

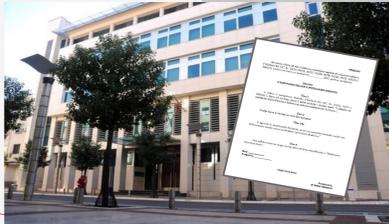
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MANS asked the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) to publish on its website the data on spending from the state budget which the state institutions submit to the APC within the prescribed deadlines, in accordance with *the Law on the Financing of Political Entities and Election Campaigns*. Bearing in mind that the website of the Government of Montenegro has not been working for some time due to a hacker attack, and that the APC's website only contains links to the institutions' websites, but not specific documents, the public does not have data on state spending during the election campaign, and urgent action by the APC is necessary, in accordance with the obligations of that institution.

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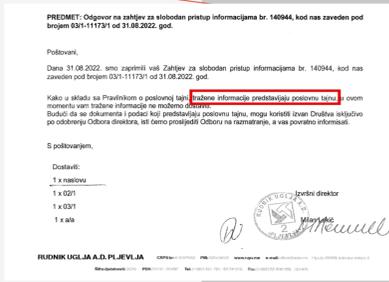
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NGO MANS called on *the Government* to cancel the scandalous decision by which it increased the salaries of the management of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption on the day of calling of the elections. That Agency is supposed to control how state funds are used in the pre-election period, as well as the enrichment of public officials, including the members of the Government. That is why the Government's decision to increase the salaries of its officials on the very day of calling of the elections brings them into a classic conflict of interest.

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For more than half a year, the state-owned companies, *Pljevlja Coal Mine* and *Montenegrin Electric Enterprise* (EPCG), have been hiding most of the data on the number of people they employed, and this practice continued even after the announcement of local elections. *Employment on a party basis continued to be one of the key mechanisms for building the voter base, which is why MANS requested access to information on the number of newly hired staff from the largest state-owned companies.* As an influence on voters, the *Democratic Party of Socialists* (DPS) this mechanism used intensively before each election. *Unfortunately, after the political changes of 2020, we are still witnessing the outrageous capture of state-owned companies, now by the former opposition parties.*

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REZERVE		
Priloga broj: 14 040 000	Rezerve	67.442.353,59 €
Priloga broj: 14 040 000	Upravljanje amonitarnom rezervom	67.442.353,59 €
Priloga broj: 14 040 000	Rezerve	67.442.353,59 €
Priloga broj: 14 040 000	Financijska isplativa rezerva	67.442.353,59 €
Priloga broj: 14 040 000	Priloga broj: 14 040 000	13.448.000,00 €
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NGO MANS points to hidden increases in spending of around 16 million euros in the Budget Rebalance, which may have an impact on voters in the pre-election campaign for local elections. Although the Government proposes the Budget Rebalance with the explanation that it corrects the effects of the Europe Now programme, it foresees additional employment worth over 2.7 million euros, payments to natural and legal persons of 4.5 million, as well as an increase in the budget reserve by nearly nine million euros, for which no explanation is given in the description of the rebalance. Due to the effect of the decision on the epidemic of COVID, funds from the budget reserve can be used for payments to individuals, even though it is an election year, otherwise such a practice would be prohibited by law.

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According to the Budget Rebalance, the Government abandoned the construction and reconstruction of 14 health care facilities, 11 schools and two kindergartens, as well as numerous roads, especially in the north of Montenegro. At the same time, the expenses for over 50 projects foreseen in the budget have increased multiple times, and the total increase amounts to over 30 million euros, for which there is no explanation in the budget rebalance. More details about the reduction and increase of funds planned by the rebalancing you can read at the link below: <https://mans.co.me/rebalansom-brisu-ulaganja-u-bolnice-i-skole/>

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In just one week, € 59,000 was paid out of the budget reserve in various forms of aid to natural persons during the pre-election campaign. Over 80% of those funds were paid to citizens of municipalities where local elections will be held. NGO MANS calls on the MPs not to support the proposed Budget Rebalance, which increases the budget reserve by over 18 million euros, because this Government obviously continues the bad practice of the previous regime of allocating these funds without any criteria in the pre-election period.

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Following the celebration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information, the Executive Director of the NGO MANS points out that no "black box" of the former regime has been opened, neither thanks to the Law on Free Access to Information, nor thanks to the political will of the Government. The practice has not changed and there is the continuity of the previous Government, and especially of the current one, in terms of declaring data secret or not responding to requests for information. You can read the complete interview regarding this topic at the link: <https://mans.co.me/calovic-markovic-crne-kutije-bivseg-rezima-i-dalje-tajna/>

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### BUDŽETSKA REZERVA kao izborni bankomat

U samo jednoj sedmici izborne kampanje isplaćeno je **70.000 EUR** pomoći fizičkim licima.

Od tog iznosa, za 20.000 EUR nije poznato iz kojeg grada dolaze lica kojima je pomoć uplaćena.

The latest available data show that in the midst of the election campaign, an additional 70,000 euros was paid from the budget reserve for various welfare to natural persons. Thus, in just two weeks of September, around 130 thousand euros was spent from the budget on this basis, of which at least 90 thousand euros was paid during the election campaign to the citizens of municipalities where local elections will be held. Decisions on the allocation of these funds are made without any criteria, based on the Rulebook that was adopted more than ten years ago. That is why the NGO MANS welcomes the decision of the Parliament to prohibit the use of the budget reserve for the payment of welfare to natural persons until the end of the year. 30/09/2022

## September in photos



### REBALANSOM BUDŽETA BRIŠU ULAGANJA U ZDRAVSTVENE OBJEKTE

