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## FINANCING OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLING NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) has conducted a research related to the revenues of the university faculties on the basis of scholarship and its correlation with the means allocated for student organizations.**

During the research, it was observed that students, in spite of our economic conditions, give away significant amounts of money for tuition fees ranging from 500 - 2000 euros. However, it was difficult to identify the results of these investments within improvement of the conditions in which teaching process takes place. In addition to this, student organizations have very limited budgets, which are mostly spent on subsidies to student excursions.

CCE notes that the financial plan of the University of Montenegro for the 2011 year projected income from tuition fees of **9 081 048** euros. For student organizations working at the University of Montenegro, gathering about 20 000 students, it was allocated only **190 070** euros. Practically, this means that the total revenue from tuition fees for student organizations is only 2,1% of the projected income.

Furthermore, the amount of money determined for student organizations varies from faculty to faculty. Thus the Faculty of Dramatic Arts for student organizations allocates 800 euros, while the Faculty of Economics allocates 30 000 euros.

Items that are usually allocated for student organizations are: student trustees fees, freshmen's evenings, subsidies for student excursions (known as Elektrijsada, Ekonomijada, Primatijada, Pravijada, etc.).

CCE did not get a response on the expenditure of funds allocated for students, despite the legal obligation, from the Faculty of Sports and Physical Education and the Law Faculty for which proceedings before the appellate authority began, the further procedure before the Administrative Court will continue in accordance with the law.

The fact that these faculties did not submit their answers indicates the possibility of non-transparent spending of student funds, especially at the faculties like the Law Faculty, that had previously been publicly recognized for bad management.

*CCE recommends that the amount of funds that is determined for student organizations should increase, because it may encourage already so long missing student activism. But at the same time, CCE believes that it is important to set up a decisive and clear criteria for the allocation of these funds, monitoring of the implementation of activities and accurate procedures of the financial and narrative reports.*

Also, UCG has to find a way to direct more funds, given by students through tuition fees, into modernization of the teaching process, as well as overall technical capacities, which is not the case in many faculties and students do not have access to many facilities that are standard for students in Europe.

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