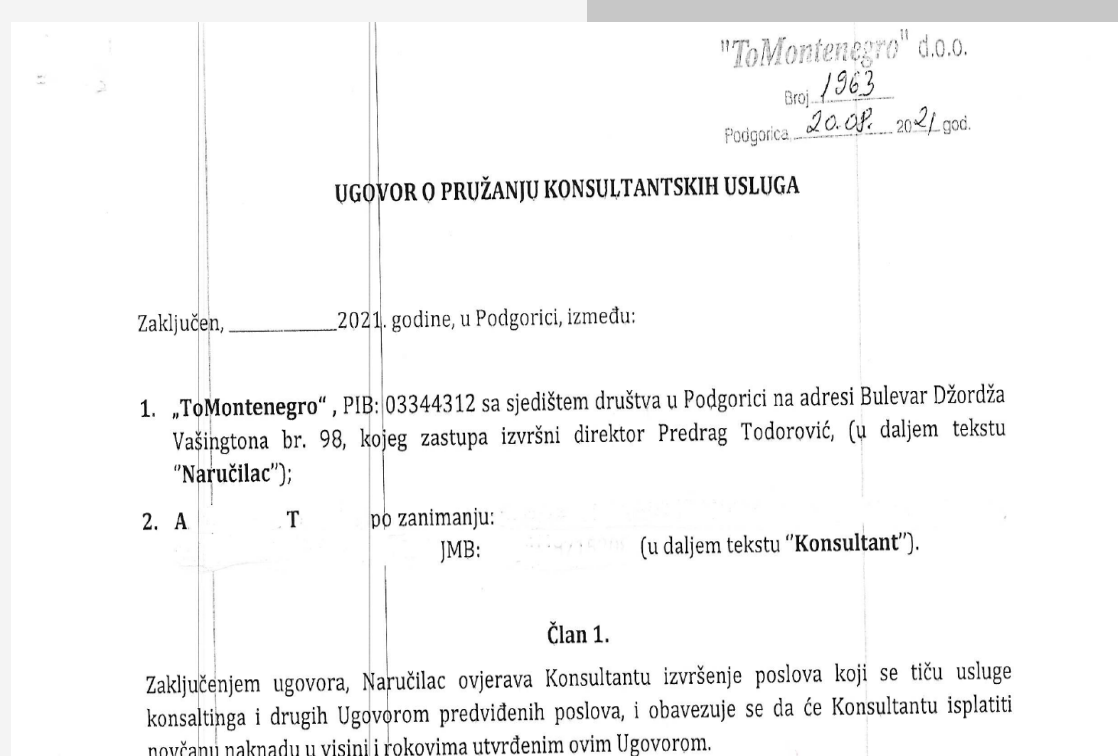


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The data obtained by the Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) show that from March until today, the national airline "ToMontenegro" has paid nearly 50,000 euros to experts whose names they are hiding. Based on the Law on Free Access to Information, MANS requested copies of all contracts on consulting services concluded with third parties from its establishment until August 5. Unfortunately, the submitted documentation indicates that when it comes to the transparency of their business, the state-owned companies continue the bad practice.

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MP of the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) and former Prime Minister Duško Marković has become the owner of a new Volvo S90 sedan. According to the documentation received by the NGO MANS, this purchase cost 42,000 euros. Bearing in mind that on one hand, his property card for the previous year shows that he could not afford it from regular income, and that on the other hand we have no information on whether he took out a loan in the meantime or otherwise provided those funds, Marković, as a public official, is obliged to explain to the public the origin of the money for the purchase of the car.

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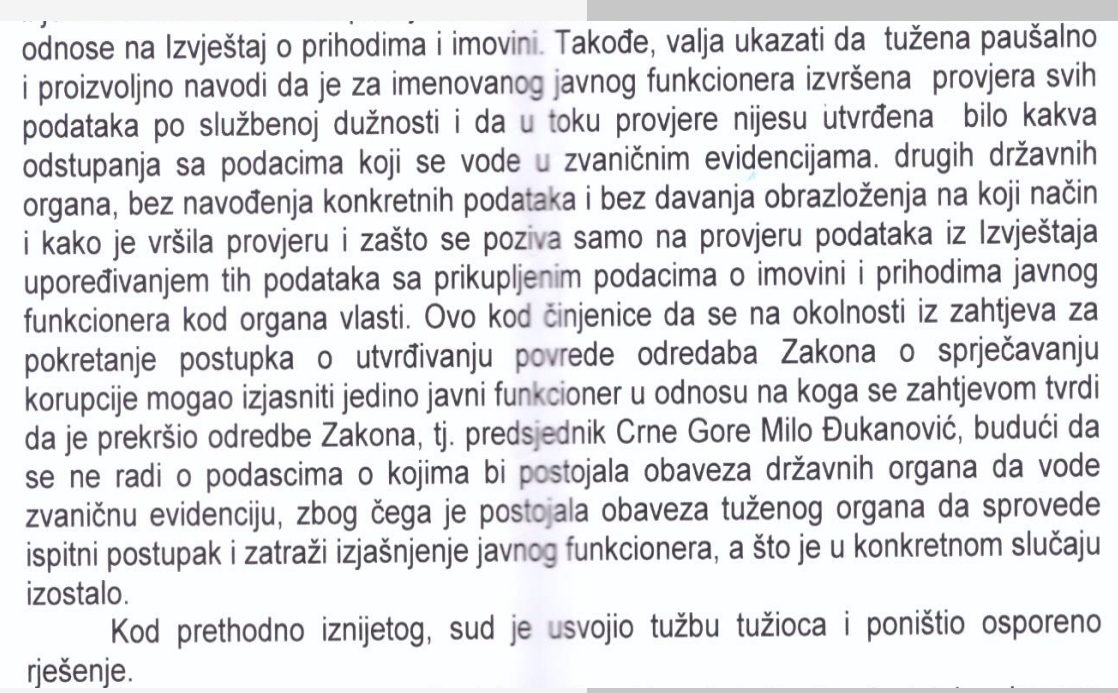
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The minutes from the meeting held at the Water Administration, which stated that the restrictions from the Environmental Impact Assessment Study of the works on regulating the flow of the Morača River were violated, show that the main water source for Montenegrin coast has been endangered for six years. Since 2014, the Water Administration of Montenegro has had information that the works on the regulation of the Morača River endanger the Bolje sestre water source, from which the Regional Water Supply System is supplied. Given the importance of this problem, as well as its evident addressing in the previous ten years, it remains unclear why the regulation of Morača was stopped only in December last year.

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After more than two years since the then director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Sreten Radonjić, rejected the MANS' initiative against the President Milo Đukanović for not reporting a millions-worth collection of watches, the Administrative Court ordered the Agency to adopt a new decision in this case. The ruling of the Administrative Court proves once again the extent to which APC was focused on protecting the highest officials of the previous government when it comes to prosecuting for obvious violations of anti-corruption laws.

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One year after the change of government, Montenegro's public does not have a single percentage more information compared to what we had during the rule of the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS), while, when it comes to the legal framework, things still have not moved from the deadlock. On the International Day for Universal Access to Information, MANS states that "transparency in the work of state institutions is one of the key preconditions for civic control of their work, and a successful fight against corruption", as well as that "a change of government is not enough to fundamentally change the attitude of institutions towards the right of the public to know".

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In the eve of the International Day for Universal Access to Information, and in order to determine whether and to what extent the ministries in the Government of Montenegro meet their legal obligation to proactively publish information, MANS conducted an analysis of the data available on their websites. According to the review of the websites of 12 ministries, it is found that no ministry fully publishes proactive information. Only half of the ministries of the reorganized Government of Montenegro publish over 50% of mainly readily available information, with no ministry publishing all information in any of the categories of data that the law stipulates must be available.

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A new, improved version of the "Ask the Institutions" mobile application is available to the public. It is developed by the NGO MANS with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, the Embassy of Canada and the U.S. Embassy Podgorica. The project refers to monitoring the transparency and activities of state bodies in Montenegro and through this service, MANS enables journalists and citizens to request information in the possession of public authorities, while at the same time conducts all prescribed legal procedures to provide access to data.

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