

## VII CONCLUSION

The month of October was marked by the discharge of Dragan Kolarevic, the Assistant Minister of Culture and Media in charge of the media and the appointment of the new Assistant Minister – Sasa Mirkovic, hitherto President of ANEM. Mirkovic's appointment appears as a great victory for the media community, as he was at the helm thereof in the struggle for media reforms, which was intensively waged after the adoption of the undemocratic Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Information back in 2009. It remains to be seen if Mirkovic will be able to speed up the reforms. The fact that he was appointed a full month and a half after the government reshuffle is not encouraging. Meanwhile, the situation in Serbia remains unchanged. Those journalists that are brave enough to do their job against the liking of the local power players still risk being fired and sued and, judging from the court decisions taken in October, the judiciary is unlikely to make their life easier. The government is still paying lip service to reforms and their related promises remain idle talk.