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RTCG SUBMITS PART OF THE INFORMATION ON ITS WORK

Centre for civic education (CCE) welcomes the submission of the part of required information by the Public Broadcasting Service RTCG, but stresses out that full transparency in RTCG work is required and therefore urges RTCG to submit all requested information related to the work of RTCG.

According to the provisions of the Free Access to Information Law, CCE sent a number of requests to the management and editorial team of RTCG from 19 to 26 May 2011 asking for specific information not available on the RTCG website nor in other public documents.

After longer timeline, during which RTCG did not consider for necessary to submit the requested information these were at the end partially delivered to CCE.

CCE finally got information related to:

- *Number of contracts that regulate the RTCG copyrights to broadcast the film programme for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010;*
- *Total amount spent for the regulation of copyright law to broadcast the film programme for above listed years;*
- *Number of contracts that regulate the RTCG rights for transmission of sports events for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010;*
- *Total amount allocated for contracts for the right to transfer sports events for above listed years;*
- *List of business travels of RTCG employees abroad, travel purpose and the amount per trip for 2010. and 2011;*

Public Broadcasting Service RTCG provided CCE with the following information:

- I. Number of contracts and the total amount spent for the regulation of copyright law to broadcast the film programme for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010:
 - In 2006 - 5 contracts concluded amounting 414.105,80 euro;
 - In 2007 - 6 contracts concluded amounting 344.374,00 euro;
 - In 2008 - 2 contracts concluded amounting 135.500,00 euro;
 - In 2009 - 4 contracts concluded amounting 139.500,00 euro;
 - In 2010 - 1 contract concluded amounting 77.475,00 euro.



- II. Number of contracts and the total amount regulating the RTCG rights for transmission of sports events for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010:
- In 2006 - 6 contracts concluded amounting 250.000,00 euro;
 - In 2007 - 1 contract concluded amounting 300.000,00 euro;
 - In 2008 - 4 contracts concluded, no funds allocated;
 - In 2009 - 11 contracts concluded amounting 750.000,00 euro;
 - In 2010 - 7 contracts concluded amounting 450.000,00 euro.
- III. List of business travels of RTCG employees abroad, travel purpose and the amount per trip for 2010 and 2011;
- In 2010 for employees official trips abroad RTCG spent 179.154,00 euro per diem and 60.421,00 euro to cover travel expenses abroad;
 - Within first three months of 2011, for the same issue, costs of 35.489,00 euro for per diem for official travel abroad and 7.287,00 euro to cover travel expenses were reported.

CCE emphasizes that RTCG did not submit all required information. In fact, RTCG invoked Article 9 of the Free Access to Information Law claiming that they are not legally obliged to provide CCE with the requested information on the amount of monthly salary with all the remunerations (past performance, etc.) of the RTCG General Director, Director of Radio Montenegro, Director of Television of Montenegro and the editors of RTCG. Also, RTCG only mentioned the total costs for business travel abroad for 2010 and 2011 while not providing information about the purpose of these business travels abroad. This leaves us with the question whose privacy has been protected by preserving the public to know whose salary has been financed through the taxpayers money.

CCE expresses hope that the Public Broadcasting Service RTCG will continue to open itself towards the public in that part that refers to its business, but also that this process will be much faster and more efficient than before.

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