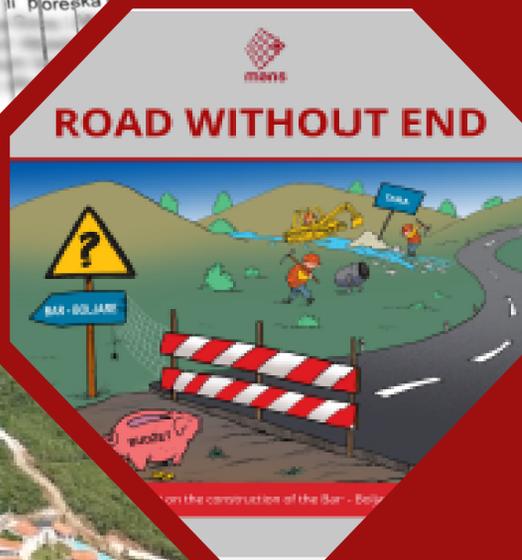


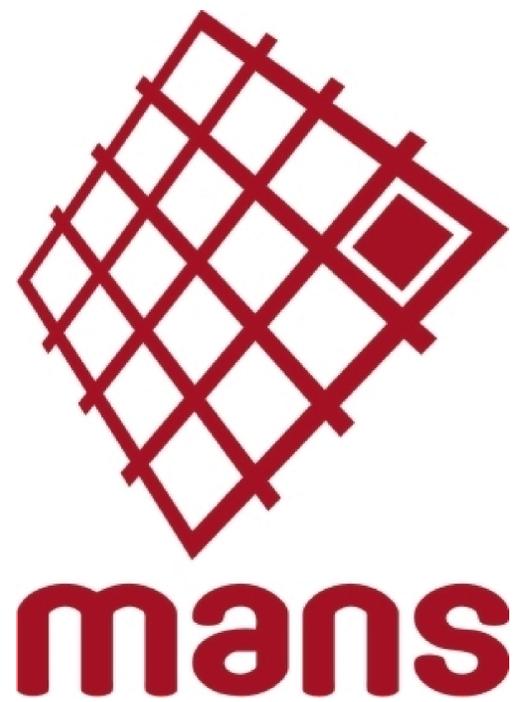


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Our Vision

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.

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Following a request by MANS to review the decision on public parking lots, the Constitutional Court of Montenegro overturned the decision. Namely, the Constitutional Court confirmed that the Capital City was illegally charging parking, i.e. that this decision of the Assembly of the Capital City of Podgorica from April 2015 was not based on the Law on Regulators of Public Utilities/Services, which was amended in February 2018. The above points to the fact that charging of parking was illegal for almost two years.

09/01/2020

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MANS expressed concern about the increasing pressure by the State Prosecutor's Office on free speech in Montenegro and condemned the apparent intention to censor Montenegrin society in the most brutal way. Namely, disagreement with the editorial policy of the media or their unprofessional reporting should not be a reason for a drastic violation of the freedom of speech, because in this way the State Prosecutor's Office would become the supreme censor in Montenegro.

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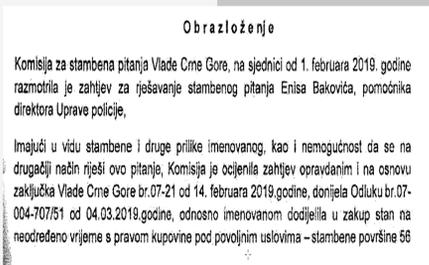


Documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre shows in what way the Assistant Director of the Police Directorate purchased a cottage worth 15 thousand Euros and gave money that was never reported to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC).

You can find more detailed information in the story: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/how-did-the-assistant-director-of-the-police-directorate-buy-a-cottage-worth-e15000/> Bearing in mind false information in its income and property statement, MANS provided documentation to APC for multiple and apparent violations of the Law on Prevention of Corruption.

17/01/2020

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MANS Investigative Centre also reveals that, thanks to a decision by the Government of Montenegro, Assistant Director of the Police Directorate for Criminal Police Sector, **Enis Baković**, purchased a flat of 56 m² for only €6.000. The document disclosed by MANS states that the Commission took into account "housing and other circumstances" of this police officer, but it is unclear whether this relates to the purchase of an expensive "Rolex" watch and the purchase of a vacation home in Žabljak.

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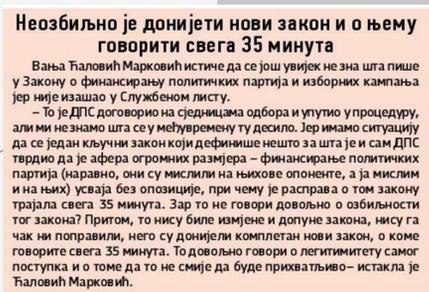
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Together with a group of NGOs, NGO MANS submitted an initiative to adopt a by-law regarding the establishment and implementation of continuous monitoring of environmentally friendly flow downstream of the reservoir or water intake. The group of NGOs expects to receive the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and to recognize the importance of preserving the rivers in Montenegro, which represent the bloodstream of Montenegro and are the basis for providing the most vital necessities and wellbeing of the local population.

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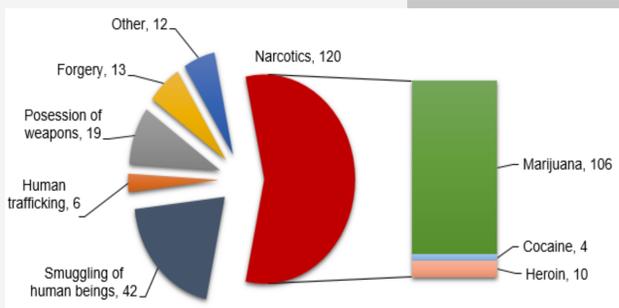
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Executive Director of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) Vanja Čalović Marković said in an interview with "Dan" that it was unacceptable for the government to amend electoral laws on its own and set electoral rules for itself. According to her, if there is no agreement on electoral rules, there will be no new elections under old rules, but new elections under new rules, which have never been worse in terms of legitimacy of the legal framework. Read the full interview at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/it-is-unacceptable-for-the-government-to-amend-electoral-laws-on-its-own/>

22/01/2020

More information on the results of the judiciary in the fight against organized crime in Montenegro, analysis of the legal framework, statistics and final court verdict issued from 2013 to the end of 2018, in relation to a specific crime, through thirty case studies containing an analysis of the work of Special Prosecutors, as well as the practice of the first and second instance courts, can be found in the recently published MANS' publication: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/BEHIND-THE-STATISTICS-5-criminal-offenses-with-elements-of-organized-crime.pdf>



January in photos

stan 56m² podrum 4m²

uplaćeno 6.079 €

povlašćena cijena stana 101 €/m²



267m² zemljište
58m² vikendica
15.000 EUR

KAKO JE KUPLJENA VIKENDICA NA ŽABLJAKU?

01



The information whether the visit of Montenegro's President to France during the New Year's holiday was official or private could not be obtained from his cabinet, as well as whether the President used the aircraft of the Government of Montenegro for those purposes and whether Paris was the final destination of his trip. It is still unknown how much money the citizens of Montenegro spent on the New Year's flight of the **President of Montenegro**. You can find more detailed data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre, which indicate a reasonable suspicion of abuse of office for private purposes, at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/secret-flights-of-the-government-aircraft-new-years-adventure-of-the-president-of-montenegro/> 01/02/2020

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S obzirom da se iz Obrazaca koji su sastavni dio Uputstva o uslovima i načinu korišćenja aviona kojim raspolaže Generalni sekretariat Vlade Crne Gore (ime i prezime podnosioca zahtjeva, dan i čas polaska odnosno povratka, relacija leta sa svim međuslijetanjima, plan leta, najavljivanje leta domaćim i međunarodnim organizacijama, obezbjeđivanje svih potrebnih odobrenja i dozvola za prelete i slijetanje na pojedine aerodrome, posada, kao i sve vrste troškova sa specifikacijom svakog pojedinog troška - aerodromske takse, takse za prelete, troškovi slijetanja na aerodrome, euro kontrol), dnevnika letenja i druge evidencije kao i mjesečnih i godišnjih izvještaja o radu avio servisa, troškova pilota, kao i svih računa u vezi sa vazduhoplovom, mogu utvrditi polazak, pravci kretanja i bliža lokacija boravka štićenih lica i druge evidencije iz kojih se mogu crpiti bezbjednosno sigurnosni podaci, a koji bi mogli predstavljati bezbjednosni rizik za štićene lica, to je procijenjeno da je neophodno da se podacima (dokumentaciji) iz Uputstva o uslovima i načinu korišćenja aviona kojim raspolaže Generalni sekretariat Vlade Crne Gore, odredi stepen tajnosti „INTERNO“.

NGO MANS reported *Montenegro's President, Milo Đukanović*, to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) and the Special State Prosecutor's Office (SSPO) on suspicion that he had used official aircraft of the Government of Montenegro for private purposes. Full responsibility for the apparent abuse of office to the detriment of the public interest and the state budget is expected to be established. The report also includes the Secretary General of the Government, who enabled the use of the official aircraft for private travel, while her Secretariat persistently refuses to provide the public with any information on the manner in which the state aircraft is used. 04/02/2020

06



Five non-governmental organizations and NGO MANS sent an open letter to the judges of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro regarding the election of the "presiding judge". As they point out, the election is contrary to the Constitution of Montenegro and the Law on the Constitutional Court of Montenegro, and they urge to repeal the contested decision, that the oldest judge assumes the office of the President of the Constitutional Court and repeat the process of electing the President of the Constitutional Court in order to protect the constitutionality and legality and to enable implementation of the rule of law. 06/02/2020

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As a response to invitation of the Prime Minister of Montenegro for a dialogue sent a few days ago, NGO MANS confirmed that it would accept it, with the expectation that the Government will show concrete willingness to improve legislation and create conditions for public control of its work. "We believe that it is our civic duty to persistently try to contribute to the implementation of reforms, even when there are minimal conditions and minimal political willingness to do so, but we will not accept to only play a role in any process", Executive Director of MANS points out. 07/02/2020

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The Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) refused, upon prior report by MANS, to investigate in what way the assistant director of the Police Directorate earned money and bought a cottage, given that the amount of €15.000 was never reported. According to MANS, by not prosecuting these cases as well, a very dangerous message is being sent that, as far as APC is concerned, everything illegal that was acquired before 2016 is now legal and introduced into official flows. In this manner, APC does not act as an official filter that is supposed to separate credible from the corrupt public officials, not because it cannot or does not have the competence, but above all because it does not wish to do so. 07/02/2020

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The Agency for Prevention of Corruption restricted the Network for Affirmation of NGO (MANS) from access to loan repayment documents for improving housing conditions in 2018, when 10 officials shared € 70.000. The decision to restrict access to documents was signed by the Acting Director Savo Milašinić, who declared the granting of favourable and privileged loans to Agency officials a "trade secret". MANS, as well as the Montenegrin public, are thus denied the names of nine officials who met the Agency's ad requirements, while information on the tenth official exist - Milašinić also received the loan and duly reported it in extraordinary assets and income statement. 18/02/2020

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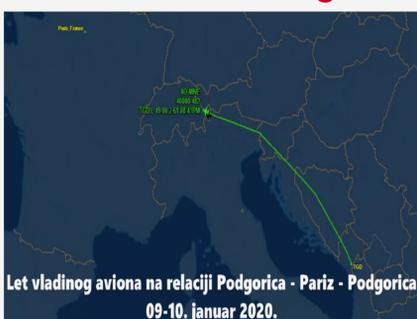
MANS Investigative Centre published information showing that for over five years, "Carinvest" company, owned by the **President of the Municipality of Budva, Marko Carević**, has been occupying nearly half a million square meters of the state-owned land in Krimovica, the Municipality of Kotor. The authorities in charge of safeguarding state property have not problematized this case so far. In the meantime, Carević built agricultural facilities on the state land that spans over 6,000 square meters, contrary to the law and without a building permit. You can read full investigative story at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/with-the-help-of-the-state-carevic-occupied-half-a-million-square-meters-in-krimovica/> 19/02/2020

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| ZAHTEV ZA ISPRAVU | |
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| 1. Podaci o korisniku | CAR INVEST D.O.O. |
| 2. Ime korisnika | |
| 3. Ime kompanije | |
| 4. Adresa korisnika | Lučeva Četvrtka, 85300 Kotor |
| 5. Adresa investitora | Krimovica, Četvrtka, Opština Kotor |
| 6. Kontakt osoba | |
| 7. Datum | |
| 8. Naziv investicije (u Ugovoru) | Ulaganje u opremanje malih klanaca za upravljanje potrebno |
| 9. Datum zavetne Ugovora | 15.02.2019. |
| 10. Vrijednost projekta (u milijunima €) | 400.000,00 |
| 11. Vrijednost iznosa potpisane Ug | 51.081,17 |
| 12. Vrijednost iznosa iznosa | 423.554,25 € (sa PDV) |

Latest data obtained by MANS show that **the President of the Municipality of Budva** not only used the enormous state land without any compensation, but the Government of Montenegro also financially helped to build his agricultural empire in Krimovica. In the last two years, the Ministry of Agriculture has paid nearly 100 thousand Euros to the company "Carinvest" for subsidies for agricultural production and procurement of equipment, even though it is a farm completely built on occupied state land and without a building permit. 25/02/2020

February in photos



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| TGD PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO SUNDAY 29-DEC-2019 04:21PM CET | last seen near PARIS, FRANCE SUNDAY 29-DEC-2019 06:33PM CET estimated arrival time |
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| 2h 15m total travel time | |
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| CDG PARIS, FRANCE FRIDAY 10-JAN-2020 08:16AM CET | LYPJ MONTENEGRO FRIDAY 10-JAN-2020 10:24AM CET |
| 2h 8m total travel time | |



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Data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre show that in only five years (2005-2010), an accounting employee from the Democratic Party of Socialists spent at least half a million Euros on purchase of real estate in Podgorica and Budva. The fact that the party remains silent on the manner in which its employee acquired valuable real estate further confirms doubts about the funding of the ruling party. The investigative story with all the details can be found at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/expensive-square-meters-of-the-dps-treasurer/>
04/03/2020

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Documentation obtained by MANS shows that the sale of shares in the company "Hidroenergija" was below the real price. Controversial businessmen Ranko Ubović and Aleksandar Mijajlović caused the damage to the state budget of at least €188,000. In 2018, they sold 60% of Hidroenergija for only €300,000, i.e. eight times less than the net worth, and therefore paid significantly less tax, bearing in mind the market value of the share sold. The documentation on these transactions shows that the authorities responsible for determining criminal liability should address this case.
09/03/2020

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The Special State Prosecutor's Office dismissed a criminal complaint filed by NGO MANS against Montenegro's President Milo Đukanović a month ago, on suspicion that he had used the official aircraft of the Government of Montenegro on his trip to Miami late last year and earlier this year. The allegation of abuse of office against Natasa Pešić who, as stated in the complaint, as the Secretary General of the Government allowed Đukanović to use the official aircraft for private travelling, was also rejected.
09/03/2020

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Within the project supported by the Delegation of the European Union to Podgorica, NGO MANS held a conference dedicated to the Project of highway construction in Montenegro Bar - Boljare, the first section Smokovac - Mateševo. The Prime Minister of Montenegro, who is at the same time the Head of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, officially opened the event. In addition to presentations by representatives of state institutions, experts and NGO sector, followed by discussion, the conference was organized through two thematic panels focusing on the - Impact of Highway Construction on the Environment, and Control and Access to Information.
11/03/2020

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MANS' investigation reveals new schemes regarding "Hidroenergija". The company "Hemera kapital" owned by the controversial businessman Oleg Obradović sold its share in company "Hidroenergija Montenegro" for around half a million Euros, but in its financial statements there are no information on those revenues, while the company paid no taxes. In this way, Obradović hid €500 thousand from the sale of shares and evaded taxes. "Hidroenergija", involved in the construction of small hydropower plants and millions of government-backed investments, generated very significant revenues from the sale of electricity.
11/03/2020

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Withholding information from the public has become a method of working for most government agencies. Having been silent for almost three months regarding flight by the state aircraft to Paris on New Year's Eve, President Milo Đukanović has now offered the public a theory that it was actually an official trip during which he performed some "duties in the interest of Montenegro". The public is unlikely to find out what are those state affairs anytime soon, because according to Đukanović, those are affairs "of which the public is not informed", at least not until they are finalized, as he said.
13/03/2020

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NGOs and journalists called on the Ministry of Public Administration to postpone a public debate on the Law on Free Access to Information after the coronavirus pandemic and to publish opinions of the European Union experts on the legislation. Bearing in mind that the Law on Free Access to Information is a key tool for investigative journalists and non-governmental organizations that monitor the work of state bodies, it is particularly worrying that this law is amended in this way, several months before the parliamentary elections.
30/03/2020

March in photos



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Several international organizations and experts joined over 40 Montenegrin NGOs and close to 30 media representatives in calling on the Ministry of Public Administration to postpone public debate on the Law on Free Access to Information. The decision of the Government to continue the public debate was criticized by the Secretariat of Transparency International from Berlin, leading global anti-corruption organization, OCCRP - Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and Access Info Europe from Madrid. 03/04/2020

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NGO MANS asked the National Coordination Body (NCB) to promptly disclose complete documentation on the basis of which it ordered and paid medical equipment that was shipped from the PR China at the beginning of April. **At the time of the global pandemic, and the expected culmination of the coronavirus epidemic in Montenegro, there should be no room for abuse of any kind. The case of discrepancy in the weight of medical equipment purchased by the Government became especially important when bearing in mind that the Law on Free Access to Information, whose new solutions give state bodies' greater freedom in withholding public information, is currently under public discussion.** 06/04/2020

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Nearly 50 NGOs and over 30 editors and journalists of the Montenegrin media sent **an open letter to the Prime Minister of Montenegro, requesting that he postpone public debates and consultations on amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information until the end of the coronavirus epidemic.** Among other things, they point out in the letter: **"the debate on the Law at the time of the epidemic is by no means fitting into the dialogue that you have started within the Alliance for Europe, and it completely refutes everything that is presented as the aim of the initiative"**. You can read the open letter to the Prime Minister at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/ngos-and-the-media-are-asking-the-prime-minister-markovic-to-postpone-the-debate-on-the-law-on-fai/> 09/04/2020

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NGO MANS was pleased that the pressure from the domestic and international public produced a concrete result and that the Ministry of Public Administration (MPA) after all recognized the importance of the Law on Free Access to Information (FAI) and postponed the public debate after the coronavirus epidemic. **"Postponing the debate during the epidemic was the only decision that is in the public interest bearing in mind that Montenegro is facing perhaps the biggest challenge in its modern history, thus, it is necessary for each part of the state apparatus to show that it recognizes and accepts responsibility for its decisions."** 14/04/2020

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NGO MANS reminds that **the practice of misusing state resources for party needs continues to be part of the political manner before every election, predominantly because it is not sanctioned at all. Insisting on it in times of epidemic, and in an atmosphere of collective fear, is the culmination of political opportunism,** bearing in mind the fact that the description of the work of the Vice President of the Parliament includes only activities related to the legislative house, as well as that the list does not include visits to local communities, hospitals, offering assistance to the Red Cross, or evaluation of the doctors' work. These "protocol" visits without a doubt carry a strong political message with them. 15/04/2020

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In an interview with the independent weekly "Monitor", the director of the MANS Investigative Centre expressed concern when it comes to media freedom and freedom of speech in general in the era of coronavirus. **"The measures that are being implemented, especially when it comes to freedom of speech and expression, are demeanour of the darkest totalitarian regimes. This is particularly evident when it comes to space of which state authorities have little or no control, such as social networks."** You can read the entire interview at the link below: <http://www.mans.co.me/ne-smijemo-dozvoliti-da-gusenje-sloboda-nadzivi-koronu/> 24/04/2020

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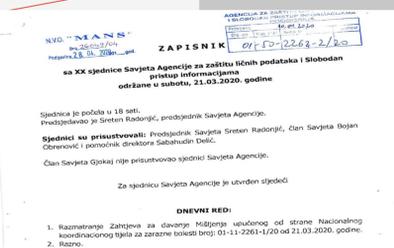
NGO MANS filed criminal charges with the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica **against Miloš Medenica, the son of Supreme Court President Vesna Medenica, and his business partner, on suspicion of occupying part of the state property in Krašići and building on it illegally.** They note that the Constitution of Montenegro **"does not prescribe private property over the coastline"**, but this, **"by all accounts, is not enough for state institutions to protect our resources from devastation by family members of high state officials and privileged businessmen from their circles, who are now going to add a part of the beach to their villas right by the sea"**. 27/04/2020

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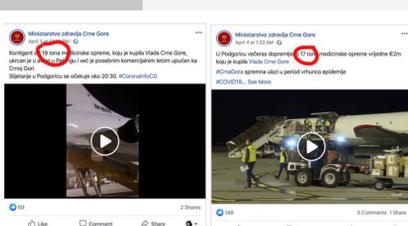
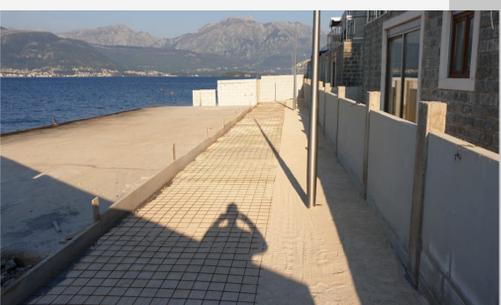
The Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) made an analysis of public procurements during the COVID-19 pandemic, which shows that in the period since the outbreak of the pandemic, health institutions have conducted 21 urgent procurements, with a total value of €1.87 million. The analysis states that procurements from funds from donations, which are paid to the National Coordination Body for Communicable Diseases (NCB), are carried out contrary to the Law on Public Procurement, and that consolidating procurement at the national level is a necessary response to more successful procurement of much needed goods. 27/04/2020

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NGO MANS came into possession of the minutes from the extraordinary session which confirms that the Council of the Agency for Personal Data Protection (APDP), without discussion, issued an opinion and accepted the request of the National Coordination Body (NCB) - to publish lists of persons in self-isolation. According to the minutes from the session held on Saturday, March 21, in the afternoon hours, the only item on the agenda was the request of the NCT asking for the Agency's opinion regarding the publication of lists of persons in self-isolation, which AZLP Council approved that evening. 29/04/2020

April in photos



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A year long investigation conducted in cooperation with Serbian KRIK and TV Vijesti journalists is finally here for you to read. We are bringing so far unpublished videos, pictures and testimonies of protected witnesses, shading new light on ties between criminals and politicians and state officials. This investigative story is so far most comprehensive research on war between Montenegrin cocaine clans that divided Balkan criminal underground. The full investigative story with all the details can be found at the link: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/bad-blood-a-war-between-montenegrin-cocaine-clans-engulfs-the-balkans/> 05/05/2020

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Previous investigations by MANS have shown that the business with small hydropower plants has mostly gathered a circle of people **associated with the ruling party and the current president**, and that everything that has been done so far on the legal framework in this area has been in favour of their owners, to the detriment of public interest. There is no doubt that with **the new amendments to the Energy Law** that are currently at public discussion, the Government of Montenegro plans to continue helping owners of the small hydropower plants even after the national targets on the share of so-called "green energy" in total consumption at the state level are met. 09/05/2020

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The Supreme State Prosecutor's Office **rejected MANS' complaint** against the decision of the Special Prosecutor Veljko Rutović to **reject criminal charges filed by MANS against the President of the state, Milo Đukanović**, on suspicion that he had used the government aircraft for private purposes on the way to Paris. The letter from the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office, signed by the state prosecutor Veselin Vučković, states that the Special State Prosecutor's Office **"acted in accordance with its legal powers and, after checking the report, issued a reasoned decision in the inquest rejecting the criminal charges"**. 11/05/2020

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We call on the Minister to disclose all information on negotiations and explain to the public when he will submit claims for damages to the Chinese company CRBC. **The statement by the Minister of Transport that the Government will not approve additional payments for the construction of the highway is a transparent attempt of the strawman argument. The government must and is obliged to demand compensation for the destruction of the Tara River from that company, as well as funds for remediation of the area, which is under international protection.** MANS has previously called the Government to make public all information about the negotiations with the Chinese company CRBC, which could reflect on the postponement of the completion of the construction of the highway and possible additional costs. 13/05/2020

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MANS called on the Special State Prosecutor's Office (SSPO) to fully prosecute the **President of the Parliament, Ivan Brajović**, without delay, stating that any further stalling in this investigation is not in the interest of Montenegrin citizens and contributes to further deterioration of trust in state institutions. SSPO has in its possession the evidence necessary for the current President of the Parliament, Ivan Brajović, to be fully prosecuted on suspicion of having committed several serious criminal offences, while transparent and efficient investigation, bearing in mind Brajović's office, represents an indisputable public interest. 14/05/2020

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Within a project supported by the European Union MANS presented new **mobile app "Ask the institutions"** by which all interested citizens can quickly and easily submit a request for free access to information, without going to state institutions. The app aims to help citizens exercise their legally and constitutionally guaranteed right to timely and accurate information. At the same time, users will be provided with the support of MANS, which will take all lawfully prescribed legal steps to ensure that the information is provided by the institution. The app for Android smartphones can be downloaded from the Google Play Store at the following link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=me.co.mans.pitajte_institucije 15/05/2020

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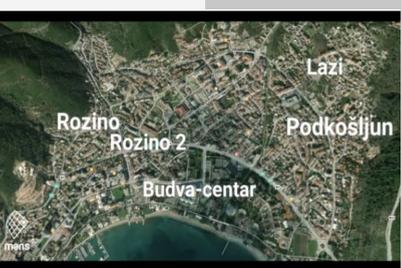
In the latest story, MANS Investigative Centre reveals data on how the Property Administration, although more than a decade late in establishing a system of records of the state-owned property, is procuring new business premises for state bodies. In the last four years alone, the Property Administration has spent around €9.5 million on the purchase of real estate and the lease of business premises owned by people associated **to the ruling Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) and its boss**. You can read full investigative story with all the details and documentation in support of the investigation at the link below: <http://www.mans.co.me/uprava-za-imovinu-kupuje-nove-nekretnine-evidencija-postojece-kasni-vise-od-deceniju/> 18/05/2020

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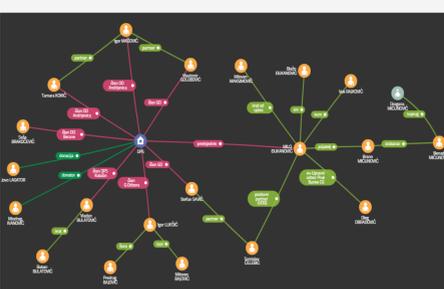
The decision of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism (MSDT) to reject the request for free access to information submitted by MANS regarding the actions of the Construction and Urban Inspection in case of **illegal construction on state land** in front of facilities **owned by Miloš Medenica, son of the Supreme Court President Vesna Medenica**, undermines the already low trust of citizens in this institution. Although the construction site was allegedly closed by the decision of MSDT, this is not the case in practice since workers are still on the site performing internal works, while it is not possible to obtain more information on what the inspection found, what measures were imposed, and whether investors will bear any consequences. 19/05/2020

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The documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre shows that **the President of the Municipality of Budva, Marko Carević**, has been using Podgorica-based company "Asfalt-beton gradnja" for a long time in order to participate in tenders announced by the Municipality of Budva as a covert subcontractor. In that way, Carević has concluded as many as 11 contracts with this company since the beginning of his term of office, worth €1 900 000. **Details of the investigative story with full documentation and videos can be found at the link:** <http://www.mans.co.me/asfalt-sa-mirisom-korupcije-kako-je-budvanski-predsjednik-opstine-zaradivao-od-gradskih-tendera/> 24/05/2020

May in photos



04



Through numerous previous investigations, NGO MANS has pointed to a **school example of employing in public companies and bringing cash into legal channels through donations to political parties**. It is during investigation of DPS' donations for 2016 parliamentary elections that MANS concluded that **it was quite obvious that there was a very well-developed scheme through which DPS deposits money into its accounts, under the pretext that these are donations**. You can read the interview of CIN-CG with the director of the MANS Investigative Centre on this topic at the following web address: <http://www.mans.co.me/donacije-partijama-kao-razradena-sema-za-unos-gotovine/> 04/06/2020

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Documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre shows that the Property Administration, under the pretext of the epidemiological situation, **concluded an Emergency Procurement Contract signed only a day after the decision to initiate the procurement was made**. In the decision to initiate the procurement, apart from referring to the coronavirus situation, there is no detailed explanation why such valuable procurement of the equipment of the Clinical Centre is carried out by urgent procedure **without a delivery deadline**. You can read how the contract worth €300,000 was awarded to the company "Pro Horeca" from Podgorica, owned by the son of the former Supreme State Prosecutor and current member of the Prosecutorial Council Ranka Čarapić, at: <http://www.mans.co.me/hitna-nabavka-bez-roka-isporuke-kako-je-ugovor-vrijedan-300-000-eura-zavrrio-u-rukama-sina-ranke-carapic/> 07/06/2020

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Two months after MANS filed the criminal complaint, illegal walls of the son of the President of the Supreme Court and his business partner on the route of the public promenade in Krašići near Tivat were torn down. MANS Investigative Centre, which initiated the whole case a few months ago, points out that it is good to see that the state and its institutions at least sometimes do their job. **"However, the illegally built walls from the promenade in Krašići should have been torn down two months ago when the disputed construction took place. The Ministry must send a message that we are all equal before the law, which will reduce the space for suspicion that someone can be exempted from the consequences of his acting only because he is a relative of a public official."** 08/06/2020

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MANS points out that **political corruption is unpunished and deeply rooted in the system, as evidenced by numerous scandals and almost no results of the State Prosecutor's Office and other competent institutions in their resolving**. "As such, it is no longer an anomaly, but a rule by which the most important processes in the state happen." This is especially disastrous when it comes to the election process in which it is decided who will manage state resources, pass laws, or create social and economic policies in the coming period. You can read the complete interview of the Deputy Executive Director of the NGO MANS at the following web address: <https://www.vijesti.me/vijesti/politika/444835/tuzilastvo-zmuri-kad-dps-nadje-glas-za-spas> 22/06/2020

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Commenting on the latest developments in Budva which represent the stripped, brutal violence of the party police against the citizens of Montenegro, **MANS points out that selective justice is the worst justice and that they will continue to report any violation of the law, without political calculations, because no one should be untouchable**. The latest footage, which shows police officers kicking and beating already helpless and tied citizens, is appalling evidence of the brutal political abuse of captured institutions. The Special State Prosecutor's Office which keeps all MANS' criminal charges against the top regime officials in a drawer and initiates proceedings only under political dictation, got involved in the political showdown. **Repression is always a sign that dictatorial regimes are losing power, and the more they stifle civil freedoms and trample on laws, the more certain changes are**. That happened everywhere, and it is going to happen in Montenegro as well. 25/06/2020

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Special State Prosecutor's Office does not see the crime of the top government officials, but instead, it expressly prosecutes representatives of the opposition with meaningless accusations, at key political moments. **It thus creates the practice that any critic of the regime can be suspected of criminal association for trivial reasons, arrested and removed from the public life at a time that suits the regime**. NGO MANS believes that the Special State Prosecutor's Office, together with the police, is the regime's spearhead, which does not hesitate to abuse its powers to pursue the interests of the ruling party, and it is becoming a threat to exercising basic human rights to freedom of speech, expression and political action. 26/06/2020

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According to MANS, no verdict for publicly expressed criticism of the situation in our country can restore the reputation of Montenegro where the years-long bloody war of cocaine criminal clans continues, which represent an immediate danger to the life of every citizen of this country. Numerous seizures of cocaine and heroin in ports around the world, which are organized by exactly those persons who Montenegrin judicial authorities have not been able to prosecute for years, even for traffic violation, show that "our dear homeland is famous for drugs". **Such shameful act of the Montenegrin judiciary requires the condemnation of the entire society, because we must not allow those who have never brought the heads of organized crime to justice to punish those who criticize them for that**. 27/06/2020

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By participating in the opening of a workshop on the role of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) in controlling election campaigns, the executive director of the NGO MANS pointed out that **the election campaign was entered into with the Agency which is a "whip of the ruling party" and does not act in accordance with the law, but selectively and biased, and therefore there is no need to build its capacities, which imply bigger and stronger strikes against critics of the regime**. "There is evidence that APC works in the interest of the ruling party and it is not the first time that an institution is abused by the ruling party to deal with opponents or to ensure loyalty in its ranks." You can read conclusions from the workshop on methodologies for election monitoring developed through the project of the Council of Europe and the European Union at the following web address: <https://www.dan.co.me/?nivo=3&rubrika=Drustvo&datum=2020-06-30&clanak=750085> 30/06/2020

June in photos



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As a guest in the show "Načisto" on TV Vijesti, the Executive Director of MANS spoke about: **In what way the judiciary system and the official truth is tailored in Montenegro?** What message does the re-election of Chief Special Prosecutor Milivoje Katnić send? Are investigations conducted selectively? What is the state of the Montenegrin judiciary? Why is the truth increasingly being sought through protests instead the institutions of the system? Who are the untouchables, and what is the fate of society without equal application of the law? - These are just some of the topics that the guests of the show addressed. You can watch the complete show at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYUZZdenw-k&t=28s>
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For two months now, the Minister of Health has been refusing to submit to MANS the minutes from the sessions of the National Coordination Body for Communicable Diseases (NCB), claiming that his ministry does not have them, although at the end of March, he personally signed the decision on the establishment of that body, of which he is also a member. **At the beginning of the epidemic, NCB also declared itself non-competent to provide information, and referred us to the Ministry of Health, as its founder.** At the same time, the Ministry of Health claims that it does not have any information on the medical equipment purchased by the Government of Montenegro in China for the needs of Montenegro's health institutions, as well as on its distribution. You can read the complete investigative story with all the details at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/where-are-the-minutes-from-the-sessions-of-the-ncb/>
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Out of 26 working days, during June and the first half of July, **the officials of the ruling DPS, as state officials, spent as many as 20 days on the field, announcing and opening various projects in almost all parts of Montenegro.** What is represented by the Government as regular state activities was especially intensified after on June 20, the President of Montenegro, Milo Đukanović, scheduled the parliamentary elections. **MANS' analysis shows that this type of institutional support for the upcoming campaign was particularly visible in the capital city, which is also the largest constituency in the country.** You can read the complete analysis with all the details at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/dps-campaign-at-the-expense-of-all-citizens/>
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The documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre raises additional suspicions about the existence of an organized scheme for inserting cash through fictitious donations from individuals. Through donations from individuals, DPS has collected close to € 700,000 for the last parliamentary elections alone. Over € 18,000 were paid by 23 employees of the Public Utility Company "Čistoća" from Podgorica, in order to help the election campaign of the ruling Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) in the eve of the last parliamentary elections in 2016. **The scheme discovered by MANS involved the payment of cash in only one branch of the same bank, on the same day and in almost identical amounts.**
21/07/2020

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MANS' latest investigative story reveals data showing that, in addition to the employees of Podgorica's Public Utility Company "Čistoća", the workers of the city water supply and sewerage company "Vodovod" and the Fire Department financed DPS' election campaign. **Despite documented cases of illegal financing of election campaigns, when it comes to prosecuting this type of political corruption, Montenegrin State Prosecutor's Office has not had tangible results for years.** See how DPS created the cash injection system in the video: <https://www.facebook.com/nvo.mans/videos/286442742445867/> as well as the story with all the data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre <http://www.mans.co.me/en/how-dps-created-a-system-for-inserting-cash-all-the-presidents-men/>
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That institutions are hiding their spending in the pre-election period is indicated by the fact that MANS filed 53 complaints with the Agency for Prevention of Corruption against institutions that hid their spending during the election period. Most of the data was hidden by the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Sports and Youth, the Property Administration and the University of Montenegro. **Most of the reported institutions did not publish analytical cards on their spending at all, although they are obliged to do so according to the Law on Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns.** In some cases, institutions deleted transaction amounts, information on suppliers and other data, although the Law stipulates that analytical cards must provide accurate and complete categories of information. For now, the Agency has not reacted to the violation of the law.
24/07/2020

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Instead of reforms, amendments to the Law on Voter List have made it essentially impossible to control the voter list after the ruling parties amended the Law while the entire opposition boycotted the work of the Parliament, without any consultation with the civil sector, interpreting arbitrarily and falsely ODIHR's recommendations. *Everyone who is given access to the voter list does so while being supervised by the Ministry of the Interior, whose work they are supposed to control. MANS will not attend the meeting at the Ministry of the Interior, which refers to the voter list, because following the amendments to the Law, we do not have the basic conditions to control the accuracy of that register which is of key importance for the election process.*

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Despite the "Envelope" affair, but also the recommendations of international experts, the new Law on Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns does not provide for criminal liability and a sanction for false accounting. Many segments of the new law are weaker and a step backwards compared to the 2015 regulation, according to analysis by Tilman Hoppe, Senior Advisor for the German Bundestag, independent anti-corruption expert, made for the purpose of MANS' project. Complete analysis and compliance with the recommendations of the previous regulation can be found at:

<http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Compliance-of-Montenegro-with-recommendations.pdf>

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MANS filed a criminal complaint to the Special State Prosecutor's Office against **Milo Đukanović, the President of Montenegro and the President of the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS), as well as against his party, all due to suspicion that they had created a scheme of inserting money of unknown origin into the official financial flows of that party in order to finance 2016 election campaign. Even such State Prosecutor's Office must no longer ignore concrete evidence and well-founded suspicions of political corruption and money laundering. This is particularly important in the context of the forthcoming parliamentary elections, which Montenegro once again enters under the mortgage of unresolved political corruption scandals.**

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Which companies got valuable jobs, without previously conducted tender, and based on the decisions of the National Coordination Body (NCB), which adopts them behind closed doors and contrary to the public procurement procedure, is given in the latest MANS' analysis. All the money spent contrary to the tender procedure, at least contrary to the one that was communicated with the public, will now be reimbursed from the state budget. All other state institutions announced tenders for emergency procurements in accordance with the Law on Public Procurement, which was not the case with NCB, which still has over seven million Euros of donations currently at its disposal on its account without any control.

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MANS filed complaints with the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) against several TV and radio stations that failed to submit price lists for political advertising within the legal deadline in the pre-election campaign for the parliamentary elections to be held in August this year. Due to this, and in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns, MANS asked APC to ban them from providing media advertising services during the election campaign as well as to remove all price lists that were not submitted in accordance with the Law, so as not to mislead the participants in the election process, and initiate misdemeanour proceedings in case some of the mentioned media provides media advertising campaign services.

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July in photos



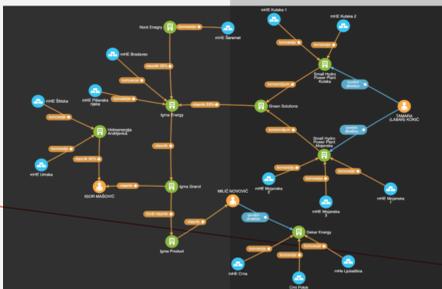
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MANS Investigative Centre published the documentation which shows that since the beginning of this year, the Maritime Safety Department Bar has spent over € 20 thousand on paying of employees under temporary service contract, which is information that the state institution tried to hide. On that basis, €6,000 was paid in June this year alone. Hiring of workers under temporary service contracts has been recognized as one of the mechanisms of putting pressure on voters in the pre-election period, especially after the recordings from the main board of the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) came to light, which recognize this type of employment as a way to influence public sector employees.

21/08/2020

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The latest data from the NGO MANS Research Center show that Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) received unlawful donations from the owners and directors of companies that manage small hydropower plants (SHPPs). Igor Mašović, Tamara Kokić and Milić Novović are connected with companies that have active concessions for the production of electricity from small hydropower plants, and before this year's elections they donated a total of € 13 thousand to DPS on the same day - July 20 this year. You can read the complete research story with all the details at the following web address: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/concessionaires-donated-e-13000-for-dps-campaign/>

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The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Milutin Simović, deceived the public and tried to hide the payments of over € 630 thousand, which his department distributed to the consultants in the first half of the election year. On July 22 this year, MANS asked the Ministry for detailed information on the use of water management programmes for consulting services, including invoices and contracts with suppliers. In response to the request for information, claims that: "no payments were made based on consulting services from the Water Management programme during 2020." Documents submitted to MANS by the Ministry of Finance, which contain data on spending of all budget users, show that Simović tried to hide enormous payments by misinforming the public.

24/08/2020

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Opening of streets, bridges, parks, and announcing of future projects were an integral part of what the civil sector calls an "official's campaign." MANS Investigative Centre points to examples that confirm that the desire to promote DPS was often more important than compliance with regulations. Thus, it is revealed that the new bicycle paths in Podgorica, recently built, were not foreseen by the Spatial-Urban Plan (SUP) of the Capital City Podgorica and lower plans, and their construction is illegal. That the party campaign is more important than the law and the story with all the details can be read at the website below: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/party-campaign-more-important-than-the-law/>

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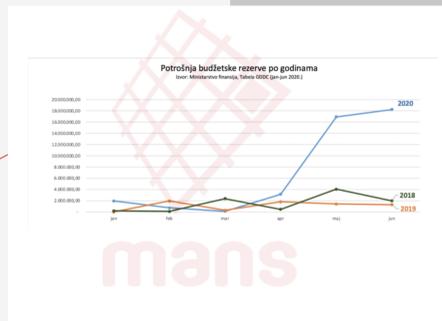
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| Budžetski program | ukupna potrošnja feb - 15 avg 2020 | ukupna potrošnja feb - 15 avg 2019 | Povećanje |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Unapređenje turističke ponude | 12.446.000,00 € | 3.706.000,00 € | 8.740.000,00 € |
| Izgradnja i rekonstrukcija prostora za rad državnih organa | 6.607.000,00 € | 647.550,00 € | 5.959.450,00 € |
| Izgradnja lokalne infrastrukture (lokalni putevi, ulice i parkovi) | 3.299.000,00 € | 1.291.000,00 € | 2.008.000,00 € |
| Izgradnja i rekonstrukcija objekata socijalnog staranja | 3.190.000,00 € | 1.542.000,00 € | 1.648.000,00 € |
| Izgradnja i rekonstrukcija sportskih objekata | 1.759.000,00 € | 941.000,00 € | 818.000,00 € |
| Projekti očuvanja životne sredine (vodovodi) | 509.000,00 € | 197.000,00 € | 312.000,00 € |

The analysis of the MANS Investigative Centre shown that in just six months this year, the Public Works Administration spent over € 12 million on improving the tourist offer, which is almost nine million more compared to the same period last year when there were no elections. This is just one of the drastic increases in spending in the election year, which indicate that this institution was one of the key ones in the so-called officials' field campaign of DPS. How the Public Works Administration supported the officials' campaign of ruling DPS you can read at the link below: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/how-the-public-works-administration-supported-the-officials-campaign-of-dps/>

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During June this year, the Government spent 14 times more money from the budget reserve than in the same month last year, while part of the data on spending for July and August was declared a state secret, thus, their amount is unknown to the public. The Government has previously claimed that they have increased the planned funds in the budget reserve due to the epidemic, although at the end of last year, before the virus appeared in Montenegro, they proposed a three times larger budget than in 2019. That the budget reserve was used as a pre-election cash machine and all the details of the MANS analysis can be read at the following web address: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/budget-reserve-as-a-pre-election-cash-machine/>

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The analysis of the pre-election campaign for the parliamentary elections has so far shown that most of the mechanisms from the "Tape recording" ("Snimak") affair are still used, especially when it comes to misuse of budget funds for political purposes, while the situation with the coronavirus epidemic was used to legitimize such practice.

27/08/2020

August in photos



| Redni broj | Ime i prezime | Broj računa | Ukupna iznosa | Tip transakcije | Datum |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 207 | Podgorička banka AD | 990,00 | 0,00 | 000 | 12/08/2020 |
| 208 | Podgorička banka AD | 0,00 | 28,28 | 103 | 12/08/2020 |
| 209 | Comptona Komercijalna banka | 0,00 | 1.331,46 | 103 | 08/08/2020 |
| 210 | Imena JMBG | 9.150,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 211 | Imena JMBG | 3.897,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 212 | Imena JMBG | 5.893,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 213 | Imena JMBG | 3.238,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 214 | BETKO, CRNA GORA A.D. | 1.800,00 | 0,00 | 121 | DDO/DO |
| 215 | MARITA MARČIĆ ODO. | 3.873,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 216 | Podgorička banka AD | 1.894,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 217 | Podgorička banka AD | 3.000,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 218 | Podgorička banka AD | 241,72 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 219 | Podgorička banka AD | 38,28 | 0,00 | 127 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 220 | Podgorička banka AD | 980,24 | 0,00 | 103 | Ostali transferi |
| 221 | Podgorička banka AD | 810,00 | 0,00 | 103 | Ostali transferi |
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| 223 | Podgorička banka AD | 242,70 | 0,00 | 103 | Ostali transferi |
| 224 | Podgorička banka AD | 4.373,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 225 | Podgorička banka AD | 200,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 226 | Podgorička banka AD | 140,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 227 | Podgorička banka AD | 170,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |
| 228 | Podgorička banka AD | 150,00 | 0,00 | 121 | Prilozak ulaganje |

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Data from the MANS Investigative Centre show that during June and July alone, despite the legal obligation to make its spending in the pre-election period public, **the Ministry of Sports covered up as many as 136 transactions worth close to € 100,000.** The ministries of economy and culture had a similar practice. **By concealing data on actual spending, these institutions violated the Law on Financing of Political Entities, and created additional space for suspicion that there was a misuse of state funds for election purposes in these cases.** At the same time, the analysis of the finances of budget users shows that the **Environmental Protection Agency and the Administration for Inspection Affairs** also presented inaccurate data on spending. **05/09/2020**

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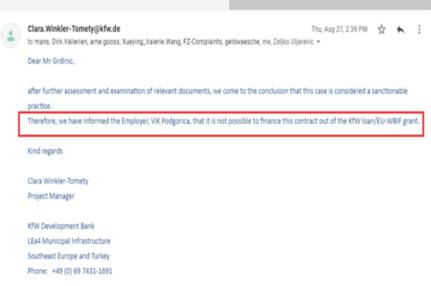
In an interview with Television Vijesti, the Executive Director of MANS assesses in which state bodies the biggest obstructions are expected, as well as what challenges the new government will face in addition to the economic crisis and a huge epidemiological problem, in an attempt to obstruct its policy. **She sees the opening of institutions as the first necessary step in order to make available the data on where the money was spent and who was involved in corruption and other illegal activities, which is why MANS will offer the new government proposals for key laws that have been worked on for two decades.** You can find the entire interview at: <https://www.vijesti.me/tv/emisije/468665/calovic-markovic-opstrukcije-ocekujem-u-policiji-anb-centrima-za-socijalni-rad-ministarstvu-finansija> **12/09/2020**

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Participating in the show **"Načisto"** on TV Vijesti, the Executive Director of MANS pointed out that the results of the parliamentary elections were surprising, and that **"it is important that the citizens understand that the government can be changed with a pen."** At the same time, she points out that she does not see Duško Knežević as a humanist who fights for society and against the regime, and that **"he and the like can only be penitents and cooperating witnesses."** **According to her, it is very important to find legitimate mechanisms to confiscate property from those who acquired it illegally.** Details of the interview and the entire show can be found at the web address below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPsJLQIJnfQ> **17/09/2020**

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

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

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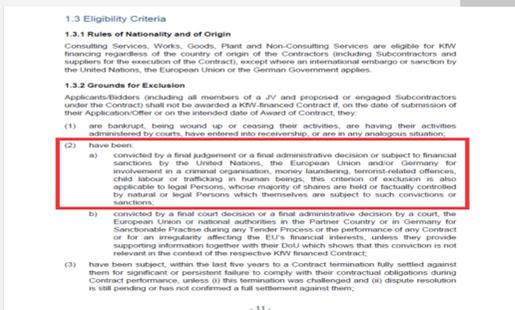
The Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism (Re:Baltica), in cooperation with the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS), investigated data from transaction documents concerning **the former owner of the Aluminium Plant Podgorica (KAP), Oleg Deripaska.** The findings of that investigation indicate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

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

September in photos



02



Data obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre show that the *Capital City Podgorica violated the right to privacy of citizens at ten locations in the city, some of which include children's playgrounds.* After the citizens reported that the video surveillance was set against the law, MANS informed the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information, which carried out an inspection of the Common Affairs Service of the Capital City Podgorica. **That the citizens' suspicions were justified is also confirmed by the findings of the Agency, which stated that the Capital City set up the mentioned video surveillance in the parks and playgrounds without its consent, thereby, data on citizens were collected in an unlawful manner.**

02/10/2020

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MANS warns of serious shortcomings in the implementation of public procurement procedures, which, as in the case of the Capital City and the Public Works Administration, result in millions-worth jobs being awarded to persons convicted of serious crimes, which is explicitly prohibited by the Law on Public Procurement. It took more than three months for the High Court from Podgorica to submit a final judgement in "Vardar" case to the Ministry of Justice in order for it to be entered into criminal records kept by the Ministry. **This enabled the owner of the construction company "Toškovići", to get a job from the Public Works Administration worth € 1.3 million, despite the final judgement in "Vardar" case.**

04/10/2020

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NGO MANS points out that the recently published Report of the European Commission (EC) should be a roadmap for the new government, while the experts who worked on it can help in drafting better laws, as well as in detecting specific cases, but also in cleaning institutions from those who incited corruption and worked in service of the organized crime. **Latest EC report confirms that the outgoing government has captured and systematically destroyed all institutions, and contains a clear picture of the very poor state and basic recommendations for improvement, but it does not provide precise solutions to the very complex issues that the new government is going to face by taking over the "captured" institutions.**

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The analysis presented by the Media Centre, with the support of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) within the Civil Society Facility Project in Montenegro 2018-2020, confirms that national TV stations strongly favoured the ruling parties in the election campaign. **The aim of the Analysis was to improve the records on compliance with the professional standards of public and private broadcasters with a national frequency during the election campaign in Montenegro in 2020. At the same time, it contains key recommendations regarding the need to amend legislation in order to give the Agency for Electronic Media the authority to oversee the application of the rulebook for monitoring the election campaign by the electronic media (public and private).**

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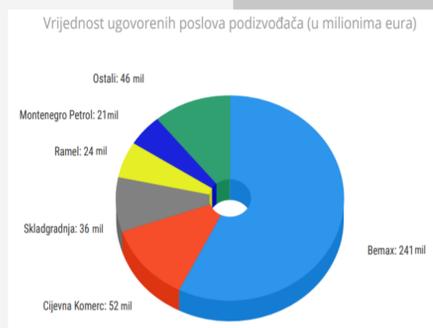
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MANS Investigative Centre published data that indicate that the methods of the **"Snimak" (Tape recordings) affair** were used this year as well. The documents show that the employment for a certain period of time, usually before or after the elections, has long been a model by which the DPS gained an advantage on the ground. The continuation of such practice is a direct consequence of the fact that the response of Montenegro's State Prosecutor's Office to the "Snimak" affair was almost non-existent, which encouraged DPS to continue with its practice. **In this way, the Government, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Transport, the Employment Agency, the Police Directorate, the Tax Administration and the Administration for Inspection Affairs provided € 750,000 for the employment of 210 people just before the parliamentary elections.**

09/10/2020

14



MANS published data showing **that subcontractors on the priority section of the highway have contracted works worth € 420 million.** In this way, subcontractors will be paid more than half of the agreed price for the construction of the priority section from Smokovac to Mateševo. **84 subcontractors contracted the works on the highway, with "Bemax" getting the largest part of the work, over 240 million, i.e. more than all other subcontractors combined. Fourth report on the monitoring of the construction of the Bar - Boljare highway, as well as all the details that indicate the harmfulness of the loan for the highway, can be found at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Fourth-report-on-the-construction-of-the-Bar-Boljare-highway-ROAD-WITHOUT-END.pdf>**

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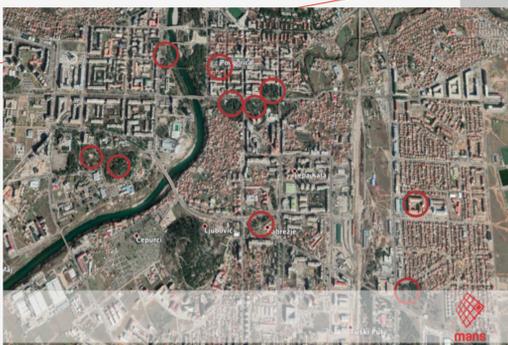
Član 1
Dobavljač se obavezuje da za potrebe Naručioca izvrši isporuku robe u svemu prema Tenderskoj dokumentaciji za pregovarački postupak bez prethodnog objavljivanja poziva za nadmetanje broj 3/PP-2020(01-6610) od 14.08.2020. godine, Odluke o izboru najpovoljnije ponude: 01-6935 od 31.08.2020 godine i ponudi ponuđača Farmalab d.o.o Podgorica, zavedena na arhivi naručioca broj 04-6836 dana 25.08.2020. godine.

Član 2
Predmet nabavke: laboratorijska oprema za potrebe Centra za medicinsku mikrobiologiju (odjeljenje za molekularnu dijagnostiku) za povećanje dijagnostičkih kapaciteta i automatizacije procesa rada, zbog aktuelne epidemiološke situacije SARS-CoV-2, po partijama:
Partija 1: 384- Well Block-a za QuantStudio™7- Flex Real - Time PCR system;
Partija 2: Automatizovani/robotizovani sistem za izolaciju mikleniskih kisjelna.

Documentation analysed by the MANS Investigative Centre shows that **since the beginning of the coronavirus epidemic, the Institute of Public Health (IPH) has spent € 240,000 on testing of samples in a laboratory in Germany, which was enough to procure the necessary equipment to significantly increase the capacity for virus testing in Montenegro and equip at least two more laboratories. The first shipment of 1958 samples in July was paid around € 107 thousand, while the second shipment followed in September, when a contingent of 1,118 samples was sent, which cost the Institute additional € 61.5 thousand.**

21/10/2020

October in photos



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| Description | Amount | Single price in EURO | Total price in EURO |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|---------------------|
| SARS-CoV-2 Detection | 1958.0 | 55.00 | 107.690.00 |

Total amount: 107.690.00

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Fourth report on the construction of the Bar - Boljare Highway

02



Since 2015, when he started implementing his plan to usurp almost half a million square meters of the state-owned land in Krimovica, *the President of the Municipality of Budva, Marko Carević*, has had the continuous support of state institutions, which are joined by *the Special State Prosecutor's Office (SSPO)* as well. In a letter sent to Carević last week, Special Prosecutor Veljko Rutović informed the mayor of Budva that SSPO was not competent for the case formed regarding the usurpation of state property, and that it had been forwarded to the Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Kotor. **The usurpation of nearly half a million square meters of the state-owned plots, and the mass illegal construction that has been going on for five years, could not have been done without the active support of state institutions, which SSPO obviously did not take into account or examine in more detail.**

02/11/2020

06



In a dispute initiated by MANS, the High Court confirmed that the National Security Agency (NSA) had unlawful access to citizens' personal data, and that this practice also violated the provisions of the European Commission for Human Rights and Freedoms. *The basis for the NSA's access to these data is the agreement between the Agency and the Ministry of the Interior (MOI), but the court determined that from the legal aspect, such Agreement could not be concluded. The court confirmed that in an independent, uncontrolled and unlimited manner, NSA officials were able to collect data on citizens in the possession of the MOI on the basis of an agreement declared a state secret.*

06/11/2020

11



MANS data show that an enormous money amount flowed out of the country due to the hiring of foreign workers on the construction of the highway. **The main contractor on the highway, Chinese CRBC, paid almost 300 million euros for salaries from 2016 to the end of 2019. Of that, 295 million euros were paid to foreign workers, while domestic workers received only five million in four years. Last year, the average salary of foreign workers was about six times higher than the average income of domestic workers.** Full report on monitoring of the construction of the highway with all the precise data can be found on the link below: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Fourth-report-on-the-construction-of-the-Bar-Boljare-highway-ROAD-WITHOUT-END.pdf>

11/11/2020

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That the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, as an institution in charge of the fight against corruption, did not comply with the regulations in the pre-election period, is also confirmed by the report on the conducted supervision during the election campaign. **"The Agency not only turned a blind eye to the violation of the Law on Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns, but it also allowed the parties and state institutions, which it should control, to interpret the law and explain to it that when they violate it, it is not a violation but it is the legal regulations that are not good."** In the report on the conducted supervision during the election campaign, the Agency did not state which state bodies and parties violated the law.

19/11/2020

19



CRBC, main contractor for the construction of the Bar - Boljare highway, is suspected of extracting gravel from Tara in June and July this year for the construction of a priority section of the highway, which is why inspectors from the Administration for Inspection Affairs filed a complaint with the Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Kolašin, as shown by the documentation obtained by the Investigative Centre of the NGO MANS. **So far, competent authorities have justified all the activities of CRBC that had direct impact on the watercourse of the Tara River by the so-called project of regulation of its riverbed.** Full investigative story can be found at the following link: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/inspection-suspects-that-crbc-extracted-gravel-from-tara/>

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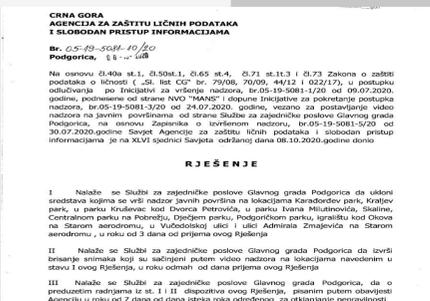
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The latest footage from the recently completed work of asphaltting the streets in Budva's settlement of Pobori show that the company "Asfalt-beton gradnja" from Podgorica continued to use the machines of the company "Carinvest", which is owned by the president of that municipality, Marko Carević, for performing works in Budva. This is just one of as many as 12 contracts that Carević signed with this company since taking over the Municipality of Budva in 2019, in which his company "Carinvest" with mechanization participates as a covert subcontractor. MANS warns that Carević has practically made the procurement system in the municipality he manages meaningless, and that in his case it is a textbook example of conflict of interests and violation of the law that has had to be prosecuted so far.

22/11/2020

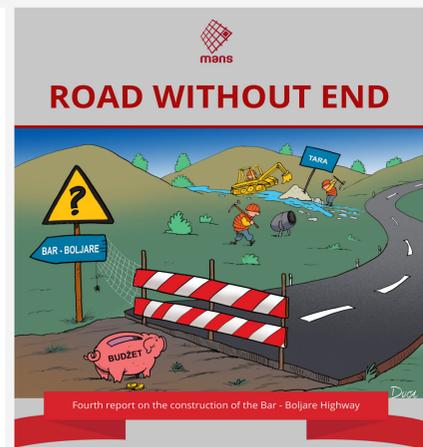
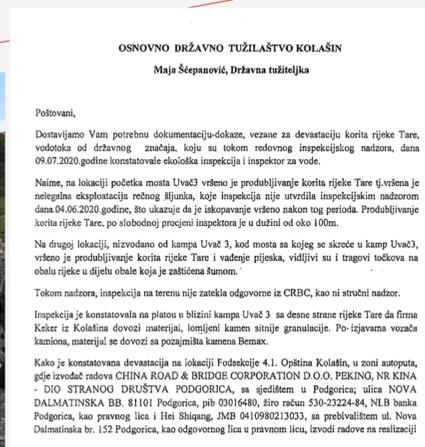
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Allegations of the officials from the Capital City Podgorica that due to the report of NGO MANS, they were forced to stop filming public areas and citizens living in them through video surveillance, which is why the city's property, including children's playgrounds, is being robbed and destroyed, are used to deliberately cover the fact that the video surveillance system was introduced without the consent of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information. **The need to protect city property from delinquency is absolutely clear to every well-meaning citizen, but it can be done only in accordance with the law, not arbitrarily and in violation of one of the most sensitive rights of citizens, which every responsible city administration should know.**

26/11/2020

November in photos



01



The civil sector points out the positive fact that for the first time in 30 years, the future prime minister first presented his plans to the public, and only then set forth his programme in the Parliament. Although aware that this is not going to be easy because the Democratic Party of Socialists still controls key levers in the judiciary, they still believe that some things will move from the deadlock. **"There is going to be a completely different attitude towards organized crime and corruption, and above all, a different attitude towards the media and civil society, which has been announced to be strategic partner in implementing reforms. That is exactly what we have been waiting for all these years,"** MANS stated.

01/12/2020

04



Three months after the elections, Montenegro will have a new government facing difficult tasks. In an interview with the weekly *Monitor*, the Executive Director of the NGO MANS points out that **"it is necessary to implement numerous reforms and correct many injustices and mistakes of the former regime. It is going to be very difficult for the new ministers to choose the right priorities, and it is obvious that they will be under constant political pressure and exposed to unrealistic demands of certain parties of the new majority."** You can read more on how difficult it is going to be in such conditions to dismantle the system that DPS built in previous years as well as the full interview

at: <https://www.monitor.co.me/vanja-catovic-markovic-direktorica-mans-a-teski-zadaci/>

04/12/2020

05



MANS' report on the construction of the highway shows **that the costs of construction, expropriation, supervision and management, which were paid from the beginning of construction to the end of August 2020, amounted to at least 690 million euros. The main contractor, Chinese CRBC, was paid over 645 million. The costs of supervision, agreed with foreign consultants, are over 20 million, while at least six million was spent for the work of three state commissions, and over five million euros for the work of Monteput, which performs supervision. In addition, over 18 million euros was spent on expropriation of land for the highway.** You can read full report with all the precise data at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Fourth-report-on-the-construction-of-the-Bar-Boljare-highway-ROAD-WITHOUT-END.pdf>

05/12/2020

08



In the eve of the International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9, the civil sector has concrete expectations and proposals for MPs of the new parliamentary majority. NGO MANS points out that **"The first thing this government should do is to allow access to all the information that the previous regime has withheld so far, especially data on the use of budget reserves, payments to tycoon companies and benefits granted to public officials and servants. Therefore, it should adopt a new law on free access to information, as well as regularly publish data on budget spending."**

08/12/2020

09



On International Anti-Corruption Day, along with other NGOs, MANS submitted draft amendments to the Law on Free Access to Information to the Ministry of Public Administration, which is supposed to mark a break with the current practice of withholding information of public interest. This is the first anti-corruption law proposed to the new government with the aim of enabling citizens, the media and the NGO sector to play a more active role in fighting corruption and controlling the work of the government. The European Commission and numerous international institutions have repeatedly pointed out the need to amend this Law, especially emphasizing the importance of access to information that may indicate corruption and unlawful work of institutions.

09/12/2020

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| DAVALAC DRZAVNE POMOCI | KORISNIK/KORISNICI DRZAVNE POMOCI | IZNOSI DRZAVNE POMOCI |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Opština Cetinje | Pomoć sportskim klubovima sa teritorije Opštine Cetinje | 183.780,00 |
| Ministarstvo nauke | Konkurs za sufinansiranje naučnoistraživačke i inovativne djelatnosti u 2019. godini - Učesnici iz EU/EFTA programa | 90.000,00 |
| Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva | Pomoć preduzeću "Montenegro Airlines" A.D. Beograd | 5.500.000,00 |
| Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva | Pomoć preduzeću "Bar" "Borska plovidba" Bar | 3.000.000,00 |
| Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva | Pomoć preduzeću "Crnogorska avio-linije" Bar | 1.000.000,00 |
| Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva | Pomoć nepoznatom pravnom licu | 214.970,00 |
| Ministarstvo saobraćaja i pomorstva | Pomoć preduzeću "Normal Tours" "Inverze" A.D. Učestvo | 2.271.495,24 |
| Ministarstvo održivog razvoja i turizma | Pomoć "Nacionalnog turističkog organizaciji Crne Gore" (NCOJ CGO) | 650.000,00 |
| UKUPNO | | 16.689.338,93 |

The Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector points to the latest example of inadequate access to information held by state bodies that has created fertile ground for corruption. MANS published recorded state aid in 2019, where it can be seen that the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs paid "aid" in the amount of 214,970 euros to an unknown legal entity. They note that such and similar examples will be a challenge for the new Government, and the prosecution of all actors must begin as soon as possible.

09/12/2020

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Despite the ruling of the Administrative Court in favour of MANS, the Agency for Prevention of Corruption again banned access to the documentation on the control of the Democratic Party of Socialists in connection with the "Envelope" affair, which is continuation of the practice of non-transparency in the work of this body. Such conduct completely disables the civil control of the Agency's work in cases of special interest for the general rule of law in the country. The continuation of such practices is unacceptable, and this is especially true in cases of political corruption. **The fight against corruption must be transparent and non-selective, because only in that way can it give sustainable results.**

17/12/2020

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Soliter na temelju od korupcije?

NGO MANS welcomes the latest action of the Special State Prosecutor's Office (SSPO) in which the director of the Real Estate Administration, Dragan Kovačević, was deprived of liberty, but at the same time, they remind that this institution has very concrete evidence of much more serious crimes, to which MANS has pointed out for years. MANS has so far filed several criminal charges against Kovačević, which refer to his work as the director of the state cadastre, but also in relation to suspicions of illicit enrichment. You can read more on all previous illegalities on the link below: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/there-is-also-evidence-of-very-serious-crimes-against-kovacevic/>

23/12/2020

December in photos



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Montenegro
Tax Directorate
Office in Podgorica

CORPORATE INCOME TAX REPORT

TAX PAYER

Name:

Non-governmental organization "Network for Affirmation of Non-governmental
Sector" Podgorica

Tax Identification No. 02316854 and Business activity code: 302

Address: 20176 Dalmatinska 188, PODGORICA

Reporting period: 1. 01. 2020 to 31. 12. 2020

The amount of reported tax: EUR 0.00

Bank

NLB Banka AD
PODGORICA

Account number

530-0000000010332-57

INFORMATION ON TAX CONSOLIDATION

Approved financial consolidation: NO

Number and date of the financial consolidation approval - Tax identification number
and the name of the taxpayer to whom the tax liability is transferred

Tax Liability table (*all empty*)

Table on transfer of operating losses (*all empty*)

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Report No. 56139/2020*

**INCOME STATEMENT (Profit and loss account)
for the period 1. 1. 2020 to 31. 12. 2020**

Registered No. 02316854

Business activity code 91330

Responsible officer Zorka Tripković

Name: Non-governmental organization "Network for Affirmation of Non-governmental Sector"

Registered office at Dalmatinska 188, PODGORICA - Montenegro

| Account Group Account | 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 | | 471535 | 627027 |
| 64 and 65 | a) other income from regular operations | 205 | | 470095 | 626373 |
| 67, 691 and 692 | b) Other operating income | 206 | | 1440 | 654 |
| 68, except 683 and 685 | c) Income from Value adjustment of assets | 207 | | | |
| | 5. Operating expenses (209-210) | 208 | | 167076 | 214896 |
| 50 and 51 | a) Purchase value of sold goods and cost of supplies | 209 | | 21604 | 27459 |
| 53, 54 and 55 | b) Other operating expenses (depreciation, provisions and other operating expenses) | 210 | | 145472 | 187437 |
| | 6. Cost of wages, salaries and other personal expenses (212+213) | 211 | | 303745 | 414808 |
| 52 (a part) | a) Net cost of wages, salaries and other personal expenses | 212 | | 172867 | 414808 |
| | b) Cost of taxes and contributions | 213 | | 130878 | |
| 52 (a part) | 1/ Cost of taxes | 214 | | 130878 | |
| 57,591 and 592 | 8. Other operating expenses | 220 | | 553 | 2050 |
| | I. Operating profit and loss (210+202+203+204-208-211-217-220) | 221 | | 161 | -4727 |
| | 9. Income from equity investment (223 to 225) | 222 | | | 6311 |
| 660 (a part of) | a) Income from investment in subsidiaries' equity | 223 | | | 6311 |
| | 10. Income from other financial investments and loans (interests, | 226 | | 391 | |

*Form No. 3
Report No. 56139/2020*

**BALANCE SHEET (Statement of financial position)
for the period 1. 1. 2020 to 31. 12. 2020**

Registered No. 02316854

Business activity code 91330

Responsible officer Zorka Tripković

Name: Non-governmental organization "Network for Affirmation of Non-governmental Sector"

Registered office at Dalmatinska 188, PODGORICA - Montenegro

| Group | Position | Ord. numb. | Note | Current year | Previous year - closing balance | Previous year - opening balance |
|-------------------|--|------------|------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | B. Non-current assets | 002 | | 36641 | 10725 | |
| | II. Property, plant, equipment and biological assets (009+010+011+015) | 008 | | 36641 | 10725 | |
| 023 | 2. Plant and equipment | 010 | | 36641 | 10725 | |
| | 3. Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment (012+013+014) | 011 | | 1614 | 1217 | |
| | 3.3 Other unmentioned tangible fixed assets | 014 | | 1614 | 1217 | |
| | D. Current assets (026+031+039+043+044) | 025 | | 268349 | 145757 | |
| | II. Short-term receivables (032 to 035) | 031 | | 1999 | 1999 | |
| | 4. Other receivables (036+037+038) | 035 | | 1999 | 1999 | |
| 21, 22 except 223 | 4.3 Other unmentioned receivables | 038 | | 1999 | 1999 | |
| 24 | IV Cash on bank accounts and cash in hand | 043 | | 266350 | 143758 | |
| 28 except 288 | E. Prepayments and accrued income | 045 | | 859 | | |
| | F. Total assets | 046 | | 305849 | 156482 | |
| 495 (a part) | D. Long-term deferred income and donations received | 126 | | 305599 | 144910 | |
| | E. Short-term provisions and short-term liabilities (128-129) | 127 | | 250 | 11572 | |
| | II. Short-term liabilities (130-137) | 129 | | 250 | 11572 | |
| 433-434, 440-449 | 4. Suppliers' payables | 133 | | 332 | | |
| 430 (a part) | 5. Bills of exchange payables | 134 | | | | |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|-----|--------|--------|--|
| | 8. Other liabilities from business operations and other short-term liabilities (138-142) | 137 | 250 | 11240 | |
| 45 and 46 | 8.2 Other short-term liabilities | 139 | | 10240 | |
| 47, 48 except 481 | 8.3 Liabilities for value added tax and other taxes, contributions and duties | 140 | 250 | 1000 | |
| | G. Total equity and liabilities (101+117+125+126+127+143) | 144 | 305849 | 156482 | |

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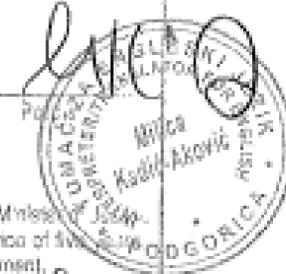
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**STATISTICAL ANNEXE
on 31. 12. 2020**

Registered No. 02316854
Business activity code 91330
Responsible officer Zorka Tripković
Name: Non-governmental organization "Network for Affirmation of Non-governmental Sector"
Registered office at Dalmatinska 188, PODGORICA - Montenegro

| Account Group Account | Position | Ord. No. | Note/n umber | 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 | | 23 | 23 |
| 640 | Subsidies, donations | 005 | | 470095 | 626373 |
| 512 | Overhead expenses | 010 | | 17046 | 21146 |
| 513 | Cost of fuel and energy | 011 | | 4558 | 6313 |
| 520 | Payroll costs and remunerations (gross) | 012 | | 261493 | 305705 |
| 529 | Board and lodging, transportation cost | 013 | | 2473 | 48929 |
| 53 | Production costs | 014 | | 91535 | 93543 |
| 531 and 532 | Transport and maintenance cost | 015 | | 5092 | 7348 |
| 533 | Lease cost | 016 | | 22027 | 18207 |
| 534 and 535 | Cost of participation at fares and promotional costs | 017 | | 28817 | 13531 |
| 536 | Research costs | 018 | | | |
| 550 and 551 | Non-production and hospitality costs | 019 | | 34244 | 78294 |
| 552 and 553 | Insurance premium cost and transaction costs | 020 | | 3891 | 3561 |

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