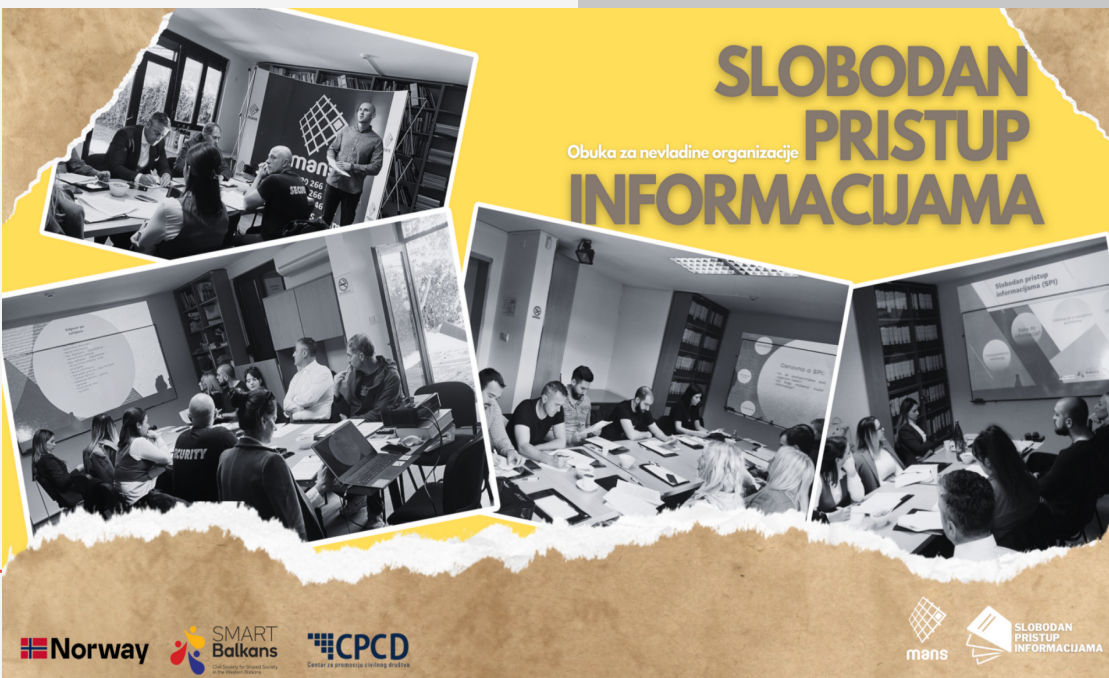


03



The Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) adopted another decision by taking the "word" of a public official instead of reviewing the official data it owns. The decision was adopted after two judgments of the Administrative Court and nearly three years since MANS submitted the initiative to the Agency. In its decision, the APC fully believed what it had received as a statement from **Enis Baković**, without additional verification of the income that this former police official used to justify the purchase of real estate in Žabljak. Baković stated that he had received 10,000 euros from his family for the purchase of real estate, and that it was income generated during 2015. 03/11/2023

04



Within the project supported through the regional initiative "SMART Balkans - Civil society for shared society in the Western Balkans", NGO MANS held the first two in a series of trainings in the field of free access to information (FAI) for colleagues from the NGOs from Podgorica and the central region of Montenegro, as well as journalists and interested citizens. Until the end of the month, MANS will organize trainings for NGOs from the southern and northern region in Budva, Nikšić and Bijelo Polje. 04/11/2023

07



MANS filed a criminal complaint with the Special State Prosecutor's Office against the former Minister of Finance in the 43rd Government of Montenegro, **Aleksandar Damjanović**, due to the suspicion that he had abused his official position and enabled benefits for the company "Carinvest" in the process of awarding a concession for the exploitation of stone at the "Platac" site. In the criminal complaint, former minister is accused of having signed the Agreement on the award of a concession for a period of 30 years with the company "Carinvest" on behalf of the Government of Montenegro at the end of August this year, even though he was previously aware of the fact that the procedure of the company selection was carried out contrary to the law. 07/11/2023

09



Latest report of the European Commission on Montenegro paints a rather disturbing picture of some sort of triumph of party interests over the integration process and continued unwillingness of our system to respond to key demands in that process. The report of the European Commission on Montenegro indicates much more clearly than in previous years, with a much more direct vocabulary, what the expectations are on the path of European integration. As such, this report can represent an excellent road map for the new executive and legislative power, as well as the first test of political will to subordinate party interests to the indisputable interest of the citizens of Montenegro to finally become part of the European family. 09/11/2023

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Recently, we have witnessed that the vast majority of government officials who are suspected of connections with organized crime and whose names are mentioned in Europol's correspondence from the SKY application, at some point in their careers had assets whose origin could not be explained by official income, or had relations with natural and legal entities that could be an incentive for corruption. It is particularly clear in these cases how much importance the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) could have if there were a political will. APC is the most competent to recognize the so-called "red flags" in the behavior of state officials on time and register, first of all, property or income that may be derived from criminal activities. 17/11/2023

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Five years after NGO MANS asked to investigate the origin of hundreds of thousands of euros, which is how much it cost to educate the children of the former long-time high state official **Branimir Gvozdenović** abroad, which could not be explained with his official income, the Agency for Prevention of Corruption found that he had not violated the Law. MANS warns that it is very important for the property of public officials, especially those who, such as the aforementioned, had great executive power in their hands in the previous period and made decisions worth several million euros, be under the watchful attention of competent institutions, primarily the Agency for Prevention of Corruption. 25/11/2023

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MANS called on the Chief Special State Prosecutor to immediately open a case and launch an investigation against the Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC), **Jelena Perović**, regarding the transcripts of the communication between her and **Vesna Medenica**, the accused former president of the Supreme Court. Bearing in mind that Jelena Perović currently holds a public position that implies impeccable professional integrity, we believe that even the suspicions created by the mentioned communication with Medenica are sufficient to call into question the credibility of the decisions that APC has adopted so far, as well as all those that it will adopt in the following period. 27/11/2023

## November in photos

