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From six neighbouring municipalities of Prizren, only two have published Auditor's Reports

The reports of the auditor general for financial statements of 2014 are published in the official websites only by two neighbouring municipalities of Prizren, whereas four other municipalities failed to publish them until now.

Municipality of Suhareka and Municipality of Rahovec are the only ones that created the opportunity for the visitors of their official websites to be informed with the complete content of the respective report of the Auditor. The auditor's report is not available in the websites of the municipalities of Dragash, Malisheva and Mamusha. On the other hand, the Municipality of Shterpca published previous auditor's report, but not the one for 2014.

The reports produced by the Office of the Auditor General, as stated in the introductory audit reports, "directly promote accountability as they provide a base for holding managers' of individual budget organisations to account." In this case, the audit reports provide the base to request accountability from the Mayors for the way of governing the money and public property, as well as to see if the expenditures of public funds are in accordance with the interests of taxpayers.

EC Ma Ndryshe considers the fact that the audit reports for these municipalities are published and accessible for everyone on the website of the Office of the Auditor General. However, their publication on the websites of the municipalities would demonstrate a commitment of the municipal leadership for accountability and transparency in the management of public funds.

Moreover, the NGO considers that informing the public about the best practices but also for the shortcomings of the municipalities in managing the public finance presents a very important indicator for the level of their transparency.

Considering all these, EC Ma Ndryshe recommends the neighbouring municipalities of Prizren to publish on their websites continuously the General Auditor's Reports, as well as start with the practice of drafting and publishing the periodic reports for the situation of the implementation of recommendations addressed by the Auditor General.

EC Ma Ndryshe commenced the implementation of the "Municipal Transparency Reform Index" project in May of 2015, thanks to the support of the British Embassy in Prishtina, which is extended to larger municipalities of Kosovo, such as: Prishtina, Prizren, Peja, Mitrovica, Gjilan, Ferizaj and Gjakova, as well as Suhareka, Rahovec, Malisheva, Dragash, Mamusha and Shterpca. The project in question is intended to assist municipalities in identifying the main shortcomings regarding transparency as well as provide instructions for addressing and resolving them. The Transparency Index presents also a structured effort to support municipalities of Kosovo in

meeting the standards of good governance, defined with the reform of local government and European agenda of Kosovo.

Sincerely,

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