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### **Municipality makes double payment of an invoice for maintenance and repair of the Mayor's vehicle**

Within the project of overseeing the operation of the municipal executive of Prizren, EC Ma Ndryshe has reviewed payments of the maintenance and repair of the Mayor's vehicle, as the Audit Report for 2012 had found violations of procurement requirements and a double payment for an invoice.

On the Audit Report of the Office of the Auditor General (can be downloaded at [http://www.oag-rks.org/repository/docs/RaportiAuditimit\\_KPZ\\_2012\\_Eng\\_36581.pdf](http://www.oag-rks.org/repository/docs/RaportiAuditimit_KPZ_2012_Eng_36581.pdf)) it is noted that, "Municipality made expenditures with no contract and without procurement procedures for maintenance and repair of the Mayor's vehicle, in the amount of €3,977", expenditures that relate to periods from 2008 to 2012. Moreover, this state authority has also encountered a double payment of the invoice by the municipal budget. "We reviewed these payments and noticed a double payment for the invoice 1892/S in the value of €336. This invoice was introduced in the invoice summary No. 001 dated 10.04.2012 and also as a separate invoice dated 12.12.2011", states on the OAG's Report.

EC Ma Ndryshe sought a clarification from the Municipality of Prizren in relation to these omissions. The only response was received from the Technical Division, explaining that, "by the fault of the contractor the duplication of an invoice No. 1892/S was made and paid beforehand on 19.04.2012."

Technical Department claimed that this disputed invoice, when delivered to the municipality on 10.07.2012, did not figure as a paid invoice in the financial statements of the municipality therefore an authorization was given for debt payment without noticing the error.

In the meantime, the Auditor has found the defect and Technical Division officials pointed out that they instantly had warranted the matter to the respective vehicle service operator and after the agreement in principle a verbal concord was brokered that "the reparation shall be made in the next first maintenance and repair." Technical Division states that an issue is for the partial payment of the invoice 001 dated 10.07.2012 in the amount of €336.32 and not its total sum and that in case of failure of keeping the promise by contractor the payment shall be sought in legal ways.

EC Ma Ndryshe recalls the risk findings of the Auditor, warning the municipal officials that, "Failure to follow proper procurement procedures and instructions resulted in irregular payments and financial loss to the Municipality," and that "there is a further risk that poor value was reached for money spent on this contract."

EC Ma Ndryshe recommends the Municipality of Prizren:

- At the earliest time to implement recommendation number 8 of the OAG report by which it is required that the Mayor should review reasons why public procurement requirements were not applied in these cases and should ensure that proper controls are in place in order that such situations are not repeated;
- To follow provisions of the Law on Public Procurement on every service, supply or bid;
- All payments are made in accordance with the contract requirements and only after necessary verifications are made that contracted goods and services are received in the appropriate quantity and quality;
- To pay the utmost attention in spending public money, and
- To control more strictly financial statements and outstanding liabilities.

EC Ma Ndryshe's project for the oversight of transparency of the executive branch will continue on publicizing monitoring findings through regular press releases and project's website, where the findings will be posted directly by the monitors. So far, all monitoring findings, including regular press releases and other information relative to local governments of Prizren and Mamuşa/Mamushë, are being regularly published on the project's website: [www.online-transparency.org](http://www.online-transparency.org).

Thank you for your cooperation,

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