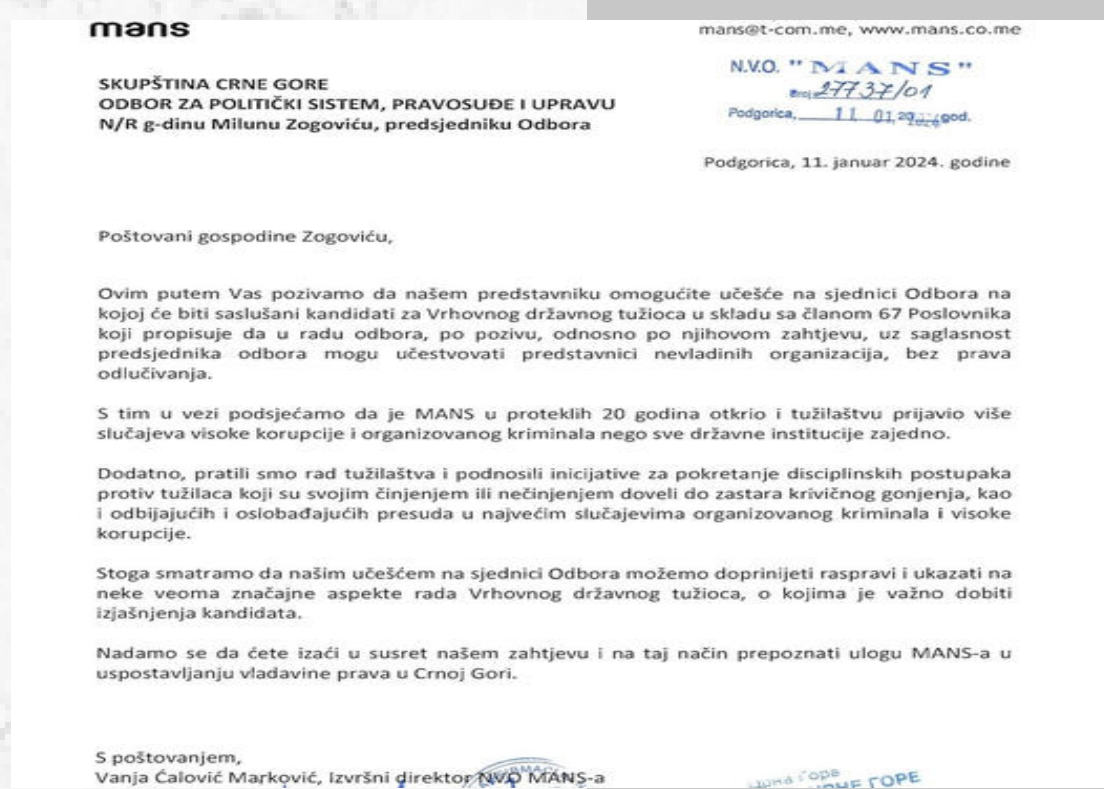


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NGO MANS sent a request to allow our representative to take part at the session of the Parliamentary Committee where the candidates for the Supreme State Prosecutor (SSP) will be heard. **Bearing in mind that in the past 20 years, MANS has discovered and reported more cases of high corruption and organized crime to the State Prosecutor's Office than all state institutions combined, we believe that we can point out significant aspects of the work of the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office, regarding which it is important to get statements from the candidates.**

You can find the complete session, as well as the questions that our representative asked the candidates for the position of SSP, as well as their answers, at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRB6P8gRmJw> 11/01/2024

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That the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) continues to besmirch the Law on Financing of Political Entities and its own competences, is shown by recently submitted decision following the report by MANS that one of the lists that participated in local elections held in Budva in October 2022 had violated the law by not reporting advertising expenses worth over 20 thousand euros. APC first failed to notice the violation of the law that occurred in October 2022, then kept our report in a drawer for months. 12/01/2024

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As a guest of *Iznova* show on TV Nova M, the Executive Director of the NGO MANS, among others, gave her review on current topics:

- Will a full-term Supreme State Prosecutor be appointed at the end of the month?
- By completing judicial reforms, are we really going to be one step closer to the EU?
- Does the new government want an anti-mafia law based on the Italian model, and what should it look like?

You can watch the complete show at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1shIRYvdtDE&t=1663s> 17/01/2024

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A months-long investigation conducted by MANS into the assets and income of retired NSA and Police Directorate officer, **Duško Golubović**, showed that his family spent over one million euros for the purchase of several properties and luxury vehicles over a ten-year period.

Details of this investigation with complete documentation, obtained based on the Law on Free Access to Information, can be found at the MANS' portal: <https://www.mans.co.me/en/?p=9633> 22/01/2024

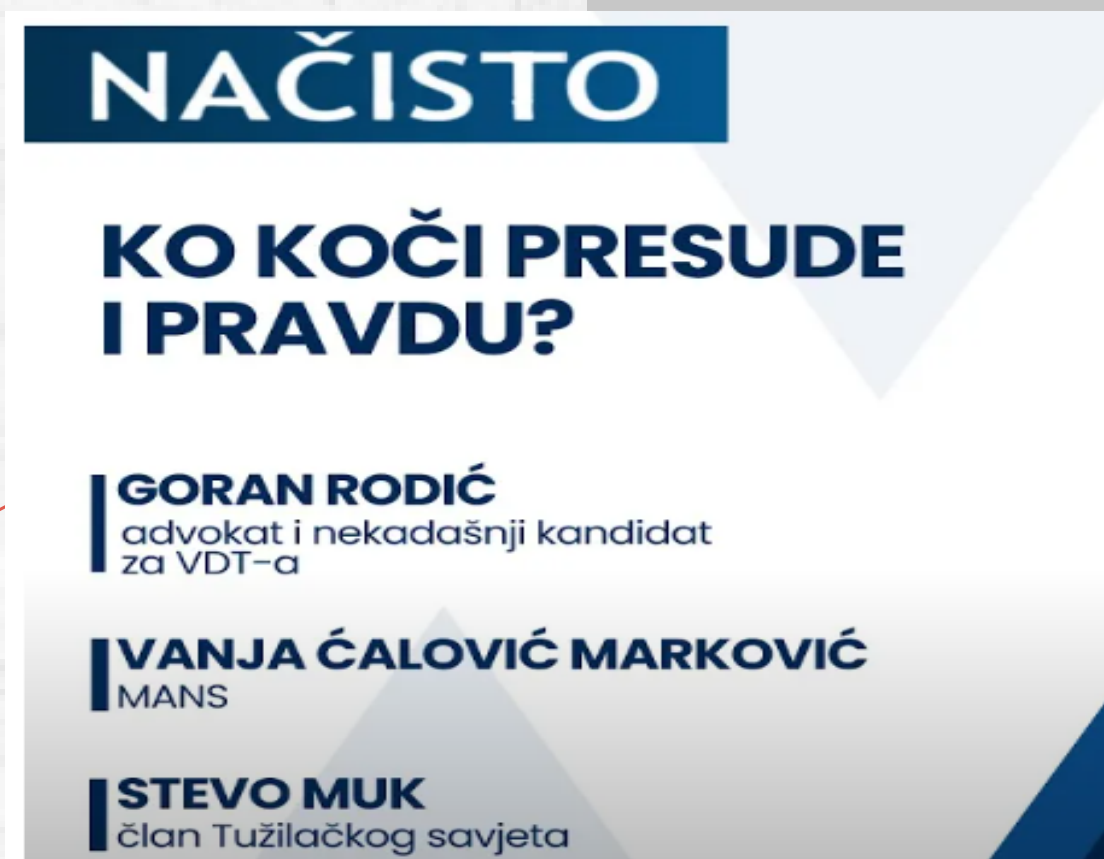
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As part of the project "Accountable judiciary for a strengthened rule of law in Montenegro", which is being implemented by the NGO MANS with the support of the European Union through the Delegation of the European Commission in Podgorica, we developed an e-brochure for citizens and other interested social actors with detailed instructions on how they can contribute to the mentioned project. **Ways and communication channels that citizens can use in order to make their contribution to increasing the transparency and accountability of holders of judicial functions in Montenegro in connection with their obligation to accurately and timely report their assets and income, are available at the link:**

<https://www.mans.co.me/ko-prodaje-pravdu/> 24/01/2024

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- Three years after the change of government, why are the NGOs still the ones dealing with people like Duško Golubović instead of competent institutions?
- Will a new Supreme State Prosecutor be elected, what are the advantages and disadvantages of the candidates?
- Why is the reform of the judicial system late, and why are the indictments of the prosecutor's office charged with ties to organized crime still in force?
- Does the new government care about fundamental changes or is there a war over control of the security sector?

Are only some of the important questions in the field of justice which the guests of a TV show "Načisto" on TV Vijesti, including the Executive Director of the NGO MANS, tried to answer. 25/01/2024

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Data from **Transparency International's** report on the **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)** for the previous year show that Montenegro improved its position by one point compared to 2022.

This year's ranking of Montenegro represents a minimal improvement compared to the previous year and does not significantly extend beyond the limits of what was the corruption perceptions index before the dismissal of the long-term government. This confirms that the state capture system has far-reaching and lasting consequences, but also that there is still not enough political momentum among the new government officials to deliver significant and sustainable results in the fight against corruption. 30/01/2024

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