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## **BUDGET SHALL ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR PROTECTION AND TOLERANCE FOR LGBT RIGHTS**

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) assesses that the executive authorities are not sensible enough towards the contemporary concept of human rights based on absolute equity and universality of all human rights**, which is obvious in the context of current heated debate on position and establishment of rights of citizens belonging to LGBT (lesbian, homosexual, bisexual and transgender) population.

**The most open and notorious with his discriminatory and homophobic remarks is the very Minister for human and minority rights, who does not miss any opportunity to publicly discredit the Government as a whole. The Minister, despite heavy domestic and foreign pressuring, is not yet aware that a conceptual misunderstanding between the Government policies and his personal convictions is honorably solvable only by an act of resignation.** That would give an opportunity for the Prime Minister to appoint a person competent and dedicated to the job that s/he is in charge.

Ministry for human and minority rights confirmed many times that, in the light of current debate and their total devotion to protection of LGBT rights, the Government of Montenegro was not only the co-organizer of recent international academic conference “Justice in the Balkans – equality for sexual minorities”, but also its sponsor.

CCE addressed the Ministry by an official request for access to information, regarding organizing and sponsoring of the event by the Government. The Ministry issued a response on the matter, stating that the support for the noted conference included financial sponsorship in the amount of 3000 Euros (three thousand euros). Assets were secured from the Sector for minority rights – contracted services in the amount of 2000 Euros, and Department for gender equality – Transfers to the other institutions, in the amount of 1000 Euros.

CCE proposed to the deputy minister of human and minority rights to timely plan the budgetary means for protection and affirmation of LGBT rights in Montenegro, especially the means for strengthening of capacities of authentic LGBT organizations. According to the proposal, assets would be granted through a public call for proposals.

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