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THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO IF THE LAWS ARE NOT OBEYED

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) finds that the current Rector of the University of Montenegro **Predrag Miranović**, who is also the only candidate for a new rector, has not, during his term, achieved any concrete results in improving the quality of education and student standard at the University of Montenegro. Additionally, his term was marked by violation of laws, lack of transparency in work and the slow pace in accepting the fact that corruption is widespread at the University in a scale that is extremely troubling, as well as inability to bring order in various faculties.

CCE believes that Miranović's seek for additional resources for the University from the Government of Montenegro represents diverting of attention from the real problems at the University, with which he is not willing to cope or has no power to do so. Even with finding a new model for financing the University these problems will remain due to established practice of nontransparent management of the Budget of the University of Montenegro.

CCE has already indicated that the modern university can't be produced on corruptive foundations. Rector recalled that in the past six years the University of Montenegro resolved most of the housing issues of their employees. CCE reminds that the process of allocation of these apartments was nontransparent, controversial and marked by numerous irregularities, such as granting more than one apartment to one person or assignment of apartments based on party, relative or another interest-line. Due to such practice a great number of academic staff, who based on the scoring list had the right to be included in the allocation, were left without resolved or adequately resolved housing issue.

Furthermore, the modern university can't be created by failing to comply court and other decisions, due to which, after a two-year dispute with the University, CCE was able to access 23 commercial contracts which the University concluded with the third parties, with a value over 10,000.00 euros and 100,000.00 euros, and which Miranović never wanted to make public. Refusal to present these contracts provides a basis to suspect that these documents are used to cover up corrupt practices and the damage that was made to the University of Montenegro.

Rector's promise to take care of science and scientific research is, at the very least, hypocritical, when one bears in mind that the University of Montenegro, according to the data from their own Financial Plan for 2010, for the item



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“scientific and artistic projects of the University of Montenegro” spent 0 euros, as well as for the item “fees for PhD and MS”, “participation in professional conferences”, “study visits”, etc, while for the item “representation” the consumption is 11, 000 euros, “business travel” 36, 000 euros, and so on.

The University of Montenegro does not fulfill any financial obligations to the suppliers of water, which is why on various faculties for days the disconnection of water threatened the basic working conditions of all students and academic staff.

CCE believes that the Budget of the University of Montenegro is really low, but on the basis of these items it is clear that it is spent irresponsibly, that the announcements of Miranović concerning another term are just nice promises, because he so far had a lot of ways to do what he have failed, whether because he was not allowed or did not know, but each of these reasons equally do not recommend him for retention of existing positions.

What remains questionable is based on which right does the Rector invite students and teachers to stand beside him to succeed to realize his plan for the next term, when he defied numerous appeals of teachers and students of the Law Faculty and the Faculty of Philosophy, which have suffered unforeseeable damage due to actions of deans of these faculties during the past year and that did not get even the public condemnation from the Rector Miranović.

And, finally, the election of a new rector is illegal, which is now becoming a tradition and brings no honor to the University of Montenegro or to the country wishing to develop a democratic society. The University of Montenegro was not allowed to become a negative example of the transition that brought him his business logic of oligarchic-tycoon-type and significantly reduced the chance to fight for autonomy.

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