. **In an exclusive interview with Euronews, the director of the Investigative Centre of the NGO MANS provides an insight into a \$ 1 billion-worth highway project in Montenegro financed by China.**

Is Montenegro now stuck in Chinese debt? Have the funds been misused? Was there a public tender? and Who is to blame? Complete interview at the link below: <https://www.euronews.com/2021/05/07/is-corruption-why-montenegro-s-ambitious-motorway-project-is-leading-nowhere>

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Data obtained by MANS show that the family of the Minister of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism carried out works on the facility in Budva in the period after 2008, which entails criminal liability in accordance with the amendments to the Criminal Code of Montenegro which define illegal construction as a separate criminal offence. The information also shows that the Mitrović family continued the works on the facility even after submitting the request for legalization. **This points to the conclusion that for years, the current Minister of Urbanism has knowingly violated the laws and regulations governing the field of spatial planning, and that in addition to misdemeanours, due to illegal construction, there are grounds for his criminal prosecution, according to which MANS filed a criminal complaint.**

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Civic control over the financing of political entities and their campaigns is crucial for early detection of political corruption, influence peddling, misuse of state funds, and other deviations that accompany the electoral process in Montenegro. In order for this control to be effective and preventive, full and unhindered access to information on the work of political parties is necessary, both during the election campaign, as well as to data related to their regular operations. **Misuse of state funds for election purposes, financing of campaigns and parties from abroad, participation of third parties in election campaigns, as well as liability and penalties, are some of the topics addressed at the Conference on Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns organized by MANS.**

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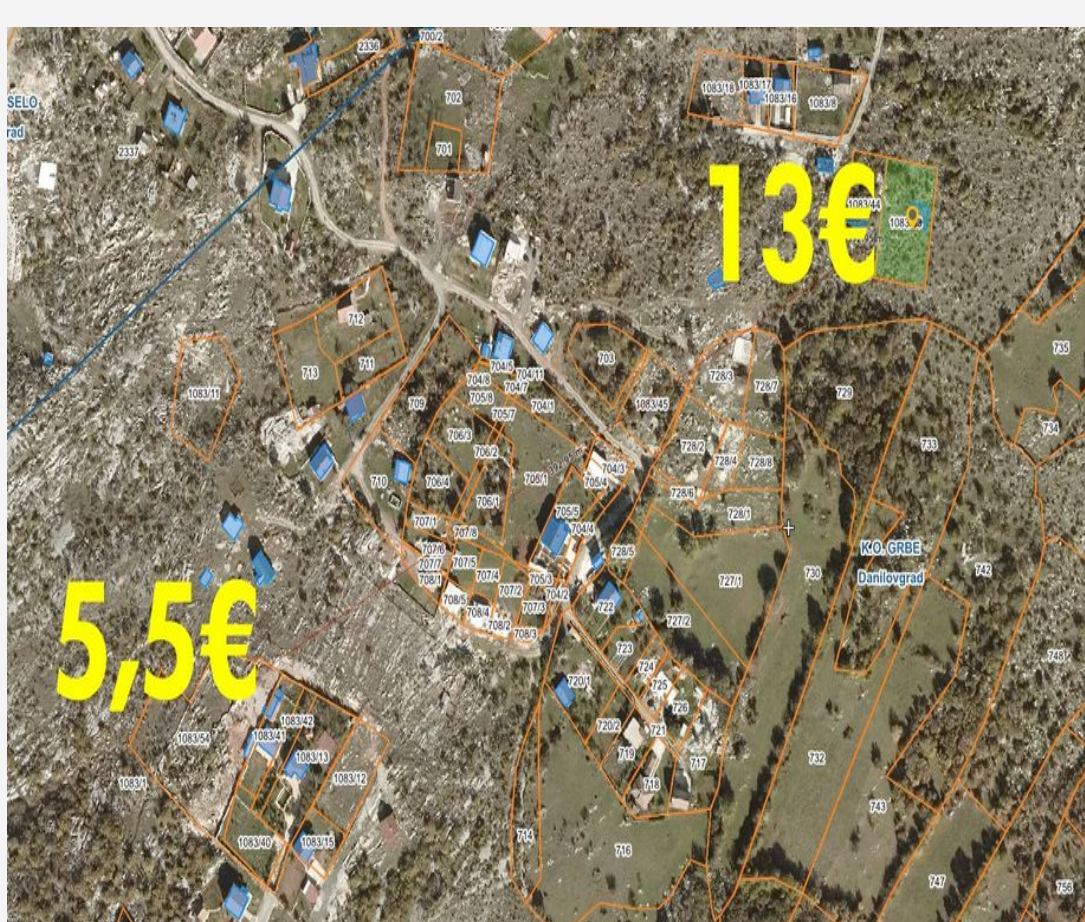
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MANS Investigative Centre has published data that show that the property of the Chief Special Prosecutor Milivoje Katnić in village of Grbe, Municipality of Danilovgrad, covers an area of about seven thousand square meters. Over 80% of that property used to be state-owned land that Katnić has acquired in the last six years thanks to decisions by the Montenegrin government to sell it to him under favourable terms or below market price. You can read **how the Chief Special Prosecutor did business with the state** in the latest investigative story at the link below: <https://www.mans.co.me/kako-je-katnic-poslovao-sa-drzavom-specijalna-cijena-za-specijalnog-tuzioca/>

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