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## COMMISSION MAKES DECISIONS BY ITS OWN RULES

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) is pointing out to the continuous non-transparent work and breach of the law by the Commission for allocation of the part of the income from lottery games.**

Commission for the allocation of the part of the income from lottery games violated number of provisions of the Regulation for the allocation of the part of the income from lottery games. CCE has timely and with arguments informed the public about this case, but the President and the members of the Commission, so far, have not been held accountable by the authorities in charge. **This opens the question: who and why is protecting Dragan Drobnjak, the president of the Commission, as well as other members?** It would be interesting for general public to get a response with what and whom has he personally obliged so much that the legal framework does not apply on him.

**It is clear that the Commission made decisions on projects mainly generally, without clear and consistent criteria. What was the rule for one applicant was not necessarily for other and this led to the situation in which a significant number of subjects were discriminated while some organizations were privileged for reasons known only and primarily to the president of the Commission, but also to the other members of the same Commission.**

The fact that until this day the Commission has not published on their website a complete list of the approved projects, with full application forms, which it is obliged by the Regulation, further strengthens the conviction that the president of the Commission and the Commission itself are hiding from the public how, whom exactly and for what purposes is the money from Budget allocated. Since the Decision on allocation has been made more than three months have passed and there is no technical reason why these projects are not made available to the public, thus having in mind that all organizations that had applied were required to submit the documentation in electronic form as well. **Also, Commission has allocated by its own decision (and also without clear criteria!) for its own purposes 50, 000 EUR, which means that within the Budget there should be enough money not just for compensation of the work of the members of the Commission (which has a total of 13 member), but also to set up this website with all data.**



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In addition to this, **monitoring of the approved projects is very important**, because that would enable all the participants of the competition to have an insight into the continuous work and decision-making criteria of the Commission. Nevertheless, one can get an impression that due to some reason Commission is avoiding this obligation as well, since it did not allocate any means for that nor it show an intention to undertake activities in this direction.

**CCE will continue to underline that the Regulation have to be strictly applied in all its segments. Also, CCE will investigate the regularity of this process, although we have proven that a number of organizations were supported only in line with the principle that puts the will of the president of the Commission above the law and rules, which is unacceptable in any country of the rule of law where it would pull the responsibility of actors.** Unfortunately, in this case there is no mention of that thus supporting the illegal act of the president of the Commission and its members, given that fact that the Regulation is very clear and leaves no room for arbitrary interpretation and abuse of the president and Commission members.

**CCE expects the Ministry in charge to dismiss all members of the Commission for the allocation of the part of the lottery games lead by Drobnjak, so the work of the Commission would finally be based on fair decision-making and respect of the legal framework.**

In line with the above stated, we can conclude that arbitrarily work of the Commission and the official neglect of the Regulation and the law only further strengthens previous indications of the CCE that Commission makes decisions by their own rules instead of following the provisions of the Regulation and quality of the submitted project proposals. If there is no sanction for such actions, it will be a very bad message for all and certainly will not contribute to the development of civil society neither to the rule of law in Montenegro.

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