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MANS called on the Government of Montenegro and line ministries to **inform the public without delay on concrete measures they will take so that the territory of Montenegro would not become a safe zone for hiding the property of Russian oligarchs who are subject of or threatened with international sanctions.** That our country is a safe address is evidenced by the intention of the Russian oligarch and co-owner of the powerful Russian oil company **LUKOIL, Vagit Alekperov**, to transfer his expensive yacht from Spain to Montenegro, on which the **British Guardian** also reported a few days ago. 01/03/2022

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- Have the circumstances of the disappearance of cigarettes in the Port of Bar been investigated?
- Who had to prevent another theft?
- Is the state losing the battle with smugglers? - are just some of the topics of the show "Naglas" on RTCG, in which the guest was the Executive Director of NGO MANS.

On that occasion, she pointed out that **the Free Zone was known to be a "cancer to Montenegrin organized crime", and the way the Free Zone was organized for years suited only those who used it for smuggling.** You can watch the complete show at the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8unOnDobjaj> 07/03/2022

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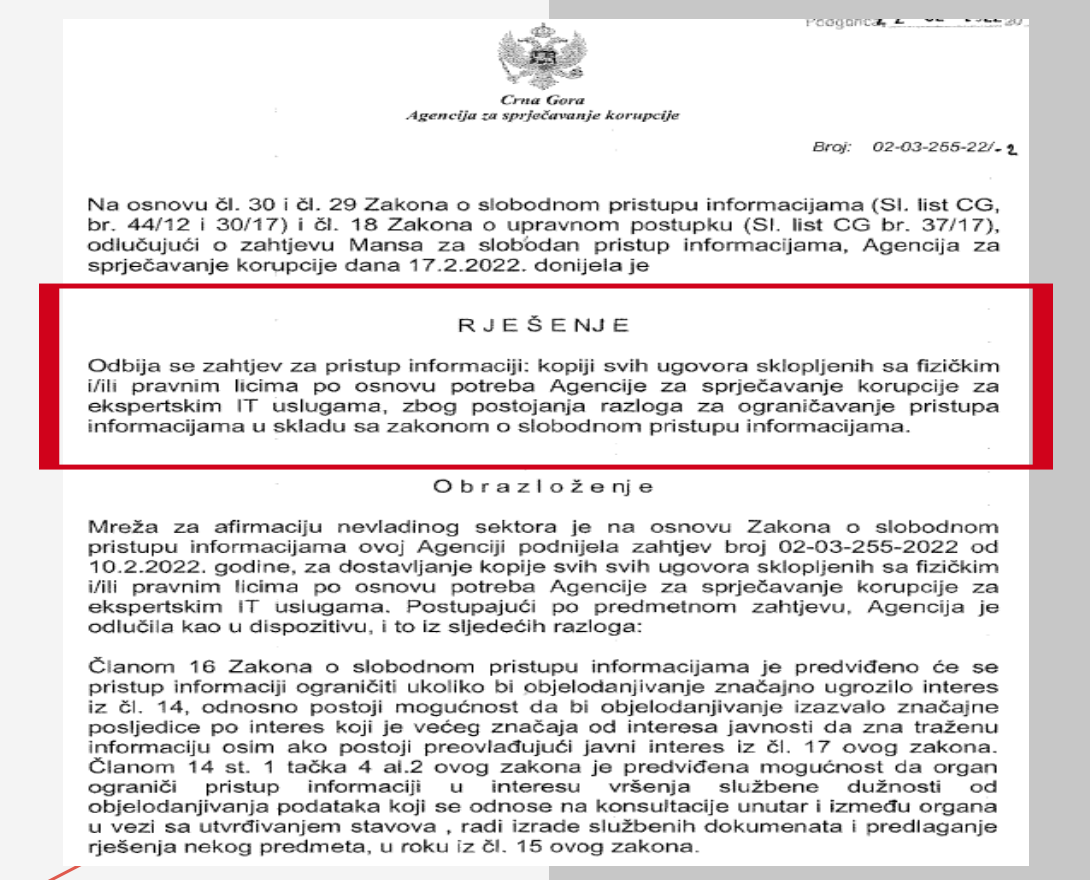
It has been three weeks since the beginning of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, and **Montenegro** is yet to make a formal decision on the imposition of sanctions on Russian natural and legal persons that are on the list of EU sanctions. Adoption of this decision would operationalize Montenegro's joining to EU sanctions, which is for now only declarative, and issue specific orders to Montenegrin state institutions. **From the NGO MANS says that any further delay in the adoption of this decision directly jeopardizes the integration process of Montenegro, and sends a dangerous message that there is room for our country to once again be recognized as a safe haven for dirty capital and oligarchs who are trying to preserve their property under international sanctions.** 15/03/2022

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Data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre within cooperation in the investigation of the assets of Russian oligarchs conducted by the OCCRP and the Guardian shows how **the family of Putin's prosecutor built in Montenegro.** A company "Monte biser" from Herceg Novi, linked to Moscow's chief prosecutor Denis Popov, has received more than 1 million euros in loans from offshore companies registered in the British Virgin Islands and the island of Nevis in the Caribbean sea. Kompletnu priču sa svim detaljima možete pročitati na linku u nastavku: <https://www.mans.co.me/russian-asset-tracker/> 21/03/2022

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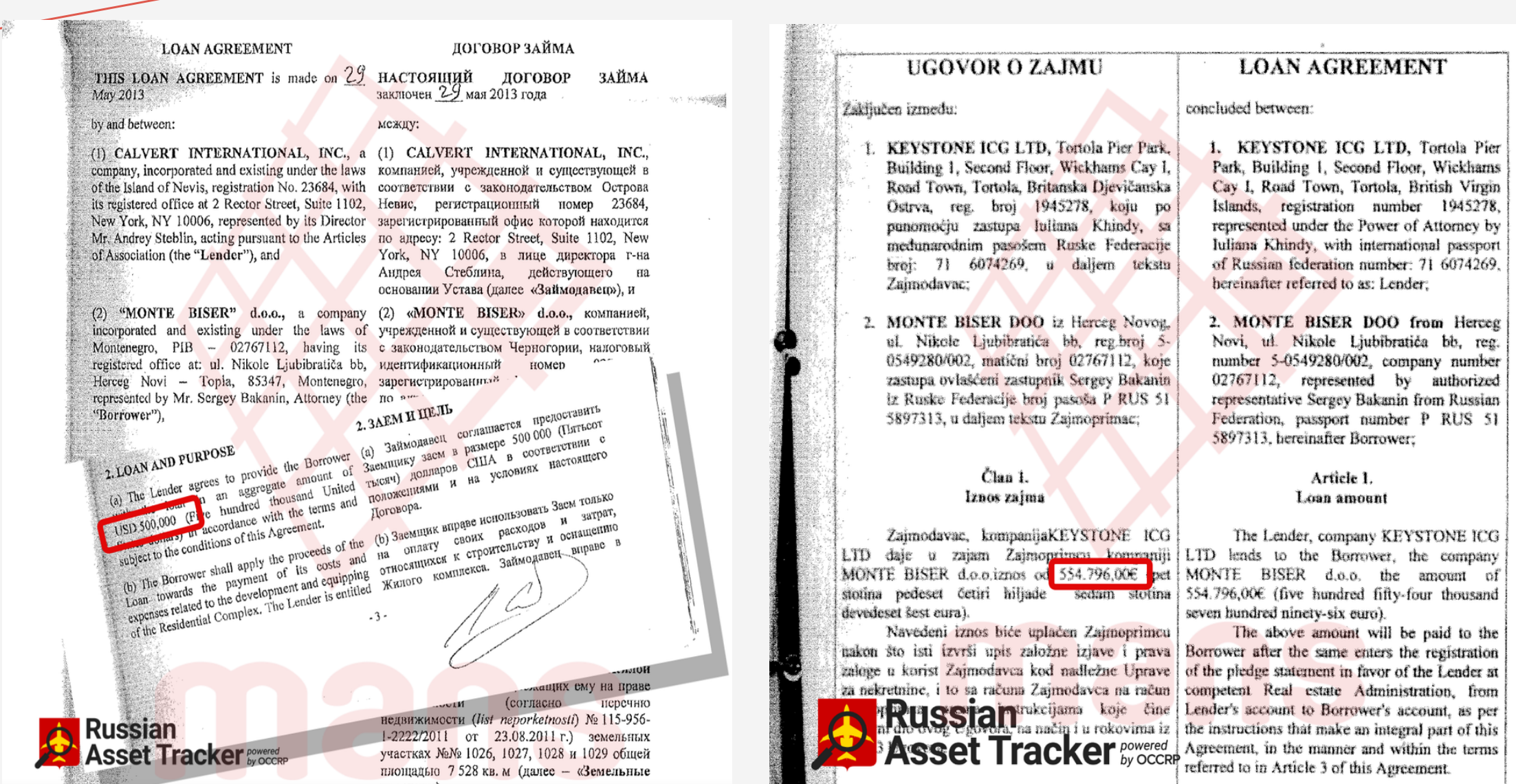
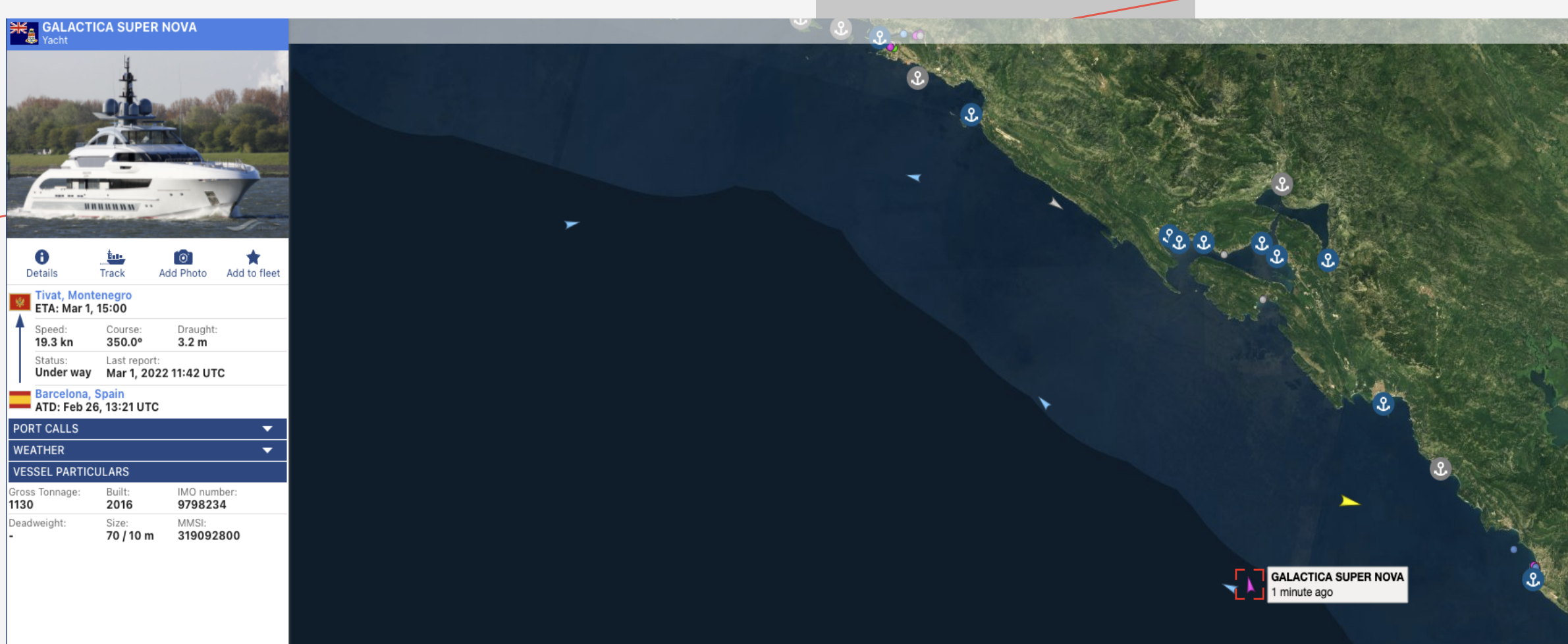
The latest action of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) shows that it continues the practice of withholding the information of public importance. After MANS submitted the request for information, APC banned access to consulting contracts with information technology experts, citing intellectual property rights as the reason. **There is no valid reason for the Agency to hide how much it spent on consulting contracts, or with whom they were concluded, and that information certainly cannot be qualified in the way the Agency did.** MANS points out that **the interpretation of the Law on Free Access to Information, which is to the detriment of the public's right to know, is unacceptable, especially by the institution in charge of the fight against corruption.** 25/03/2022

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Basic Court in Podgorica passed a judgment **dismissing the lawsuit of Zoran Bećirović and his Cypriot company "Caldero Trading LTD" against MANS, all because of the article of the MANS Investigative Centre about the affairs between Bećirović and former President of the Supreme Court, Vesna Medenica.** The discovery of MANS was followed by a series of press releases and a public debate on whether the price at which the land was sold was too high, and whether Vesna Medenica had violated the law by not reporting exceptional income to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC). 30/03/2022

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