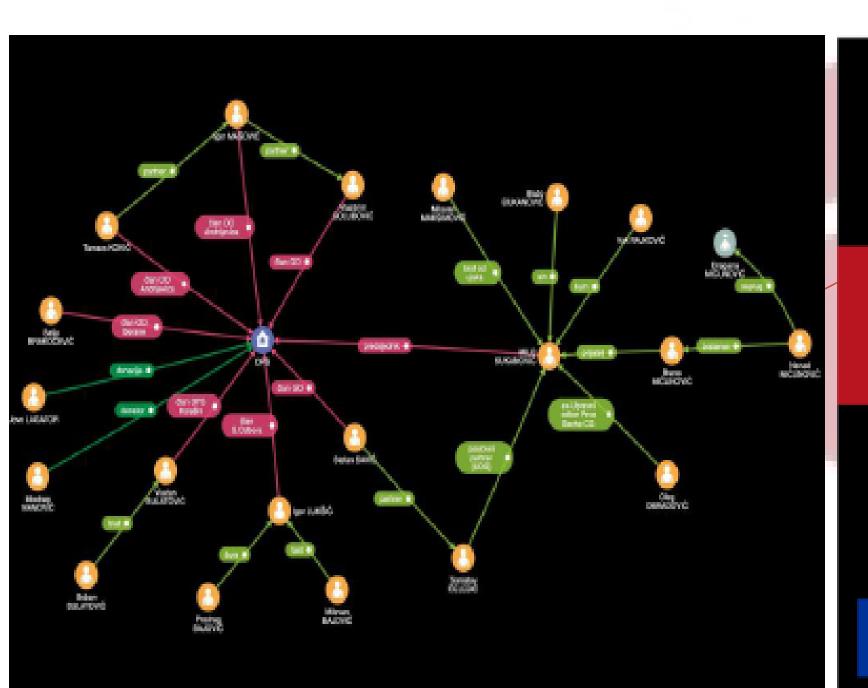
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Our Vision

Montenegro as a fair, open and free society of active and free citizens with a government that serves the public interest.

Our Mission

MANS is non-governmental organization that fights against corruption and organized crime that affect Montenegro.





January in MANS

2021

15/01/2021



NGO sector points out that citizens should immediately put pressure on the new government to give up its obvious intention to continue the partitocratic practice. "Rescuing the state institutions from DPS is a legitimate goal of the new government, but the question is to what extent it will be possible to ensure their independence if we replace one political staff with another. The interest of citizens to have efficient and depoliticized institutions must be at the top of the agenda of public administration reform of the new government, and that is an imperative that must not be subordinated to any personal or party interest." 15/01/2021

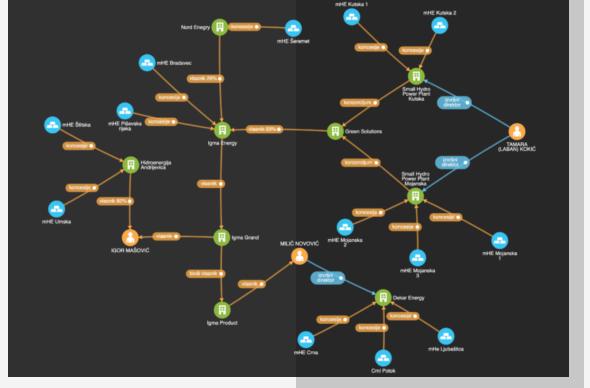
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Last year's flight of the **President Milo Đukanović** to Paris by the state plane remains a secret for the citizens of Montenegro, now thanks to the decision of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC). **APC determined that the President of Montenegro did not violate the Law on Prevention of Corruption, without examining additional evidence, while the reason for using the state plane was "meetings with a certain degree of secrecy". Even if it was really a business trip to Paris, it is indisputable that Đukanović's decision to spend the New Year's holidays in the United States additionally cost citizens of Montenegro in the form of subsequent flights of the state aircraft to Paris. MANS filed the report with APC against Đukanović back in February last year, while the decision was adopted almost a year later, acting "ex officio", as stated in it.**



At the end of October last year, MANS submitted an initiative to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) to initiate proceedings against the former Prime Minister Duško Marković, as well as ministers Milutin Simović, Predrag Bošković, Mevludin Nuhodžić, Dragica Sekulić, Nikola Janović, Suzana Pribilović and Damir Šehović, for violating the law pertaining to incompatibility between the office of an MP and a member of the Government of Montenegro. Decision that the former Prime Minister, now MP, Duško Marković and several ministers of the previous government violated the Law on Prevention of Corruption is late. "Continuing the practice of the so-called delayed response to apparent violations of the law, APC is strengthening its position as one of the key obstacles in Montenegro's institutional response to accumulated corruption issues."





The Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) found that participants in the business with concessions for small hydropower plants had violated the law by funding the election campaign of the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) in the eve of last year's parliamentary elections. NGO MANS welcomed the decision, but also stated that the Agency could have reacted earlier, considering that suspicions of violating the Law in this case were pointed out back in August. "The absence of such practice shows that APC has no capacities, whether it is political will or something else, to prevent political corruption in time and send a clear message that it cannot be an integral part of the electoral process in Montenegro." 19/01/2021





The Agency for Prevention of Corruption also found that eight media outlets violated the provisions of the Law on Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns in the eve of last year's parliamentary elections. For days and weeks after submitting initiatives to the Agency, NGO MANS warned this institution that its response to violations of the law in this area must be timely. "Now that the Agency has finally announced the decisions it adopted mostly after the election, when the campaigns ended, it is quite clear that this was done to still allow these media outlets to publish political advertisements contrary to the law."

19/01/2021





also shown by the latest example in the Municipality of Ulcinj, where the prosecution initiated an investigation against the leaders of that municipality due to suspicion that they had committed the criminal offense of negligent work in the service. The Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS), which has been dealing with the misuse of state resources for party purposes for years, claims that the fight against party employment should not be stopped in an individual case. "Everyone from the 'new government' and the 'new opposition' should be questioned so that we have a fair system and send a clear message that no one should get a job solely on the basis of recommendation by a political party."

22/01/2021

That the **Recording** ("Snimak") affair is not the only case of unlawful employment is



Since the Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro announced a joint fight against high-level corruption, by establishing a working body, and after the application deadline, he decided that the Executive Director of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector, Vanja Ćalović Marković, and Stevo Muk, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Institute Alternative, were also members of the National Council for fight against corruption. The Deputy Prime Minister's office said that Ćalović Marković "has been recognized for years as a leading fighter against corruption and organized crime in Montenegro, while Muk is a head of one of the leading think-tank organizations that has been dealing with the problem of corruption in the public sector for years."

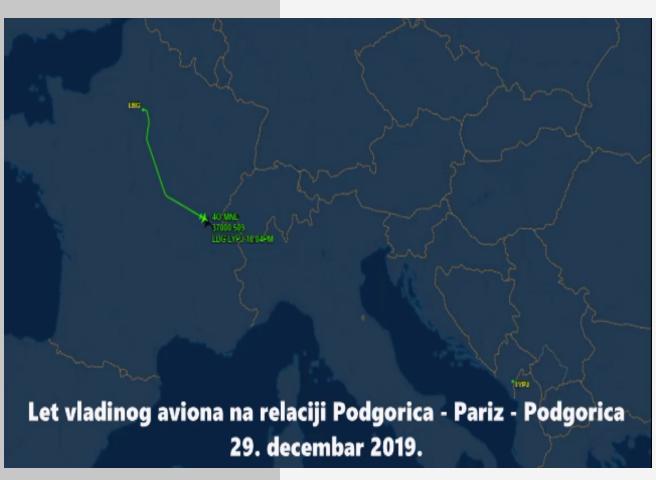
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Data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre, in cooperation with colleagues from OCCRP, show in that nearly 4,000 tons of grit waste originating from Montenegro have been in the Ukrainian port of Kherson for more than a year, after the local police opened an investigation into how the French company Valgo shipped that hazardous waste from Bijela at the end of 2019. "Valgo" is engaged in the project of soil remediation of the former Shipyard Bijela, financed from the World Bank loan. You can read full investigative story with all details at the following link: http://www.mans.co.me/en/how-grit-waste-from-montenegro-ended-up-in-ukraine-hazardous-journey/

January in photos













February inMANS



The Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism reacted to the initiative of the NGO MANS regarding the announcing of public tenders for the development of urban and architectural designs for the construction of facilities at three locations in Herceg Novi. After reviewing the documentation, the Ministry concluded in all three cases that there was no planning basis for announcing public tenders for the development of urban and architectural designs. It is proposed to the Secretariat for Spatial Planning and Construction of the Municipality of Herceg Novi to suspend the implementation of the mentioned competitions, i.e. to revoke the decision on their announcing.



The Administrative Court of Montenegro instructed the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) to make a new, legal decision upon the initiative of NGO MANS in order to review whether the *President Milo Đukanović* violated regulations in 2011 by allegedly not reporting a gift of nearly 30,000 euros – a trip and stay in **Dubai**. Earlier, at the end of October last year, the Administrative Court passed another verdict that referred to Đukanović's companion on his trip to Dubai, Branimir Gvozdenović, and instructed APC to make a new decision. However, three months after that, a new decision was not made, nor does the new APC management have an answer to the question why Gvozdenović did not report a paid trip to the Emirates as a gift from Duško Knežević. 02/02/2021





Given that the recently launched scandals (loan from the "Abu Dhabi Fund", "Plantaže") remain with the perpetrators at the levels of the state administration which did not have the essential decision-making power, NGO MANS is not optimistic that high-level corruption cases in Montenegro are going to be investigated. "Top officials of the previous regime are not covered by the investigation, although the State Prosecutor's Office is now opening drawers that have not been opened for 30 years. But in this case as well, it will turn out that some documentation, which indicates criminal acts, will not be usable because the statute of limitations will run out due to the fact that we have been silent on the issue of prosecuting high-level corruption for the last 30 years", MANS stated. 10/02/2021





By visiting Marko Carević's farm in Krimovica, the Minister of Agriculture, Aleksandar Stijović, reaffirmed lawlessness and the seizure of state property as a recipe for illicit personal enrichment at the expense of citizens of Montenegro. The farm in Krimovica, to which the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management refers to as "an exceptionally arranged agricultural farm", was built on nearly half a million square meters of state land that Carević has been usurping for years, without any compensation or sanction. Public promotion of such projects for which there is very concrete evidence that they are illegal, is not a way to restore citizens' trust in institutions, but on the contrary, it can only result in their further collapse.

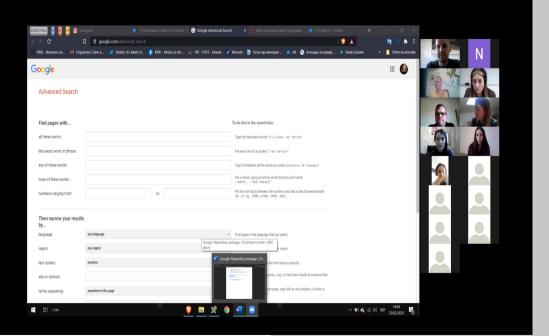


The director of the NGO MANS participated as a panellist in the conference "How to achieve electoral integrity", organised by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT). On that occasion, she pointed out the constant absence of results by the Agency for Prevention of Corruption. "APC does not take into account the essence of the law. There is no way we can understand that APC is hiding key data, and it is hiding it to the point where former director Sreten Radonjić, now head of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information, is revoking APC's decisions." It was assessed at the conference that the penalties for violating the Law on Financing of Political Entities are inadequate and that it practically "pays of" for the parties to violate the law in order to win more seats. 17/02/2021





MANS called on the Government of Montenegro to withdraw the Conclusion on the use of the current budget reserve for the first three months of this year without delay, until it changes the rulebook on its use and defines clear and transparent criteria for spending the money of citizens of Montenegro. According to the Conclusion, the funds intended for assistance to legal entities for financing of the activities, to natural persons for medical expenses, education and improvement of financial situation and rehabilitation of natural disasters, would be spent in accordance with the Rulebook adopted by the DPS' Government in 2009, which does not meet even the minimum requirements for ensuring full transparency in the distribution of state money, and is a legacy of the previous government. 19/02/2021



NGO MANS held an online two-day training for about 20 journalists from various Montenegrin media, who had the opportunity to master or improve their skills in online and offline research, searching of domestic and foreign registers of persons and companies, free access to information and factchecking. The training was held in cooperation with the organization KRIK from Belgrade, with the support of the U.S. Embassy Podgorica within the project "Support to Investigative Journalism in Montenegro", implemented by the NGO MANS.

February in photos

PREDLOG ZA KORIŠĆENJE DIJELA SREDSTAVA TEKUĆE BUDŽETSKE REZERVE ZA PERIOD JANUAR-MART 2021.GODINE Zakonom o budžetu I fiskalnoj odgovornosti ("Službeni list Crne Gore", br., 066/19 od 06.12.2019) u članu 43 predviđeno je da se za neplanirane i nedovoljno planirane izdatke

stalne rezerve, uz prethodnu saglasnost Vlade, odlučuje Ministarstvo finansija. Takođe, Uredbom o Vladi Crne Gore u članu 11 definisano je da Uži kabinet može odlučivati o korišćenju sredstava tekuće budžetske rezerve, u skladu sa kriterijumima koje utvrđuje Bliži kriterijumi za korišćenje sredstava tekuće i stalne budžetske rezerve određeni su Pravilnikom o bližim kriterijumima za korišćenje sredstava tekuće I stalne budžetske rezerve ("Službeni list Crne Gore", br. 023/09 od 31.03.2009).

tokom fiskalne godine koriste sredstva tekuće rezerve a da o korišćenju sredstava tekuće i

PREDLOG ZAKLJUČAKA

januar-mart 2021. godine, za pomoć pravnim licima za finansiranje djelatnosti, fizičkim licima za liječenje, školovanje i poboljšanje materijalne situacije i sanacije posledica elementarnih nepogoda do iznosa od 200.000,00€. 2. Sredstva iz tačke 1. ovih zaključaka raspodjeljuju Komisija za raspodjelu dijela

1. Vlada je odobrila korišćenje dijela sredstava tekuće budžetske rezerve za period

- sredstava budžetske rezerve, Komisija za procjenu šteta od elementarnih nepogoda i Uži kabinet Vlade Crne Gore.
- 3. Sredstva iz tačke 1. ovih zaključaka do iznosa od 100.000,00€ raspodjeljuje Uži kabinet Vlade Crne Gore, na osnovu podnijetih zahtjeva i odgovarajuće
- 4. Sredstva iz tačke 1. ovih zaključaka do iznosa od 100.000,00€ raspodjeljuje Komisija za raspodjelu dijela sredstava budžetske rezerve i Komisija za procjenu šteta od elementarnih nepogoda, na osnovu podnijetih zahtjeva i odgovarajuće dokumentacije. 5. Zadužuje se Ministarstvo finansija i socijalnog stranja da realizuje odluke tijela iz

tačke 3 i 4 ovog zaključka, do utvrđenog iznosa.



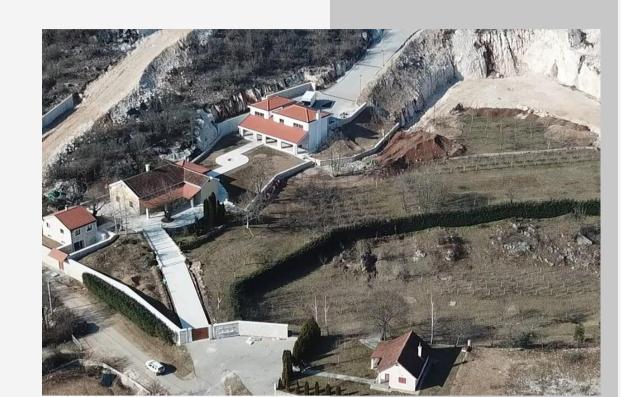






March in MANS

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After almost two years since the then director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption replied to the NGO MANS that the initiative against President Milo Đukanović for failing to report an increase in assets was unfounded, the Administrative Court ordered making a new, legal decision. It was previously stated that the verification of the data "did not reveal any discrepancies with the data kept in the official records of other state bodies". The facilities that are not "crumbling", as Đukanović reported them to the state authorities until then, are clearly visible in the aerial footage. 01/03/2021



MANS called on the Special State Prosecutor to publish complete documentation he collected during the investigation in the "Envelope" case, on the basis of which the indictment against Slavoljub Stijepović was prepared, because it is of undisputed public interest to determine how it was rejected. The decision of the High Court to dismiss a part of the indictment in the "Envelope" case related to Slavoljub Stijepović represents a new defeat for the Montenegrin judiciary and another in a series of evidence that it is politicized to the extent that even concrete evidence is not enough to prosecute obvious corruption.

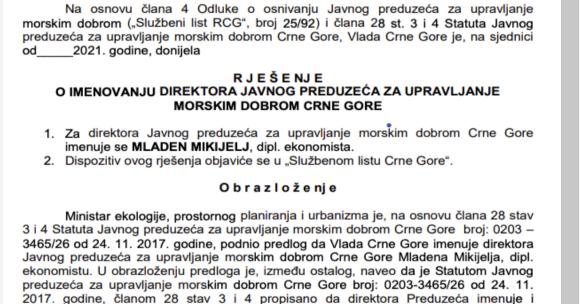
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Based on the Law on Free Access to Information, the Investigative Centre of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) received data indicating that the National Security Agency traded cars worth nearly 1.2 million euros in late 2017 and early 2018, of which one vehicle alone - "Mercedes Maybach" was paid more than 647,000 euros. However, the National Security Agency refused to submit documentation related to other payments from the State Treasury from the end of 2017, which also relate to the payment of "means of transport".





razrješava Vlada Crne Gore i da se direktor Preduzeća imenuje na period od četiri godine, uz mogućnost ponovnog imenovanja, pa na osnovu izloženog predlaže da Vlada Crne Gore imenuje direktora Javnog preduzeća za upravljanje morskim dobrom Crne

That the Government of Montenegro has once again allowed compromises between politics and the profession that have always resulted in damage to the public interest, is shown by the appointment of the current Secretary for Investments of the Municipality of Budva as the new director of the Public Enterprise for Coastal Zone Management. As a reminder, the new director of the Public Enterprise for Coastal Zone Management worked as the secretary for investments at a time when the company "Asfalt-beton gradnja" received millions-worth of tenders from the Municipality of Budva for asphalting the streets, while the company "Carinvest" owned by the mayor, performed works as a disguised contractor.

06/03/2021





Commenting on one hundred days of work of the Government, executive director of the NGO MANS also assessed that the complex relations in the ruling coalition raise the question of the possibility of government reconstruction. "The biggest obstacle in the work of the Government are unrealistic demands, contrary to international standards that come from the ruling majority. There are very few concrete results. In one hundred days, it would not be possible to see significant results even if it had greater political support, let alone in this situation." However, she believes that "despite all the objective obstacles, the Government could have done more in this period, such as accepting proposals coming from the NGO sector."





Online panel discussion "Women's Leadership - an opportunity for social changes" brought together prominent women from the diplomatic corps and civil society, role models whose credibility is based not only on their careers or professional status, but also on their courage, personal integrity and support to other women. The event, where one of the panellists was the executive director of the NGO MANS, allowed us to hear strong, prominent women who influence positive social changes, and also sent a message to younger generations, as well as those who seek to participate in public life, on unlimited opportunities regardless of the gender.

18/03/2021





By appointing the former SNP MP, Aleksandar Damjanović, as the acting director of the Revenue and Customs Administration, the Government of Montenegro continues, at the very least, questionable personnel policy in sectors that are particularly prone to corruption and in which radical changes are necessary. As the Revenue Administration was created by merging two state institutions, which in the past were particularly burdened by abuses and significant omissions when it comes to control and collection of taxes, it is incomprehensible that precisely Damjanović was elected, whose previous career in the Parliament of Montenegro was not deprived of the procedures that had benefited the previous regime and the tycoons associated with it.

19/03/2021



urgently suspend the implementation of contracts with offshore companies concluded by the former regime, as well as to hire independent experts in cooperation with the European Union to analyse and evaluate oil exploration work. Otherwise, a change of government can only mean a change of pockets to which the benefits of corruption flow, and not a sincere break with the practices of the previous regime promised by the Prime Minister and all the parties that support him. Previously, 60 NGOs sent an initiative to the Government for the urgent suspension of oil and gas exploration from the Montenegrin underwater and the termination of signed contracts for the exploitation of fossil fuels in the Adriatic.

31/03/2021

Agencija za nacionalnu bezbjednost – ANB na ognovu člana 18 i 116 Zakona o upravnom postupku ("S.I.list Crne Gore", br. 56/14, 20/15, 40/16 i 37/17), a u vezi sa odredbama zakona o slobodnom pristupu informacijama ("Službeni list Crne Gore", broj 44/12 i 30/17), postupajući po zahtjevu Dejana Milovca, broj 01-233/21-764 od 02.02.2021. godine, radi pristupa informaciji, d o n o s i 1. O d b i j a s e zahtjev Dejana Milovca broj 01-233/21-764 od 02.02.2021. godine, radi pristupa informaciji, d o n o s i 2. zahtjeva za plaćanje i faktura na osnovu kojih je od Trezora tražena isplata od 514.408,00 eura od 04.12.2017. godine. 2. zahtjeva za plaćanje i faktura na osnovu kojih je od Trezora tražena isplata od 514.408,00 eura od 09.10.2018. godine. 3. Db r a z i o ž e nje Dejan Milovac, ulica Dalmatinska, broj 188, Podgorica, podnio je Agenciji za nacionalnu bezbjednost, zahtjev broj 01-233/21-764 od 02.02.2021. godine, kojim traži da mu se dostavljanjem na adresu, omogući pristup informacijama dostavljanjem kopija: 3. "zahtjeva za plaćanje i faktura na osnovu kojih su od Trezora tražena isplata od 106.780,00 eura od 09.10.2018. godine. 4. "zahtjeva za plaćanje i faktura na osnovu kojih su od Trezora tražena sledeće isplate: 514,408.00 eura od 04.12.2017. godine i 106,780.00 eura od 09.10.2018. godine: 5. "Zahtjeva za plaćanje i saktura na osnovu kojih su od Trezora tražena sledeće isplate: 514,408.00 eura od 04.12.2017. godine i 106,780.00 eura od 09.10.2018. godine: 6. "Zahtjeva za plaćanje i saktura na osnovu kojih su od Trezora tražena sledeće isplate: 514,408.00 eura od 09.10.2018. godine: 7. Postupajući po predmetnom zahtjevu, ANB je utvrdila da nije u posjedu dokumenata iz tačke 1 alineja 2 dispozitiva rješenja, te da su u pitanju podaci sadržani u dokumentaciji koja nastaje primjenom člana 48 Zekona o Agenciji za nacionalnu bezbjednost ("Si. list RCG", br. 28/05 i 86/09 i "Si. list Crne Gore", br. 73/10, 20/11 i 08/15). Navedena dokumentacija je označena stepenom tajnosti "INTERNO", rješenjem broj 250

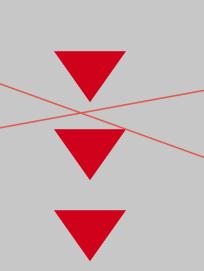
March in photos











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According to NGO MANS, it is necessary to adopt a moratorium on further implementation of the contract with the **consortium ENI/Novatek**, until its validity is examined by the relevant EU experts who have much more knowledge and experience in this field. Although the new Montenegrin government has promised citizens an audit of all contracts signed by the previous regime, *Minister Bojanić* confidently claims that everything is fine with two largest projects such as *oil exploration and highway construction*. However, when the decision on this deal was made, the then *independent MP* did not vote for it or publicly support the plans of the former government, as he is doing now from the position of the Minister of Capital Investments. 01/04/2021

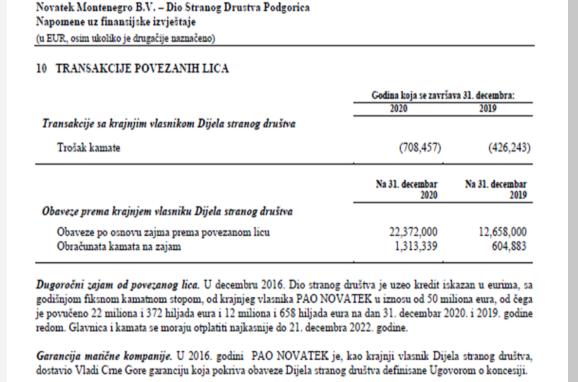
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In an interview with Monitor, the executive director of the NGO MANS, as the head of the Expert Team of the National Council for the Fight against High-Level Corruption, explains how (in)compatible her engagement is with her engagement in the civil sector. On that occasion, she stated: "We must try to find out where hundreds of millions or billions of euros taken out of Montenegro ended up. The attempt of political exponents of corrupt individuals to turn us off the road with a general cacophony will certainly fail." You can find the complete interview at the link below: https://www.monitor.co.me/vanja-calovic-markovic-izvrsna-direktorica-mans-kriminal-i-korupcija-ne-poznaju-zastave-samo-interes-i-profit/ 08/04/2021



MANS obtained documentation showing that contrary to the law, the previous government approved an extension of the deadline for completion of research to the consortium of offshore companies *Eni Montenegro and Novatek*Montenegro from the Netherlands, although it had all the conditions to collect a guarantee of 85 million euros. The agreement on the concession for the production of hydrocarbons with *ENI/Novatek*, which stipulates that the initial oil and gas exploration lasts four years, was signed by the Government on September 14, 2016, while in mid-February last year, the Consortium submitted a request for an extension of one year, which the Government of *Duško Marković* accepted and instead of activating the guarantee, it allowed an extension of one year, i.e. until September 14, 2021.



Naknada za ključne kadrove. U 2020. i 2019. godini, ključni kadrovi Dijela stranog društva su primili naknadu u

A new MANS' investigation shows that oil and gas exploration companies have

borrowed 70m euros from parent companies. Until these loans with the

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At the press conference of the National Council for the Fight against High-Level Corruption, the collected documentation related to the allocation of apartments and loans to public officials was disclosed. On that occasion, it was announced that out of 580 public officials, at least 175 received aid in resolving the housing issue, for which about 25 million euros was spent. In what way and which high-ranking public officials received apartments and loans from the state, as well as the complete data presented, can be found at the link below: https://www.mans.co.me/najmanje-175-funcionera-dobilo-stanove-od-drzave-utroseno-oko-25-miliona-eura/

At the debate on changes in the State Prosecutor's Office, the executive director of MANS points out the undisputed dismissal of the top State Prosecutor's Office, but in a legitimate way. "If the dismissals in the State Prosecutor's Office are not legitimate, the consequences can be catastrophic. Imagine that new prosecutors initiate proceedings against an official for corruption, then there is a dismissal of the government, which again changes the State Prosecutor's Office, and then their prosecutors withdraw the indictments. This would mean that this person could never be prosecuted again for these crimes." On this occasion, she also emphasized that we do not need a public debate because of the Venice Commission or the European Union but because of us, in order to build a different Montenegro where decisions will no longer be made behind anyone's closed doors."

25. saziv Šesta śednica prvog redovnog (proljećneg) zasijedanja u 2016. godini PREDLOG ODLUKE O DODJELI UGOVORA O KONCESIJI ZA PROIZVODNJU UGLJOVODONIKA U PODMORJU CRNE GORE Glasanje u cjelini 28-06-2016 13:07

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Branko Čavor	Za
Obrad Mišo Stanišić	Za
Marta Šćepanović	Za
Zoran Jelić	Za
Radivoje Nikčević	Za
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Radosav Nišavić	Za
Mubera Kurpejović	Za
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Milorad Vuletić	Za
Žana Filipović	Za
Marija Ćatović	Za
Željko Aprcović	Za
Branka Tanasijević	Za
Saša Pešić	Za
Husnija Šabović	Za
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Andrija Popović	Za
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April in photos

Damir Šehovič	Za
Mico Orlandic	Za
Radovan Obradović	Za
Relid Adrović	Za
Maida Bellić	Za
Slobodan Radović	Za
Filip Vuković	Za
Nikola Gegaj	Za
Šefkija Murić	Za
Vuk Roćen	Za
Veljko Zarubica	Za
Jasmin Sutovid	Za
Aleksandar Damjanović	Za
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In MANS



Ćalovićeva nezakonito smijenjena iz ASK-a

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." 13/05/2021

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

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-ambitiousmotorway-project-is-leading-nowhere 18/05/2021

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. 20/05/2021

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. 26/05/2021

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 31/05/2021 -sa-drzavom-specijalna-cijena-za-specijalnog-tuzioca/

zatvorenih očiju

Dok se sistem pretvarao u partijsku mašinu, bivša vlast je u zakone i vladine strategije ugrađivala korupciju i tako zarobljavala državu. Nova vlast tvrdi da će raditi transparentno i beskompromisno se boriti protiv korupcije i organizovanog kriminala. Političko zapošljavanje po dubini zasigurno nije pokazatelj promjene











May in photos











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Izvještaj o prihodima i imovini. Takođe, valja ukazati da tužena paušalno i proizvoljno navodi da je za imenovanog javnog funkcionera izvršena provjera svih podataka po službenoj dužnosti i da u toku provjere nijesu utvrđena bilo kakva odstupanja sa podacima koji se vode u zvaničnim evidencijama. drugih državnih organa, bez navođenja konkretnih podataka i bez davanja obrazloženja na koji način i kako je vršila provjeru i zašto se poziva samo na provjeru podataka iz Izvještaja upoređivanjem tih podataka sa prikupljenim podacima o imovini i prihodima javnog funkcionera kod organa vlasti, kod činjenice da je tužilac u zahtjevu naveo da je imenovani javni funkcioner i Upravi za nekretnine prijavio netačne i nepotpune podatke.

Sud je kao neosnovan ocijenio i prigovor tužene o nedostatku aktivne legitimacije, s obzirorn da se ova vrsta postupaka pokreće i na zahtjev" i pravnih ili fizičkih lica", što je propisano u članu 31 stav 1 Zakona o sprečavanju korupcije, a članom 51 stav 1 Zakona o upravnom postupku propisano je da je stranka u upravnom postupku, izmedju ostalih, fizičko ili pravno lice na čiji zahtjev je pokrenut upravni postupak. Stoga je sa svih navedenih razloga Sud tužbu usvojio i osporeno riešenje popištio.

U ponovnom postupku tuženi će imati u vidu primjedbe i nedoststake ukazane ovim rješenjem, pa će saglasno odredbi člana 56 Zakona o upravnom sporu, donijeti novo zakonito rješenje.

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Odluka o troškovima spora zasnovana je na odredbarna člana 152 Zakona o parničnom postupku u vezi sa članom 39 stav 2 Zakona o upravnom sporu, a

NGO MANS called on the Council of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) to immediately initiate the procedure for dismissal of the director Jelena Perović due to results that continuously discredit the anti-corruption reforms, and continue to ensure for individuals from the previous government to avoid responsibility for violating the law. In the period from September last year to February this year, the Administrative Court annulled several decisions of the APC by which this institution refused to deal with cases of illicit enrichment of senior public officials. For more than half a year, the director of APC has refused to act on the rulings of the Administrative Court and reopen the cases of Đukanović's property in Kočani and expensive trips to Dubai and Saint Tropez.

02/06/2021

Although the current government has the right to audit the accounts of the concessionaire *Eni and Novatek*, with which the former government signed a contract in 2016, and which began exploratory oil and gas drilling in late March, the Ministry of Capital Investments does not intend to audit everything that has been done so far regarding this project, before it is determined whether there are reserves, i.e. before the production starts. On this occasion, NGO MANS states that it is quite certain that there is no political willingness in the Ministry to move away from the practice that has existed so far, and that they will continue to insist on a full audit of this agreement, with the help of relevant experts and maximum transparency of the entire procedure.

The investigative story that the Ministry of Economy distributed over 5,000 food packages a month before last year's parliamentary elections, is brought by a journalist from Vijesti with the support of MANS, as part of a project to support the investigative journalism. The value of the package that was distributed to the citizens on that occasion was close to 280,000 euros including VAT, and the amount was paid from the budget reserve. Under the pretext of the coronavirus pandemic, the whole deal was completed in just a few days, but the Ministry found time to declare the documentation secret. This information contained data on the amount of funds that were allocated from the state budget, as well as the fact that the public procurement was organized by urgent procedure and without a public call.

The latest data of the MANS Investigative Centre show that *Bećirović* used a company founded by his other company, *Caldero Trading Limited*, registered in Cyprus, to buy land from *Medenica*. **Leaked banking data indicates that Caldero Trading was conducting transactions with an offshore company and two Baltic banks that found themselves at the centre of two networks that laundered huge amounts of money from Russia. You can read how offshore companies from the infamous Russian Laundromat business did business with a local businessman at the link below: https://www.mans.co.me/tragovi-ruske-perionice-novca-na-crnogorskoj-obali/ 11/06/2021**

The Director of the MANS Investigative Centre won Special Award for investigative journalism at #EUAwards2021. The investigative story refers to the case of the enrichment of the mayor of Budva in local tenders. The story about the mayor of Budva was written mainly from information obtained on the basis of the Law on Free Access to Information, which indicates the importance of improving the implementation of this law. You can read the complete award-winning investigative story with all the details at the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/asfalt-sa-mirisom-korupcije-kako-je-budvanski-predsjednik-opstine-zaradivao-od-gradskih-tendera/ 15/06/2021

As part of the project to support investigative journalism in Montenegro, with the support of *The Balkan Trust for Democracy*, **MANS** has announced a competition for interactive online training for all interested journalists, regardless of their employment status, as well as for for all individuals who want to improve their investigative skills and gain new experiences. The training programme includes three online modules that the participants will attend online, with specific tasks and live sessions with trainers, and they will also be able to ask them questions. The most successful and motivated participants of the training will have the opportunity to apply for a paid three-month internship at the MANS Investigative Centre.

Montenegro's judiciary and State Prosecutor's Office undoubtedly played a significant role in state capture of Montenegro, i.e. strengthening its political and interest influence on its institutions, which over time "learned" to subordinate the public interest to private, i.e. party interest. In the report "State Capture:

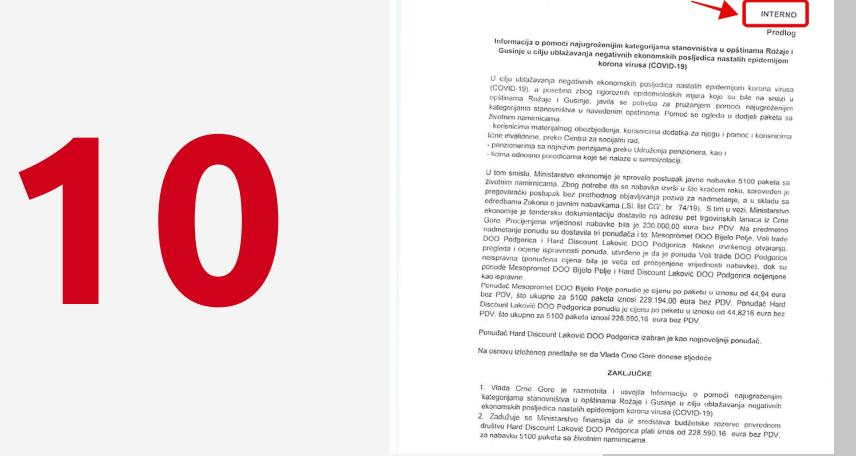
Montenegro National Report", MANS investigated how to capture a state and maintain the state capture, highlighting the shortcomings of the criminal justice system in prosecuting large-scale corruption cases and exposing tailor-made laws designed and adopted to protect the private interests of a few people. The complete report can be downloaded at the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/eng-state-captu_53661842.pdf . 21/06/2021

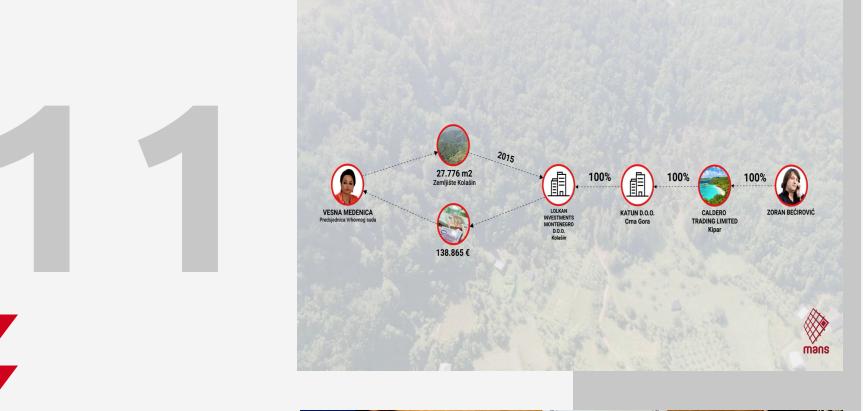
After more than six months and public criticism, the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare responded to requests for free access to information from the NGO MANS, which related to budget spending after the election of the new Montenegrin government. MANS obtained this information by using the Law on Free Access to Information and by continuously reminding the Ministry of Finance of the obligation to comply with that law. You can find all transactions that have been carried out through the state treasury since the election of the new Government of Montenegro until June 1, 2021 on the link below: 19/06/2021

The public has no information on how nearly half a million euros allocated from the budget was spent to finance the regular work of women's organizations of political parties. Although the parties were duly paid funds in 2020 to finance the regular work of women's organizations, almost no party submitted a report on the manner in which these funds were spent, even though they are obliged to do so according to the Law on Financing Political Entities. The complete report of the NGO MANS "Money and Politics" is available at: http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Analysis-Money-and-politics.pdf

















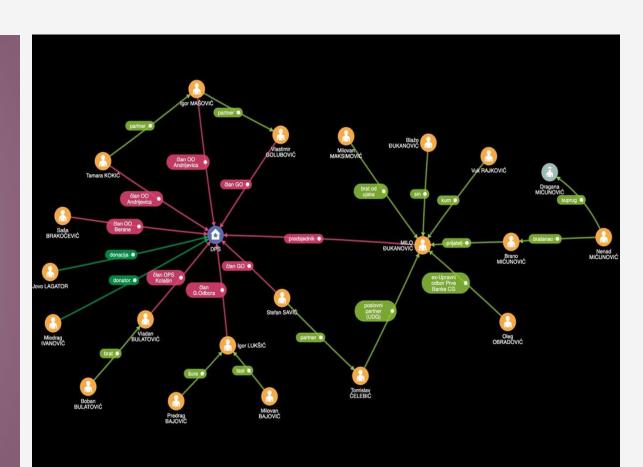


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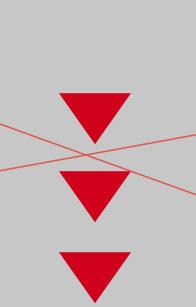
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July/August in MANS

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The Law on Free Access to Information was passed less than 10 years ago, and was last amended in mid-2017 by a decision of the then parliamentary majority. As the line ministry sent an innovated draft law for public discussion in early June, NGO MANS submitted 19 proposals. Considering that Montenegro had a good Law until the last amendments, we also propose the introduction of some solutions that existed in the 2012 Law. That this Law is extremely important is shown by the fact that among the information published by the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare at the request of the NGO MANS, is the fact that the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management continued to pay subsidies for the farm of the Mayor of Budva built on usurped state land.

01/07/2021



The executive director of the NGO MANS spoke with her interlocutors as a guest in the show *Načisto* on *TV Vijesti* on the topic: **Government from the point of view of the NGO sector**.

Has the civil sector in Montenegro essentially sided with the Government or has it maintained a critical distance?

How is the long-awaited reform of Montenegrin society progressing? Who are the critics of the government today and what are their motives? What are we criticizing, and what are we skipping?

Why is needling dangerous and true criticism desirable? - These are just some of the questions that the guests of the show will try to answer. 08/07/2021

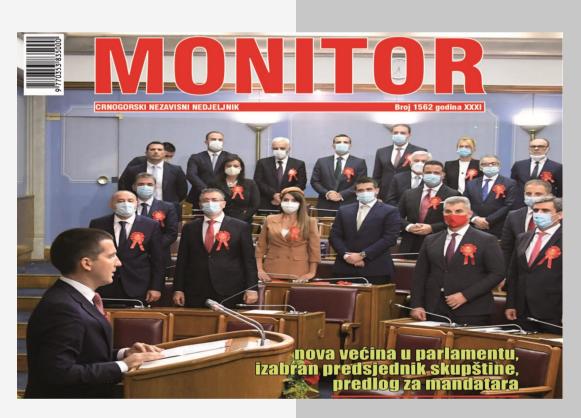


The latest footage of the MANS Investigative Centre show that *the President of the Municipality of Budva*, *Marko Carević*, continued with the usurpation of state land in Krimovica, but also that new facilities have been built in the last few months without a building permit. An agricultural farm of the company "Carinvest" is located on over half a million square meters of usurped state land in the village of Krimovica, Municipality of Kotor. This company is owned by *the president of the Municipality of Budva*. New footage and the complete story are available at: https://www.mans.co.me/novi-nelegalni-objekti-na-krimovici-drzava-i-dalje-podrzava-carevica/



NGO MANS recorded the devastation of Tara for the first time in late 2018, while data released by the National Council for the Fight against High-Level Corruption show that the previous government had information at least a year before that excavations from the tunnel were deposited directly into Tara, that its bed was moved, that gravel was illegally extracted from it, and that wastewater was discharged directly into the river. The documentation shows that the former government actively worked on covering up the violations of the law by the Chinese company CRBC, while at the same time deceiving the public that everything is fine with the construction of the highway. On the other hand, the devastation continued even after the appointment of the new government, which even after nine months does not have answers to key questions related to the highway.





In an interview with the weekly *Monitor*, the director of the MANS Investigative Centre talks about the key issues of the new regime, the importance of establishing a Prosecutorial Council, the fight against organized crime, insufficient transparency of the new government and all current topics. "As long as we 'nurture' the new Svetozar Marović in Budva, there cannot be substantial changes", he said in an interview, which you can read at the link below: https://www.monitor.co.me/dejan-milovac-mans-na-nama-je-da-ne-dozvolimo-novi-dps/





For more than a year and a half, the Secretariat-General of the Government has kept secret information about the real reason for the alleged business trip of the President of Montenegro, Milo Đukanović, to Paris. The changes at the head of that institution did not lead to a change in the practice of hiding information, but the latest ruling of the Administrative Court upon the lawsuit of the NGO MANS could force the new government to finally disclose the documentation on the mysterious flight. Although the Administrative Court annulled the decision of the Secretariat-General of the Government of Montenegro in early July, by which all data on last year's flight of the President were declared secret, more than a month after the verdict, the new leadership is still "not ready" to disclose documentation.

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The Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Kotor has launched an investigation into the case of the illegal construction of the Minister of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Ratko Mitrović, according to a report submitted by the NGO MANS at the end of May. New data published by MANS show that the illegal building of Minister Mitrović's family cannot be legalized without changing the planning documentation for which Mitrović is in charge. "A facility owned by Mnister Mitrović is neither the only nor the largest illegal facility in Budva, but we believe it could be a great opportunity for the new government to show by concrete example that the law is now the same for everyone and that there are no untouchables in the urban sector."



Two and a half years after opening of the inquest, Special State Prosecutor Milivoje Katnić personally rejected the criminal charges filed by MANS against the President of Montenegro, Milo Đukanović, the President of Atlas Group, Duško Knežević, Dušan Ban and Željko Mihailović from Podgorica, former Director of the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering, Predrag Mitrović, due to a well-founded suspicion that they had committed the criminal offense of money laundering in an organized manner. MANS suspected Đukanović and his partners of creating a criminal organization aimed at concealing the origin of 1.5m euros, which served as a guarantee in the form of cash collateral for Milo Đukanović's loan, which he later used to buy shares of the Prva banka bank. 26/08/2021

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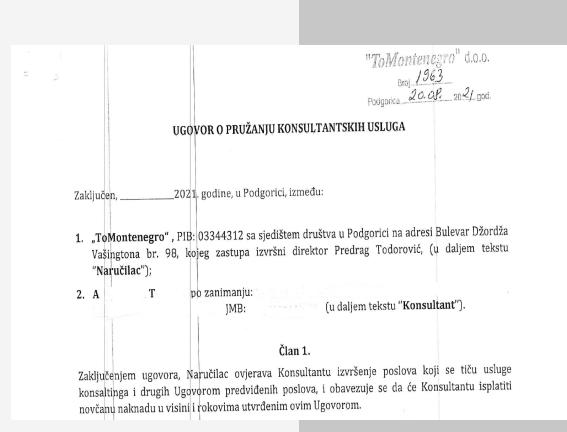






September in MANS

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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.

04/09/2021





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.





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.

16/09/2021

odnose na Izvještaj o prihodima i imovini. Takođe, valja ukazati da tužena paušalno i proizvoljno navodi da je za imenovanog javnog funkcionera izvršena provjera svih podataka po službenoj dužnosti i da u toku provjere nijesu utvrđena bilo kakva odstupanja sa podacima koji se vode u zvaničnim evidencijama. drugih državnih organa, bez navođenja konkretnih podataka i bez davanja obrazloženja na koji način i kako je vršila provjeru i zašto se poziva samo na provjeru podataka iz Izvještaja upoređivanjem tih podataka sa prikupljenim podacima o imovini i prihodima javnog funkcionera kod organa vlasti. Ovo kod činjenice da se na okolnosti iz zahtjeva za pokretanje postupka o utvrđivanju povrede odredaba Zakona o sprječavanju korupcije mogao izjasniti jedino javni funkcioner u odnosu na koga se zahtjevom tvrdi da je prekršio odredbe Zakona, tj. predsjednik Crne Gore Milo Đukanović, budući da se ne radi o podascima o kojima bi postojala obaveza državnih organa da vode zvaničnu evidenciju, zbog čega je postojala obaveza tuženog organa da sprovede ispitni postupak i zatraži izjašnjenje javnog funkcionera, a što je u konkretnom slučaju izostalo.

Kod prethodno iznijetog, sud je usvojio tužbu tužioca i poništio osporeno

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.

20/09/2021





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".



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.

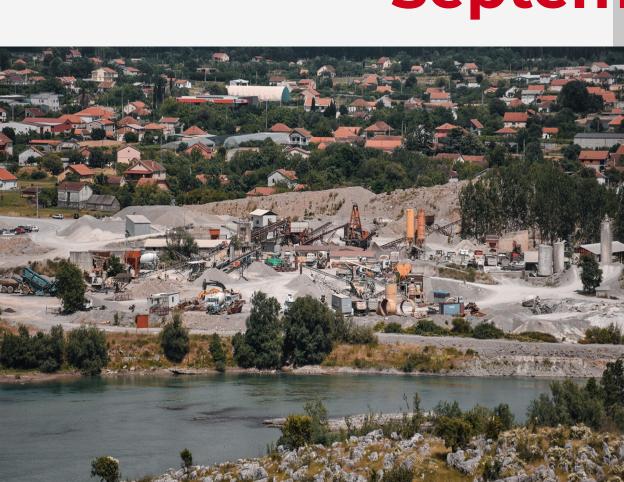
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A new, improved version of the "Ask the Institutions" mobile application is available to the public. It is developed by the NGO MANS with the support of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, the Embassy of Canada and the U.S. Embassy 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.

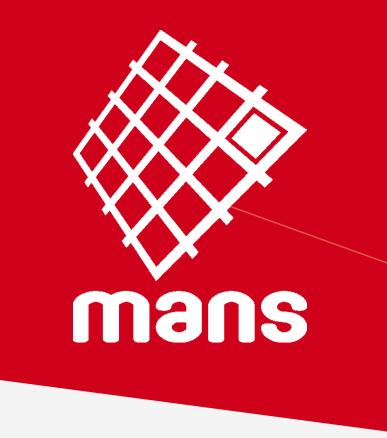
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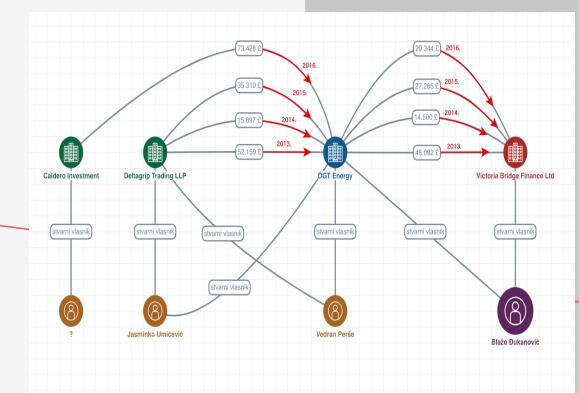
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NGO MANS participated in the analysis of documents leaked from tax havens, in cooperation with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and over 600 journalists from 117 countries. On that occasion, MANS obtained data that indicate that **Đukanovici concluded secret** agreements on the management of their property, hiding behind a complex network of affiliated companies from Great Britain, Switzerland, the British Virgin Islands, Panama and Gibraltar. Son of the President of Montenegro also used this structure to set up two hidden companies with daughter companies in London and Montenegro.



"Pandora Papers" and data from the British company register show that Croatian oil and gas consultants *Vedran Perše and Jasminko Umićević* forgave a debt of 108 thousand pounds to the hidden company of Blažo Đukanović from the British Virgin Islands, Victoria Bridge Finance Ltd. The company, which the three of them set up in London through affiliated companies, was used to inject money into Blažo's offshore company. You can read the complete story with accompanying documentation at the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/pandora-papers-blazos-hidden-company-given-108-thousand-pounds/





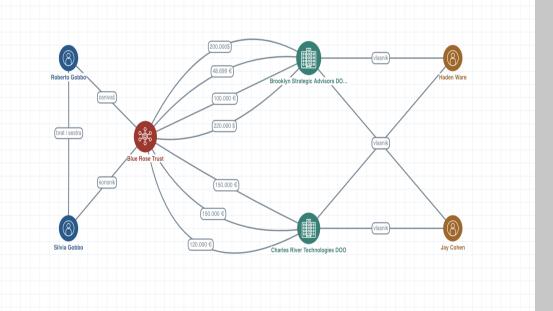
As guests in the show "Načisto" on TV Vijesti, the Executive Director of NGO MANS and the Chief Special Prosecutor spoke on the topic: Pandora and other papers. The Chief Special Prosecutor sees no issue that Milo Đukanović, the President of Montenegro, hides his assets in offshore accounts, due to the fact that the Chief Special Prosecutor hides his own. The documentation that was disclosed on that occasion points to the business between the Chief Special Prosecutor Milivoje Katnić's and the company "Glosarij", which was not reported to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC). You can read the documentation on how the value of Katnić's apartment increased by 28,000 euros in just four months at: https://twitter.com/NVOMANS/status/1446181723545423874/photo/1





The Head of the Expert Body of the National Council for the Fight against High-Level Corruption and the Executive Director of the NGO MANS reacted to the recently published data in the daily newspaper "Dan", that last year, by the decision of the cabinet of the former government, 5,266,036 euros was paid under the label of secrecy from the budget reserve. On that occasion, she proposed that the Ministry of Finance, in accordance with its competences, conducted an internal audit and control of secret payments as soon as possible. If the documentation shows that the funds were paid out without a legal basis, the State Prosecutor's Office will have to initiate proceedings to determine whether there was an abuse of official position or other criminal acts with elements of corruption.

21/10/2021



Within the global investigation "Pandora Papers", MANS Investigative Centre reveals how Montenegro became a safe haven for offshore affairs of the U.S. fugitive who has been sought by the U.S. authorities for years due to suspicion of illegal organizing games of chance and illegal online sports betting. Close to 900 thousand euros was paid from the Bahamas to accounts in Montenegro. You can read the full investigative story with all the details at the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/pandora-papersmontenegro-is-a-safe-haven-for-offshore-business/



Lazar Grdinić, a colleague from the MANS Investigative Centre, spoke on the topic of highway construction in Montenegro for the Swedish National Television (SVT). You can find the complete show at the link below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDvh8m9bu0A

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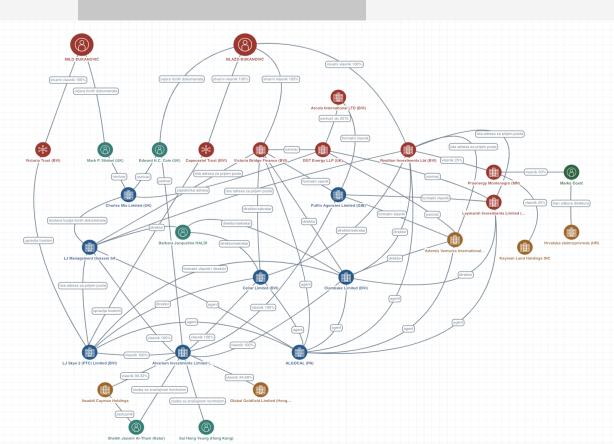


Draft amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information, which were put up for public discussion, and then presented in an updated version at the session of the Public Administration Reform Council, did not address the key shortcomings of the current law, while potentially opening up space for new abuses. Institute Alternative and MANS sent a letter to the Prime Minister with a request to remove problematic restrictions on access to information, especially business and tax secret and the exclusion of data from international organizations, foreign states and the security sector, even when there is a prevailing interest in their disclosing.

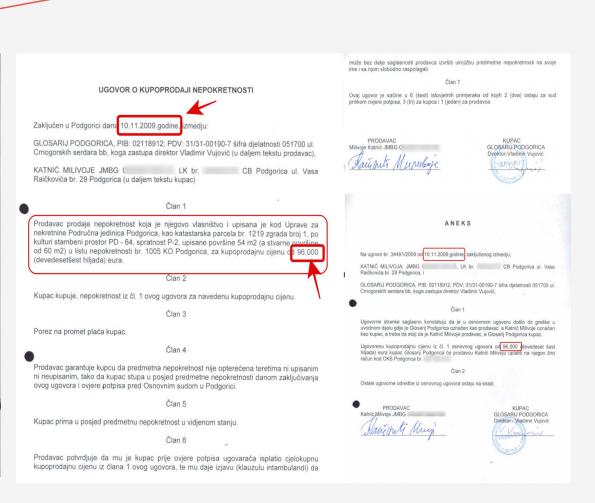
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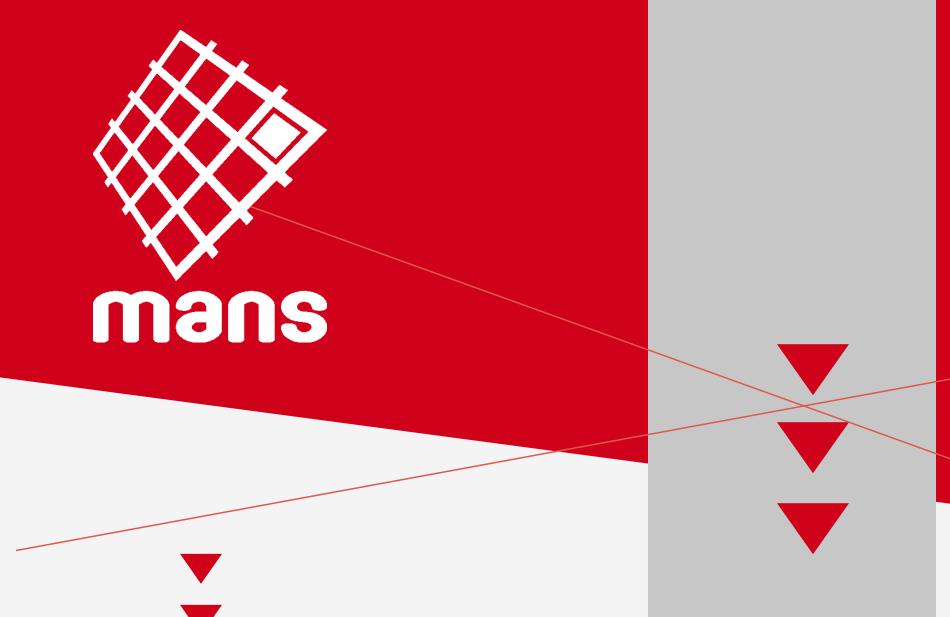
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November in MANS

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A new case of illegal construction in Tivat by the controversial businessman Branislav Savić-Gugi from Budva drew the attention of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) as well, which on that occasion submitted an official initiative to the Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism to carry out an inspection on the site in Opatovo, where Savić's company "Gugi Commerc" started building a new boutique hotel. The company of the convicted member of the Budva criminal group started works without submitting a construction report, which is a legal obligation before starting any construction works.



The judgement of the Administrative Court stipulates that the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) will have to make a new decision on the initiative of the NGO MANS to determine the existence of violations of the Law on Prevention of Corruption in the case of the public official, head of state Milo Đukanović, regarding his trip to Saint Tropez in 2010. Previous decision of the APC, which dismissed the request of MANS to initiate proceedings in this case as unfounded, was annulled. Previous director of APC made a decision that this institution would not deal with the exotic vacations of Đukanović and Gvozdenović, which were financed by Duško Knežević.





During his visit to Montenegro, US Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, **Gabriel Escobar**, met with civil society leaders. On that occasion, the director of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) pointed out the importance of international cooperation in solving the most important corruption and organized crime affairs. At the same time, she informed him about the findings related to the **Pandora Papers**, the reactions of the State Prosecutor's Office and other institutions in that case, as well as the **Telekom case**. In addition, she asked for help in preparing a financial audit of **the construction of the highway**, since the Ministry of Capital Investments (MCI) claims that it does not have the capacity and financial resources to do such thing.





MANS called on the Ministry of Capital Investments (MCI), headed by the Minister Mladen Bojanic, to withdraw from the public debate the proposal of the concession act for stone extraction from the site Platac in Krimovica until the actual situation on the ground is determined, as well as the facts related to the previous use of that quarry by the company "Carinvest". It is the examples such as this one of Carević and his illegal activities, which have been going on smoothly for years regardless of who is in power, that show that there is still no political will to ensure equality before the law and that no party or other interest should ever again be above the public interest.

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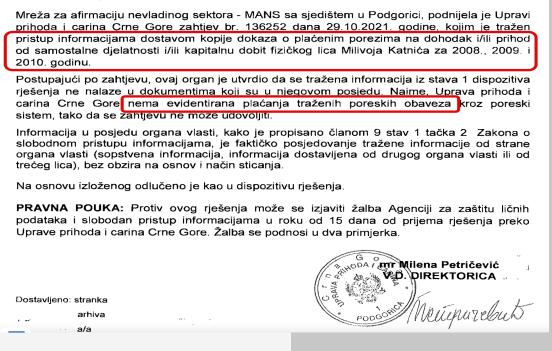




Criminalizing the illicit enrichment of public officials would be a sign that the current government is ready to sanction itself - the executive director of the Network for Affirmation of the NGO Sector (MANS) said. At the round table on the proposed amendments to the Law on Seizure and Confiscation of Material Benefit Derived from Criminal Activity, she pointed out the importance of the issue of criminalization and noted that the proposed amendments leave open the question of what timeframe would be treated by the law. She expressed her fear that there would be no good results if the law covered only cases of suspicious enrichment from previous years.

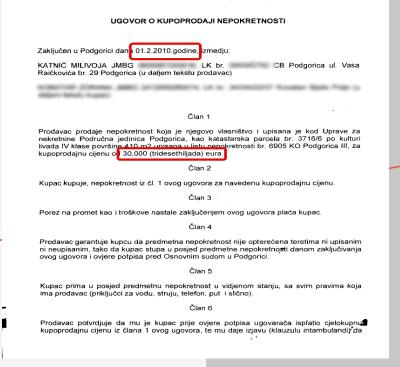
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MANS Investigative Centre has discovered documentation that confirms that the company "Glosarij" overpaid for at least 30 thousand euros the apartment it bought in 2009 from the current Chief Special Prosecutor, Milivoje Katnić. Katnić never reported this deal to the competent institutions, and the data obtained by MANS show that he did not pay the income tax he made in that transaction. You can read the complete investigative story with all the details on this business at the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/katnic-earned-30000-euros-from-the-deal-with-glosarij-the-tax-was-not-paid/ 21/11/2021

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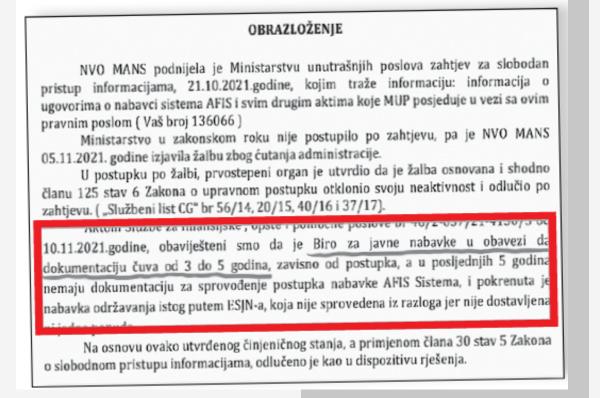


The data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre show that the Chief Special Prosecutor, Milivoje Katnić, hid another real estate deal from the competent authorities, worth 30 thousand euros. That is why MANS officially handed over the initiative for launching proceedings against the Chief Special Prosecutor Katnić to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, which will be supplemented with new data on the sale of land in Zabjelo and income of 30 thousand euros, which were also not reported. You can find all the details on this business at the link: http://www.mans.co.me/en/katnic-hid-additional-30000-euros-from-the-sale-of-plot-in-podgorica/



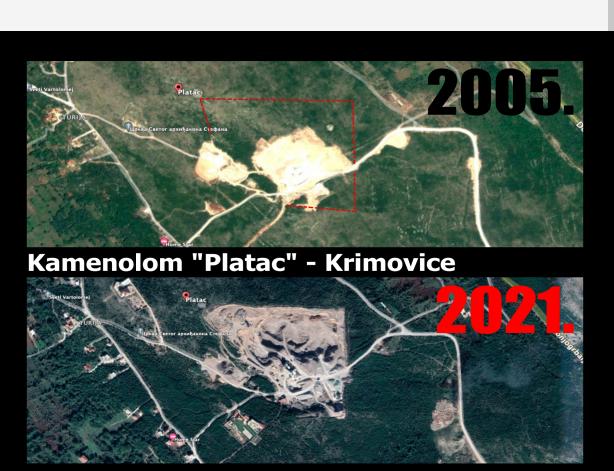


Is Bemax an example of a successful company or a 'pest' and a privileged contractor, is the topic of a debate in the TV show Načisto, in which the director of the MANS Investigative Centre participated as a guest. The devastation of the Morača river bed has been illegally going on for years. MANS has repeatedly pointed to the privileges by the state when assigning jobs to Bemax. On this occasion, the information was disclosed that gravel was illegally taken from plots owned by Veselin Kovačević, as a natural person, after the introduction of the moratorium in December 2016.



That the Ministry of Internal Affairs does not have documentation on the contracted procurement of the AFIS system, which is supposed to prevent election abuses, is confirmed by the Mol's decision issued at the request of the NGO MANS, which requested data on this public procurement. The AFIS system is supposed to prevent "double identity", and thus the possibility of multiple voting in elections, and was delivered to the Ministry of Interior in 2016, while the contract for its procurement was concluded a year earlier. That document was first declared secret, and then destroyed thanks to the Law on Archival Material, by which the state authorities themselves prescribed the retention periods for most data.

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MANS analyzed the data on flights by state aircraft that it received from the Parliament of Montenegro under the Law on Free Access to Information. Data show that the wife of the former President of the Parliament flew the state plane 19 times outside of protocol. More precisely, out of 25 flights, she was part of the official delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro only six times. MANS Investigative Centre analysed over 50 flights that were realized for the needs of the Parliament in the period from 2016 to 2021, and the data revealed possible abuses of the state aircraft for private purposes. In the meantime, the Secretariat-General of the Government of Montenegro continues to hide from the public data on flights by the state aircraft Lear Jet 45.

Two-day XIV National Anti-Corruption Conference was organized by the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS), as a part of the marking of the International Anti-Corruption Day. Through several thematic panels, this year's Anti-Corruption Conference was dedicated to areas particularly vulnerable to corruption. On the first day, the focus was on the financing of political entities and election campaigns, free access to information and the area of public procurement, while the second day was dedicated to the proposed reforms of the Law on Seizure and Confiscation of Material Benefit Derived from Criminal Activity. Within each panel, representatives of state institutions and the civil sector, journalists, as well as foreign experts, shared their experiences and recommendations.

MANS called on the Social Democrats and the Movement for Changes, parliamentary political parties that have been receiving enormous funds from the state for years and hiding all the information about their finances, to finally disclose information about their funding. Although the leaders of those parties publicly advocate for the transparency of spending citizens' money, at the same time, they hide how they spend significant funds they receive from the state and municipal budgets. In this way, it was hidden from the public in what way 1.8 million euros was spent funds from public funds, and this kind of behavior further increases suspicions about the legality of their work, considering that they do not respond to requests for information and submit only brief financial reports from which it is not possible to find out even basic things about their business.

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The adoption of the concession act for Krimovica by the Government of Montenegro meant realization of the plan of the Ministry of Capital Investments (MCI) and the Minister Mladen Bojanić to award a 30-year concession for stone exploitation to the company of Marko Carević, the Mayor of Budva, contrary to laws and regulations. A month earlier, MANS warned the Government of Montenegro, MCI and the Minister himself that the manner in which this work is planned is not in accordance with the law, or the generally adopted principle of transparency of state bodies and zero tolerance for corruption. The way in which MCI acts in this business, and the obvious violation of the Law on Concessions, have all the characteristics of the so-called deals made by the previous government that devastated the country's resources.

DPS only partially responded to over 100 requests for free access to information about its finances submitted by MANS in the past two years, deliberately deleting data on outflows (expenses), but also on inflows to the bank accounts of this party. During 2019 and 2020, the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) received around 6.1 million euros from the state budget, while data on their spending are only partially available. In addition, for the observed period, DPS did not publish any data related to transactions through the treasury, i.e. cash payments. Thus, for last year's parliamentary elections, complete data were available for only 13% of transactions.

Started in 2019 as a project of public interest with the support of the Municipality of Ulcinj and the competent Ministry of Agriculture, today, "The Olive House" is a luxury hotel with a restaurant and apartments privately owned, built in the heart of the olive grove in Valdanos, where any construction of this type is strictly forbidden. You can read how the state aid was used for private interest and the complete story done within the project "Support to Investigative Journalism in Montenegro", which is implemented by the NGO MANS with the financial support of the US Embassy in Podgorica through the 2020 Media Professionalization Assistance Program, at the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/state-aid-for-private-business/.

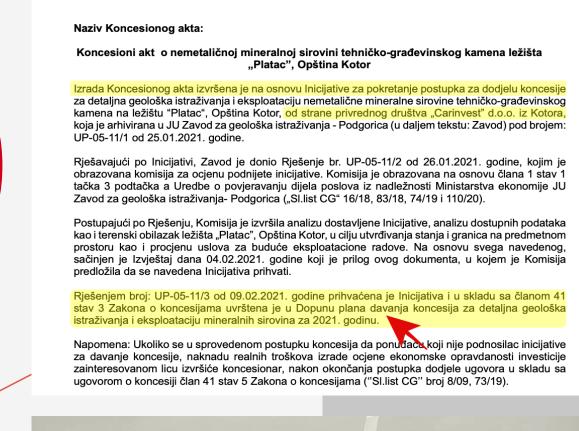
For more than half a year, the Secretariat-General of the Government of Montenegro has refused to make public a dozen decisions of the inner cabinet of the Government of Duško Marković from 2019 and 2020, some of which were made during the so-called technical mandate of the outgoing DPS government. The decisions requested by MANS refer to payments from the current budget reserve, and it is still unknown what the amounts were. MANS continuously points out that the best international practice dictates that all information on how money from the budget is spent must be available to all citizens, with exceptions that are well defined so as not to leave room for abuses.

A building paid 8.7 million euros a year ago, bought for the needs of several state institutions, has not been completed or moved into, and the information obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre and "Vijesti" indicates violation of regulations and possible corruption in the purchase of that real estate. According to MANS' documents, the former Property Administration first significantly changed the public call, which could have resulted in the elimination of competition, and then concluded a purchase agreement by violating tender conditions prescribed by the institution itself. You can read all the details on how the tender procedure went in the story on the link below: http://www.mans.co.me/en/building-rigged-in-favour-of-monstat/.



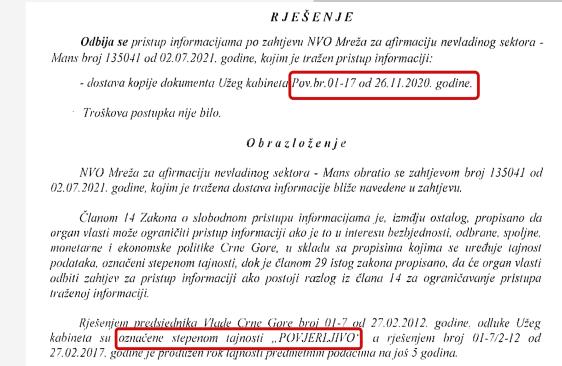












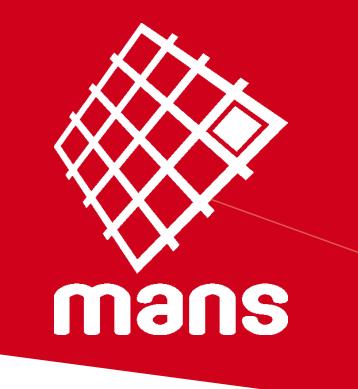


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CORPORATE INCOME TAX RETURN

TAX PAYER

Name Non-governmental organization "Network for Affirmation of

Non-governmental Sector" - Podgorica 02316854 302

Taxpayer ID #

and DJP

Adress 20176 Dalmatinska 188 Podgorica Activity 9499 Activities of other membersh

Reporting period

9499 Activities of other membership-based organizations 1. 1. 2021 to 31. 12. 2021

Reported tax due

0.00 EUR

Bank

NLB Banka AD Podgorica 530-0000000010332-57

Account No. 530-000000

Tax consolidation approved: No. Number and date of the decision granting tax consolidation: -

Taxpayer ID and name of the tax return assignee: -

DETERMINING TAX LIABILITY

Tax Consolidation Information

Ordinal Description	Amount in €
number	
A. Operating profit and loss	0.00
I. Financial outputs from the income statement	0.00
1. Profit for the business year	1,697.00
Losses for the business year	0.00
3.Capital gains	0.00
4. Capital losses	0.00
III Adjustment of expense entries	
5. Amortization expenses from Income statement	0.00
6. Amortization expenses -taxable	0.00
7. Non-operational expenses	0.00
8. Undocumented expenses	0.00
9. Interest on tax and contribution arrears	0.00
10. Interest in transfers to non residents at rate	0.00
higher than commercial	
11. Administrative costs paid by business unit to a	0.00
non-resident entity	
12. Income of employees or other persons on the	0.00
basis of profit distribution	
13. Fines and penalties	0.00



14. Value adjustment of individual receivables from	
persons to whom it is owed at the same time	
15. Contributions given to political organizations	0.00
16. Salary costs, severance pay on retirement, costs	0.00
of technical redundancy and other payments and	
benefits on termination of employment that are not	
paid in the tax period (Article 11a of the Law)	
	0.00
17. Material costs and cost of goods sold above the	0.00
amount calculated using the average price method or	
the FIFO method	
18. Expenditures paid to legal entities for health,	0.00
social, educational, scientific, religious, cultural,	
sports and humanitarian activities, povery reduction,	
environmental protection, disabled persons'	
protection, child and youth care, help to elderly,	
protection and promotion of human and minority	
rights, rule of law, civil society and volunteerism,	
Euro-Atlantic and European integration of	
Montenegro, arts, technical culture, promotion of	
agriculture and rural development, sustainable	
development, consumer protection, gender equality,	
fight against corruption and organized crime and	
fight against addiction diseases over above 3.5% of	
total income, increased by the total amount of these	
expenses paid to individuals	
19. Entertainment expenses above 1% of total	0.00
revenue	
20. Membership fee to chambers and associations	0.00
above 1% of total revenue	
21. Written off suspicious transactions written off as	0.00
not recognized for tax purposes	
22. Provisions that are not recognized for tax	0.00
purposes	
23. Interest and related costs paid to related parties	0.00
above market amounts	
24. Expenses on the basis of impairment of assets	0.00
	0.00
that are not recognized for tax purposes (Article 18a	
of the Law)	0.00
25. Calculated costs using transfer pricing	0.00
26. Calculated costs by applying market prices	0.00
27. Difference in calculated costs (ordinal numb. 25-	0.00
26>0)	
V. Revenue adjustment	
28. Withheld tax on dividends and share in profits	0.00
paid by the non-resident branch of the resident	
taxpayer	
29. Interest between related parties that is less than	
market interest	
mean net interest	





	en related parties
30. Accrued revenues using transfer prices	0.00
31. Accrued revenues using market prices	0.00
32. Difference in accrued income	0.00
VII. Other corrections	
33. Income from collected suspicious receivables	0.00
realized in the tax period, which in the previous tax	
period (year) were not recognized as an expense	
for tax purposes	0.00
34. Expenses that not recognized for tax purposes on	0.00
the basis of impairment of property in the previous	
tax period (year) as in the previous period	
property was disposed of or damaged due to force	
majeure	0.00
	0.00
other payments of benefits upon termination of	
employment that were not recognized for tax	
purposes in the previous tax periods	
VIII. Taxable income	1 (07 00
36. Taxable income (1-3+4+5+6+7 to	1,697.00
24+27+28+29+32-33-34-35)>0	0.00
37. Loss (2+3-4-5+6-7 to 24-27-28-29-	0.00
32+33+34+35)	4.607.00
38. Loss as per tax return from previous years, up to	1,697.00
the amount of taxable profit	0.00
39. The rest of the taxable profit (36-38) > 0	0.00
B. Capital gains and losses	0.00
40. Total capital gains in the current year (No. 3)	0.00
41. Total capital losses in the current year (No. 4)	0.00
42. Capital gains (40-41) >0	0.00
43. Total losses (41-40) >0	0.00
44. Transferred capital losses from the previous year	0.00
up to the amount as entered under 42	2 2 2
45.Remaining capital gain (42-44) >=0	0.00
C. Tax base	0.00
46. Tax base (entry No. 39+100% of entry No. 45)>0	0.00
D. Reduction of tax base	0.00
47. Income by dividends and share in the income of	0.00
resident legal entities	
48. Reduced tax base (entry 46-47)	0.00
49. Tax (entry 48 x 9%)	0.00
Tax reduction	0.00
50. Amount of income tax realized in	0.00
underdeveloped municipalities	
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51. Determined tax liability (entry 49-50)	
51. Determined tax liability [entry 49-50] 52. Amount of tax paid in advance	0.00
	0.00





55. Amount of tax due (entry 51-54) >0	0.00
56. Overpaid tax (entry 54-51)>0	0.00
57. Amount of tax for which a refund of tax paid is	0.00
requested	
58. Amount of tax to be used for advance payment of	0.00
taxes in the following year	
59. Monthly allowance amount (1/12 of entry 51)	0.00









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Transfer of operating losses

Ord. No.	Description	Amount in EUR
1.	Profit stated under ordinal number 36 of the tax	1,697.00
	return	
2.	Losses from previous years	1,697.00
	amount of losses	1,697.00
	amount of loss	0.00
3.	Amount of loss for coverage (enter lower of the	1,697.00
	amounts under entry number 1 or 2)	
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Transfer of capital losses

Ord. No.	Description	Amount in EUR
1.	Capital gain stated under entry 42 of the tax return	0.00
2.	Amount of loss from the previous years	0.00
	amount of loss	0.00
3.	Amount of loss for coverage (enter lower of the	0.00
	amounts under entry number 1 or 2)	

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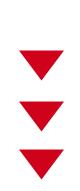
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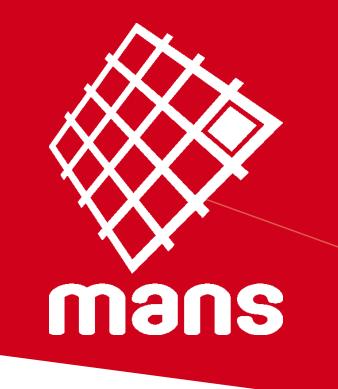
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Group	Position	No.	Not e	Current year	Previous year - closing balance	Previous year - opening balance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	B. Non-current assets (003+008+016)	002		27749	36641	
	II. Property, manufacturing plants, equipment and biological assets (009+010+011+015)	800		27749	36641	
023	2. Plants and equipment	010		26614	35027	
	3. Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment (012+013+014)	011		1135	1614	
026 & 029	3.30ther unmentioned tangible fixed assets	014		1135	1614	
	D. Current assets (026+031+039+043+044)	025		185593	268349	
	I Inventories (027 to 030)	026		86		
15	4. Advances paid	030		86		
	II. Short-term receivables (032 to 035)	031		1	1999	
	4. Other receivables (036+037+038)	035		1	1999	
21, 22 except 223	4.3 Other unmentioned receivables	038		1	1999	
24	IV Cash on bank accounts and cash in hand	043		185506	266350	
28 except 288	E. Prepayments and accrued income	045		859	859	
	F. Total assets	046		214201	305849	
1/3	LIABILITES	126		305599	144910	
87	A. CAPITAL	101		1696		





	(102+103+104+105+111+116)				
	VI. RETAINED EARNINGS OR	111	1696		
	LOSS (112+113+1134+115)				
	2. Retained earnings for	113	1696		
	current year				
495	D. LONG-TERM DEFERRED	126	212243	305599	
part	INCOME AND DONATIONS				
	RECEIVED +				
	E. SHORT-TERM RESERVES	127	262	250	
	AND SHORT-TERM				
	LIABILITIES (128+129)				
	II. SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES	129	262	250	
	(130+137)				
	8.Other operating and short-	137	262	250	
	term liabilities (138 to 142)				
45 &	8.2 Other short-term liabilities	139	262		
46					
47, 48	8.3 Liabilities for VAT and	140		250	
except	other public revenues				
481					
	G. LIABILITIES TOTAL	144	214201	305849	
	(101+117+125+126+127+143				
	9			1	

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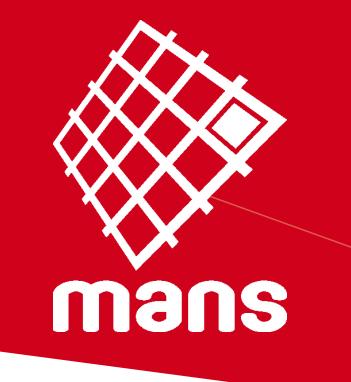
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INCOME STATEMENT (Profit and loss account) for the period 1. 1. 2021 to 31. 12. 2021

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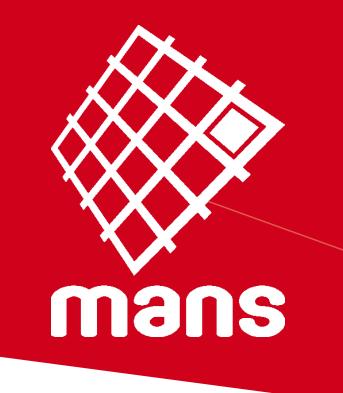
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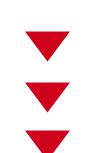
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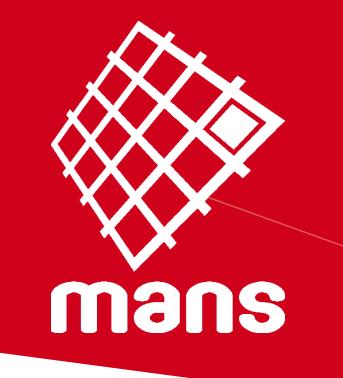
Group	Position	Ord. No.	Note/number	Current year	Previous year
1	2	3	4	5	6
62	3. Income from activating performances and goods	203			
	4. Other operating income	204		436719	471535
64 and 65	a) other income from regular operations	205		432147	470095
67, 691 and 692	b) Other operating income	206		4572	1440
68, except 683 and 685	c) Income from Value adjustment of assets	207			
	5. Operating expenses (209-210)	208		132740	167076
50 and 51	a) Purchase value of sold goods and cost of supplies	209		20123	21604
53, 54 and part 55	b) Other operating expenses (depreciation, provisions and other operating expenses)	210		112617	145472
540	c) Depreciation	210a			
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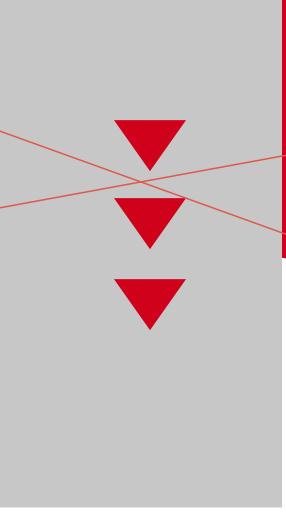




	expenses (212+213)			
52	a) Net cost of wages,	212	170182	172867
part	salaries and other personal		}	
	expenses			
	b) Cost of taxes and	213	131257	130878
	contributions (214 to 216)			
52	1/ Cost of taxes	214	22804	130878
part				
52	2/ Cost of contributions to	215	53038	
part	retirement fund			
52	3/ Contribution costs	216	55415	
part				
57,591	8. Other operating expenses	220	3182	553
and			}	
592				
	I. Operating results	221	-642	161
	(201+202+203+204-208-			
	211-217-220)			
	10. Income from other	226		393
	financial investments and			
	loans (interests, exchange			
	differences and effects of			
	contracted risk hedges)		{	
	(227 to 229)			
	c) Income from other	229		39:
	financial investments and			
	loans from legal entities			
	that are not associated			
	II Other income from	230	2339	
	financial investments and			
	loans from unrelated			
	parties			
	c) Financial income from	233	2339	
	current receivables from		}	
	unrelated legal entities		}	
	13. Expenses due to	237		552
	interests, exchange		}	
	differences and other		{	
	effects of contracted risk		}	
	hedges (238 to 240)			
562,	c) Expenses due to interest,	240		55
563,	exchange differences and		1	
564,	other effects of contracted			
569	risk incurred with entities			
	that are not associated	}		
	II. Financial profit and loss	241	2339	-16
Je	(222+226+230+234-237)			20
TER A	III Results from ordinary	242	1697	
1. 3 1/2 1	activities before tax	212	2077	
A S	activities before tax			







V. Results before tax	244	1697
15. Profit or loss before tax	248	1697
IX. Net overall results	260	1697
(248+259)		

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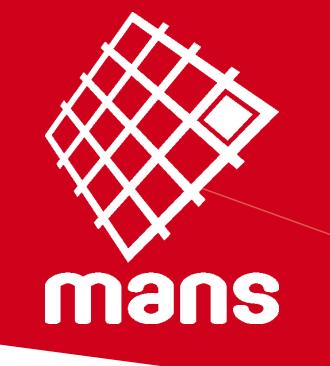
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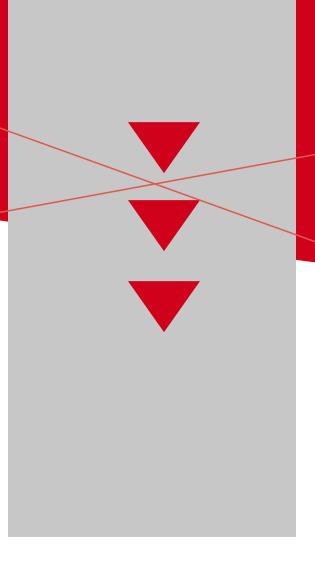
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Registered office at Dalmatinska 188, PODGORICA - Montenegro

Group	Position	Ord. No.	Note/number	Current year	Previous year
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Average number of employees (total number of employees at the end of the month divided by number of months)	001		18	23
640	Subsidies, donations and donation income	005		432147	470095
512	Overhead expenses	010		15222	17046
513	Cost of fuel and energy	011		4901	4558
520	Payroll costs and remunerations (gross)	012		257154	261493
529	Reimbursement of accommodation and meals on business trips, reimbursement of transportation expenses on business trips	013		3368	2473
53	Production service costs	014		57178	91535
531 and 532	Transport and maintenance cost	015		5607	5092
533	Lease cost	016		24569	22027
534 and 535	Cost of participation at fares and promotional costs	017		15802	28817
536	Research costs	018			
550 and	Non-production and	019		34753	34244







551	hospitality costs			
552 and	Insurance premium cost and	020	1930	3891
553	transaction costs			

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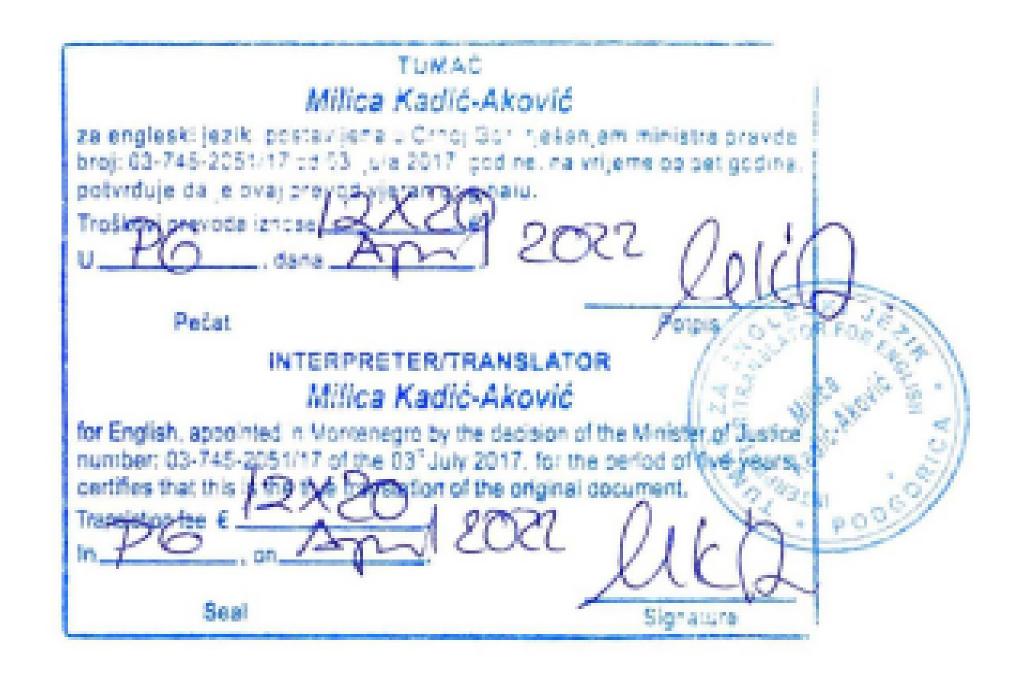
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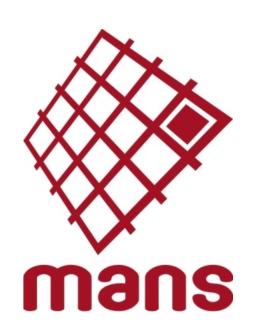
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