



# CIN # C G R E P O R T

## CIN-CG REPORT ON 2019 ACTIVITIES

Center for Investigative Journalism of Montenegro (CIN-CG) is a non-governmental foundation, dedicated to practicing and promoting investigative journalism in accordance with internationally recognized professional standards.

Our main goal is to inform Montenegrin people of the hidden or unavailable important information of public interest.

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*CIN-CG implemented several donor funded projects and conducted a number of significant investigations and activities. The organization also strengthened its partnership with major independent media and CSOs in Montenegro, region and abroad.*

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# JOURNALISTIC INVESTIGATIONS: ARTICLES, DOCUMENTARIES

In 2019, CIN-CG and its partners put a lot of efforts into investigating topics of public interest, which resulted in production of more than 50 articles (<http://www.cin-cg.me/en/>), two TV documentaries and several videos. These investigations were published and broadcasted on a numerous local and regional online platforms, portals, print media and TV stations while most of the articles were translated in English language.

The articles covered wide range of topics including: high level corruption cases, abuse of power, public debt, environmental issues, minority rights, women's position in the labor market, position of whistleblowers, occupational health and safety etc. Some of the articles were envisaged by specific projects, while others were produced based on our initiative.

Two documentaries were released under the project Professional Media for Investigative and Evidence based Reporting. The first documentary The Envelope ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u3v-qSY0iM&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u3v-qSY0iM&feature=emb_title)) deals with an affair that caused a real political storm when

Duško Knežević, a businessman close to the ruling circles, disclosed a video showing him giving money to a senior ruling party official to fund the election campaign. The documentary deals with corruption related to the electoral process.

The second documentary Silk Road or Silken Rope ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmcVYcRtP3I&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmcVYcRtP3I&feature=emb_title)) addresses the controversy surrounding the construction of one of Montenegro's largest infrastructure projects - the highway, which should link south with north of the country. Loan from China for financing this project has significantly increased Montenegro's public debt and could also lead the country into debt bondage and dependence on China.

CIN-CG is particularly proud of the fact that documentary Silk Road or Silken Rope was screened at the Columbia University in New York. The documentary opened a major conference on corruption in the Balkans organized by Columbia's Harriman Institute in November.



**SILK ROAD**  
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## CONFERENCES



At the end of the project Media Investigations: Stop 2 READ (Regional Acts of Devastation), an international conference The Process of European Integration, Media Freedom and Chapter 27 was organized to promote the importance of investigative and ethical journalism on sustainable development, environmental protection and European integration process. At the conference, more than 70 participants from the country and abroad discussed this important topic and participated in the formulation of recommendations and conclusions.



Within the same project, a press conference was organized to present the final bilingual publication Stop 2 READ - Stop Nature Devastation. The overall conclusion of the project is that the devastation of nature is a serious problem in Montenegro and that it is most often behind the interests of privileged individuals and corruption.

Two panel discussions were organized on the position of women in the labor market as part of the project Investigative research and media campaign: Women Rights & Work in Montenegro. The conferences launched a discussion on women's economic equality in Montenegro, working conditions, safety and the position at work.



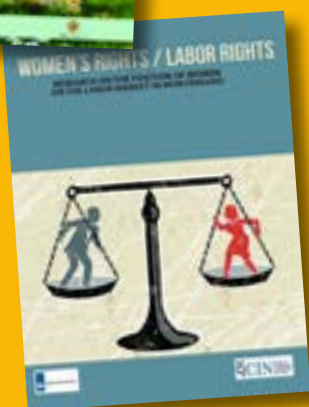
Within the project How is our budget spent? - (Non) Public Spending in Montenegro, a panel discussion Public Debt of Montenegro from 2006 - 2018: Structure, Problems and Possible Solutions was organized.



## PUBLICATIONS

CIN-CG published three bilingual publications: Stop 2 READ - Stop Nature Devastation; Analysis of Montenegro's Public Debt for the period 2006 – 2018 and Women's Rights/Labor Rights – Research on the position of women on the labor market in Montenegro.

Two leaflets on the position of women in the labor market in Montenegro were published, with the main findings of the project. They were published in weekly Monitor, which was a partner in the project Investigative research and media campaign: Women Rights & Work in Montenegro.







## PROJECTS:

In 2019, CIN-CG implemented seven projects as a lead applicant or a partner:

Media Investigations: Stop 2 READ (Regional Acts of Devastation) - funded by the EU;

How is our budget spent? - (Non) Public Spending in Montenegro – funded by the EU, lead applicant Institute Alternative;

Strengthening Quality News and Independent Journalism in the Western Balkans and Turkey - funded by the EU, lead applicant BIRN;

Transitional justice and War Crimes in Montenegro – truth or dare? - funded by the EU, lead applicant RECOM;

Healthy and safe in private and foreign companies - funded by the Government of Montenegro, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare

Political representation of women from minority groups on national and local level – funded by Ministry for Human and Minority Rights

Free to report – Media support to whistleblowers in Montenegro – funded by NED, lead applicant Center for the Study of Democracy and Governance.



**CIN-CG** will continue to strengthen investigative journalism and freedom of media, crucial for Montenegrin transition to democracy.

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