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The lifestyle of officials and persons related to them, which cannot be justified by official income, hidden companies, assets, income, are the first alarms for possible corrupt behavior, trading in influence and abuse of official position.

NGO MANS, with the support of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Serbia and Montenegro, continues to investigate the hidden assets of Montenegrin public officials. You can share information with us at: <https://mans.co.me/prijavi-korupciju/>.

As the Democratic Front (DF) coalition hid all expenses of political marketing on Pink M and Adria TV in the campaign for local elections, MANS submitted reports to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC). An analysis of official reports on campaign expenses, election lists of DF in Podgorica, Budva, Bar, Pljevlja and Plav revealed that they *did not report a single cent of advertising expenses on the mentioned TV channels. It was the selective interpretation of the law by the APC that made this kind of behavior possible and opened the door to illegal financing of election campaigns from abroad.* 09/03/2023

The Institute Alternative and MANS urged that all intelligence and security data not be exempt from the application of the Law on Free Access to Information, as well as that the provisions according to which former public officials are not subject to exceptions to privacy protection and tax secret protection be reinstated. Draft Law on Free Access to Information established by the Government on March 7, 2023 contains important negative differences compared to the previous draft, which was withdrawn from the parliamentary procedure upon forming of the 43rd Government. *The previous draft law to a greater extent respected the arguments of NGOs that took part in the previously held public debate.* 10/03/2023

The Government's Commission for allocation of funds from the budget reserve before the elections paid out as much as 134 thousand euros for various types of social benefits, thus continuing the practice of all previous governments to allocate these types of funds without clearly defined and transparent criteria just before the election processes. *For a long time, MANS and other NGOs have been asking for greater transparency and clear criteria for the payment of social benefits which is an appeal to which even the former opposition parties that now make up the executive power did not respond to. This is a practice that needs to be stopped, and until that happens, we cannot talk about fair election process and the release of institutions that should serve citizens, not political parties and their leaders.* 15/03/2023

Bureau for Social Research – BIRODI conducted monitoring of media service providers' (PUM) reports in Serbia regarding the presidential elections in Montenegro held on March 19, 2023. How the media from Serbia reported on the presidential candidates from Montenegro and who they favored, you can see in the analysis of our partners from BIRODI: <https://mans.co.me/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Premimirarni-izvestaj-o-izvestavanju-pruzalaca-medijskih-usluga-iz-Srbije-o-prvom-krugu-predsedni%C4%8Dkih-izbora-u-Crnoj-Gori-1.pdf>. 20/03/2023

The Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) refused, in accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information, to electronically send the decision on the appointment of 11 members of the Working Group, because the document was already available to the public on the notice board in the institution's premises. *Although the purpose of the Law on Free Access to Information is to provide citizens and other interested parties with unimpeded and efficient access to information held by state institutions, the Agency with this example shows its intention to conceal or make access to information difficult, particularly to that which needs to increase the transparency of the work of that institution.* 28/03/2023

March in photos

