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## **IRREGULARITIES CONTINUE IN THE WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO**

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) informs the public that the procedure of election for the Rector of the University of Montenegro is illegal, since the Ordinance that regulates it is not in accordance with the Statute of the University of Montenegro.**

Namely, the Article 28 of the Statute of the University of Montenegro clearly stipulates the procedure, termination of office and dismissal of the Rector, and passing of an Ordinance was necessary for issues that have not been clearly defined by the Statute, as it is, for example, the issue of deadlines.

However, the Managing Board adopted the Ordinance which amends the Statute, which is a legal nonsense, as it is known that the Statute is the higher legal document than the Ordinance, even when it is in accordance with it, while in this situation it is not even the case. **The only legal and legitimate procedure for the election of the Rector of the University is prescribed by the Statute, which means that the provision that all the Faculty Councils declare about the candidates for the Rector is in effect, although the Ordinance represents the illegal attempt to introduce centralization in the process of decision-making, giving the right to decide on the election of the Rector only to the members of the Senate and the Managing Board.**

The fact that the present rector **Predrag Miranović** will have no opponent at the upcoming elections for the head of the University of Montenegro is degrading for such an academic institution, bearing in mind that within over a hundred full-time professors of the University not a single opponent to the above-mentioned has been proposed and this in the best way demonstrates the lack of freedom at the University of Montenegro.

CCE believes that the reason for this is centralized context that does not encourage or motivate teachers to run for the post of rector, but are disparagement by adoption of the Ordinance that force a group of people in the Managing Board and the Senate, who are members of are ruling DPS-SDP coalition, among which superb and the strongest feature, now in the shadow, has professor **Ljubiša Stanković**, current ambassador to UK, which was succeeded by Miranović.



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To remind, the previous rector Ljubiša Stanković had the power to, from the number of apartments which the University appropriates, "assign 20% on his own initiative."

According to reports from the media in the region, "the rector had powers such European universities do not know" (NIN, article "Stronger than Bismarck"), wherefore he assigned the apartments to the current rector Miranović, close relatives, the current members of Managing Board and Senate, whereby the votes for the upcoming and any further election for the posts of rector and deans of faculties have been ensured, as long as the receivers of the housing and the mortgage loans are in the management of the University of Montenegro.

**CCE will file a complaint to the Administrative Court for the annulment of the Ordinance which is not harmonized with the Statute.** The decision to initiate complaint is based on arguments, which is a common practice of CCE, just like when we won in administrative procedures to all instances against the University, because of their refusal to publish 23 contracts concluded with third parties, whose value exceeds 10.000,00 €, and the value of 100.000,00 €, which can clearly be taken as an example of corruption and the lack of transparency at the University of Montenegro.

**Additionally, CCE criticizes the practice introduced in 2003, by which the Rector of the University is not obliged to submit a detailed report on his work at end of his term to the Managing Board and the public, and will therefore remain unknown what are the specific contributions of rector in educational and scientific work, as well as in decreasing the level of the corruption at the University.**

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