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## WITH KNOWLEDGE AGAINST CORRUPTION IN EDUCATION

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) and Center for Monitoring (CEMI) welcome the signing of an agreement between the representatives of the Directorate for Anti-Corruption Initiative and the Faculty of Political Sciences (FPN), assessing it to be another visible result of the CCE and CEMI joint project "Corruption in Education."**

For over a year, CCE and CEMI are implementing joint project "Corruption in Education", supported by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which has for the very first time, within Montenegrin society, opened the question of corruption in higher education in systematic manner. The first official reactions from the University of Montenegro were extremely inappropriate and personalized, denying the existence of this deviant phenomenon at our highest academic instances. However, by time the findings of CCE and CEMI have been confirmed and even the representatives of the University of Montenegro at the official meetings do not deny them. The fact that this agreement has been signed shows that finally some parts of the University of Montenegro decided to fight corruption, which represent a positive step towards overcoming this until recently taboo topic.

CEMI and CCE express hope that the University of Montenegro and its units will follow the example of the Faculty of Political Science. That would prove a clear assertion of the institutions to work on the creation of healthy conditions and environment for studying where corruption would not be a socially acceptable behavior, but students of the University of Montenegro would be convinced that **only knowledge should get a title**.

**CCE and CEMI remind that the first step towards resolution of certain problem lies in recognition that the problem exists. Consequently, signing of this agreement represents exactly that first, obviously difficult, step. However, this act will get real meaning only if the announced actions are actually implemented in effective manner.**

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