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## DEMONSTRATE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE REQUESTING THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) for years have been indicating on a non-transparent management of the University of Montenegro. With all existing legislation and mechanisms for its application, the ability of the public to obtain full information about the financial operations of University of Montenegro remains limited.

CCE believes that the allocation for education and science in Montenegro are very low, as compared to the region, as well as to the EU member states, and calls for increasing of these funds. But, it is equally important to remember that the University of Montenegro does not provide convincing evidence that it disposes with the money of taxpayers in responsible manner which opens possibility for indications that there are abuses in the expenditure of the money.

**The University of Montenegro and Rector Predrag Miranović must convince the public that the allocated funds are being spent with full responsibility before requesting any increase.** Despite all the positive verdicts and decisions, the fact that for years it is impossible to get copies of contracts that the University concludes with third parties, certainly can not give legitimacy to the Rector to seek additional funds, because there are too many indications that there were irregularities in the operating transactions of the University of Montenegro.

The Rector should know that if things would be called by their real name and resources spent more rationally with respect of legal norms, this year's budget, although reduced for 1.3 million euros compared to the previous year, could be much more effectively used. In the time of economic crisis, the payment of fees of lecturers and administrative staff in some faculties of the University, remain disproportionately high. Additionally, given that the contents of the contracts that the University concludes with third parties, whose value exceeds 10,000 euro and 100,000 euro, is not known, it is not clear whether money is missing in deed, or is just irresponsibly spent.

**Furthermore the question arises how is it possible that students are left without water at the faculties because of non-payment of the debt of 32,000 euro, notwithstanding that these students, through their tuition payments, pay these costs as well, and who is responsible for this situation?**

It should be noted that according to income generated from fees, services and donations in 2009 the University has income in 25 million euros, while in the first three quarters of 2010, 10 million, which together with a number of the above mentioned contracts, in the content of which CCE is unable to gain insight for more than two years, open the suspicion that there is no accountability in the allocation of funds. The position of the Ministry of Finance that the faculties should allocate into the budget of the University, instead of the current 20%, 30% of the income from tuition fees in order to provide the money that is missing, is absolutely realistic, because it is an investment into their own well-being. Or, is it perhaps more important to pay someone the fees for participating in non-existing committee, for made up working hours, etc. rather than to create conditions for students to study properly?

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