

## Matters identified by the oversight body *ex officio* in Montenegro

In Montenegro, investigative procedures can be launched *ex officio* by the Anti-Corruption Agency in line with article 56 of Law on Financing of Political Entities And Election Campaigns / Procedure and Decision-making in Case of Violation of the Law:

“The procedure in which it is decided whether there is a violation of this Law and measures are pronounced in accordance with this Law shall be initiated by the Agency.

Procedure referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may be initiated *ex officio* by the Agency, based on its own knowledge or report of a natural or legal person.

*The Agency shall make the decision whether to initiate or not to initiate the procedure following the application by a natural or legal person.*

*The Agency shall inform the applicant in writing about its decision to initiate or not to initiate the procedure upon submission of application and to deliver it with the explanation, within 15 days from the day of submission of the application.*

*The Agency shall guarantee the anonymity to the applicant referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.*

The Agency shall prescribe the manner and procedure of reporting and deciding upon objections filed in the course of the election campaign based on the suspicion of existence of violation of this Law.

The Agency shall inform the political entity on initiation of the procedure referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.”