



INCOMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO COULD NOT BE SECRET TO CITIZENS OF MONTENEGRO

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) expresses again its serious concern over non-compliance with regulations of the Managing Board of the University of Montenegro (UoM) as well as *ad hoc* forwarding information only when these are indicated by the media. CCE would like to thank to the media who continuously recognize interest to monitor this issue and thereby contribute to clarification of the facts about work of the UoM, which tends to be hidden for the sake of defense of particular interests.

After yesterday's press release in which CCE criticized President of the UoM's Managing Board, for failure to submit information within legal deadline at the request for free access to information and violation of the Free Access to Information Law itself, in our office a half-hour after the announcement published in the media, by fax, arrived disordered decision signed by the Rector of the University of Montenegro **Predrag Miranovic** and not the President of the Managing Board **Duško Bjelica**, allowing access only to information that could technically be sent within half an hour. Hence, after the media called out, since they did not respond for a full month beforehand.

One gets an impression that the media is necessary to point out the irregularities in the work of the UoM to get at least some kind of information. Within **the submitted Decision there were absent most of the answers regarding income of the UoM's employees under the justification that these are personal data, while on the other hand, over the requests for information of the income of employees which were individually addressed to all faculties of the UoM, some faculties' services submitted very promptly lists of names and surnames of the employees, thereby showing their commitment to the respect of law and a high extent of transparency. Accordingly, it is clear that the UoM, as well as those faculty units, which do not provide data on salaries of employees, are by such behavior confirming our suspicions that a number of salaries of employees at UoM is enormous, unrealistic and often legally unfounded.**

It is important to emphasize that some professors and assistants at the University of Montenegro have only income from fixed net earnings. On the other hand, there are those, such as former Dean of the Law Faculty Ranko Mujović, who, despite numerous and still unsolved controversy associated with his work, still earns at the UoM fantastic 4193.00 euros per month (respectively 50,317.00 euros per year, only at the UoM, with no other incomes included). That is the amount higher than the income of the holders of the highest state positions (President, Prime Minister and Speaker of the Parliament), and it is most certainly greater than the sum of three-year income of his counterparts with the highest incomes, e.g. at the Academy of Fine Arts. The public might finally have an answer to which are those extraordinary academic achievements of Ranko Mujović, which recommend him for this amount of income and the abolition of all vague practices, about which is known much more than about the alleged academic references.

Only complete transparency of work of the UoM can deny that this institution is under strong party and individuals interests, and as long as this does not happen CCE will insist on accountability of the UoM leadership.

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