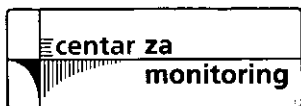


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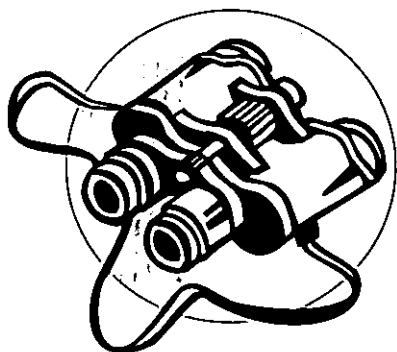
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Elections 2002

THE MONITORING CENTER CEMI

The Monitoring Center CEMI was established in March 2000. CEMI is a Non-Governmental Organization, whose goal is to provide infrastructure and expert support for uninterrupted monitoring during the entire ongoing transition process in Montenegro. The Monitoring Center is the first Non-Governmental Organization, which has carried out the project of civil monitoring of elections in Montenegro.

MISSION

Mission of the Monitoring Center is to, through constant monitoring of process of transition processes in Montenegro, presenting identified anomalies and taking actions for their elimination, contributes to the implementation of standards, which present important conditions for Montenegro on its way to become a part of the European Union.

GOALS

- » Monitoring of the election process
- » Improvement of the quality of the legislation in Montenegro
- » Improvement of respect of political rights and citizens' freedom
- » Monitoring the implementation of the Constitution and other laws in Montenegro
- » Monitoring the process of transition
- » Protection of human rights and freedom
- » Promoting the ideas of civil society among citizens

PROJECTS

» Civil monitoring of election:

Up to now, CEMI has been monitoring Local Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (March 2000), Local Election in Podgorica and Herceg Novi (June 2000), Federal Elections (September 2000), Republican Elections in Serbia (December 2000), Parliamentary Elections in Montenegro (April 2001) and Elections in Kosovo (November 2001), Local Elections in Montenegro (May 2002), Presidential Election in Serbia (2002), it is important to emphasize that CEMI and its partner organization CeSID, have successfully implemented a method of partial parallel voting tabulation (PPTV), for the first time in Montenegro, which enabled us to present the results of the

elections to the Montenegrin public 90 minutes after the closure of polling stations and in this way prevented manipulations with election results which do not present the will of citizens. That time, CEMI's observers, who covered 80 % of polling stations, conducted parallel voting tabulation. Results were presented on CEMI's web site: www.cemi.cg.yu. For the local elections 2002, CEMI conducted entire PVT, with identical precision and in short interval as on Parliamentary Elections 2001.

» **Monitoring of Parliamentary and Local Elections 2002**

The Monitoring Center will for the ninth time conduct monitoring of elections, this time of Parliamentary Elections in Montenegro and local Elections in Podgorica and Tivat (two municipalities in Montenegro). The monitoring system will be the same as earlier. We will hopefully have results two hours after the closure of the polling stations. As a part of the project, monitoring of election administration will also be conducted (RIK and OIK), as well as all normative activities of governmental bodies related to the election process. This would result in detailed analysis of electoral legislation and functioning of electoral bodies. Citizens would be enabled to view the results of the monitoring of pre-election campaigns. Special segment of this project is monitoring of most of the media accessible to the citizens of Montenegro, based in Montenegro and Serbia, which is being conducted in cooperation with CeSID.

» **Monitoring of media**

Goal of monitoring of media is finding out how much each political party is represented in each of the media and how objectively media informs about the submitted election lists to the representatives of the government. Quantitative analysis involves measures of time and space in which certain political subjects were mentioned either as the speaker or as the subject of someone else's conversation. Qualitative analysis presents marking of the number of positive, negative or neutral information about a political subject presented in a media, regardless if the subject spoke about himself or it was done by someone else. By monitoring of paid advertisements (article 54 of ZIOP: Paid election advertisements given by the submitters of electoral lists, used to promote the elections, election programs and election candidates, we intend to determine the amount of money spent on media by submitters of electoral lists and also determine if the amount exceeded the limit established by Article 9. from the Law on financing

the political parties.

Project of the monitoring of media started during the monitoring of local elections in Podgorica and Herceg-Novi.

» **Conference**

"The role of NGOs in monitoring of electoral process"

The Government of Montenegro and OSCE financed conference on the role of NGOs in the election process, held in Podgorica in late December. Representatives of NGOs from Montenegro, Serbia and Croatia, political parties and OSCE were present at this conference. Need for continuation of NGO monitoring of all transition processes in compliance with democratic practice was emphasized. Gathering was an opportunity to exchange experience from monitoring different countries and political systems. Strong willingness for cooperation between NGOs and political parties was also emphasized.

» **Draft of the law on financing political parties**

With this project we are trying to create legal infrastructure, which would enable transparent financing of political subjects in Montenegro and in this way we would act as a stabilization factor related to political relations in Montenegro and make political parties more equal during their political activities. This is one of the Anti-corruption laws; therefore CEMI's partner in this project is Center for Transition in Montenegro as well as Governmental Anti-corruption Initiative Agency. Apart from above mentioned support, CEMI gained expert support from the Council of Europe. IFES (International Foundation for Election Systems from Washington) also provided us huge support in realization of this project. Norwegian People's Aid and Open Society Institute of Montenegro have financed this project.

» **Draft of the law on Central Register of voters list**

CEMI finished the project on drafting law on central voters list in April 2002. It was financed by NPA (Norwegian People's Aid). Irregularities related to updating of the voters list were tried to be eliminated by this project as well as the registration of new voters in order to make precise Central Register of voters list. Having collected 6000 signatures as a support for the draft law, representatives of the monitoring center would defend the draft law in the Parliament of Montenegro. Research on the state of the Central Register of voters list, conducted by CEMI, was published as a part of the same project. IFES from Washington gave significant expert support.

- 8) Promoting the law on the institution of the institution of Ombudsman

Campaign, undertaken by CEMI, aims to promote the Institution of Ombudsman in Montenegro, whose adoption in the Parliament of Montenegro is expected. The Round Table was also a part of the project on which the draft of this law was presented for the first time in Montenegro, written by the Ministry of Justice. NGOs were not involved in making the draft of this law. Open Society Institute in Montenegro has financed this project.

- 9) Training for trainers of political parties on election procedure

Training for trainers of political parties on election procedure, organized by CEMI, was financed by International Center "Ulf Palme" from Stockholm. CEMI has organized three seminars whose participants were members of all parliamentary political parties from Montenegro. Goal of these seminars was making familiar the participants with the election procedures. As the final result, a group of 52 trainers was formed, ready to pass on the knowledge to their political parties' members. Delegation of European Commission approved funds for continuation of this successful project, meaning that additional 54 members of political parties would undertake this educational program.

- 10) Strategy as a means - Confidence as goal

Synchronized process called "Strategy as a mean- Confidence as a goal" was brought out and indicated as a contribution to defining long term relations between Montenegro and Serbia. CEMI has realized this project together with its partner organization Fraktal from Belgrade. Until now, first phase of the project is finished, while the second two phases are in plan for first half of 2003. First phase concluded nine seminars, which were held in four cities-regions of Serbia and Montenegro, with mutual seminar in Novi Pazar for participant from Sandzak.

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