

## **PROGRAM OF THE YOUTH FORUM URA**

We, the presidency of the political organisation “Youth Forum URA”, adopted the following program principles and goals:

- We believe in a community of free citizens and a society led by a responsible, ethical and enlightened elite, and we are ready to dedicate ourselves to the well-being of Montenegro and the ideas of a humane, democratic and solidary society;
- We resolutely support the process of adopting Euro-Atlantic values and are committed to friendship and cooperation between states and peoples;
- We want to end the practice of irremovable government and affirm the need for democratic change, which is a precondition for free development and general social progress;
- We are proud of the libertarian tradition, centuries-old statehood and anti-fascist heritage of Montenegro;
- We resolutely follow the ideas of: a just state, civil society, democratic and secular community, rule of law, protection of individual and collective rights and minority rights, creative and market economy, responsible and rational state and socially balanced society;
- We take into account the progress of the state on the principles of sustainable development, environmental protection and green economy;
- We are committed to an educated, innovative and economically viable community that as such can only count on long-term development and progress;
- We oppose the policy of irresponsible and consumer borrowing and impoverishment of the country, we condemn the partocratic political system and the suffocation of the rule of law;
- We reject the economic policy that has reduced Montenegrin society to an extremely rich and privileged minority, a weak and insecure middle class and a majority struggling with poverty;
- We express our readiness for cooperation, alliance and dialogue with all parties, associations, social groups and individuals committed to the stability and prosperity of Montenegro;

Our policy is dedicated to the future of Montenegro. We want our attitudes and goals to gain strong public support as soon as possible and become a pledge of a progressive, stable and economically prosperous Montenegro. We know that the quality of any government is not reflected in political rhetoric and promises but in a measurable improvement in the quality of life and standards of citizens. For us, power is not what it thinks of itself, nor what others think of it, but what it leaves as a legacy to present and future generations. We are for politics that will be known for being FOR something and not against something. That is why, above all, we will persistently and unequivocally strive for three fundamental goals:

**FOR a civil state**

For us, the citizen is both formally and essentially the bearer of political sovereignty and a key factor of a humane, democratic and free society.

The internationally recognized and sovereign state of Montenegro, based on civil democracy and secular society, is the foundation of our policy. Our program goals include the constant affirmation of universal human and civil rights and the protection of individual and collective freedoms. We oppose all forms of discrimination and resolutely reject policies and social behaviours that ever violently or formally and legally bring us into a subordinate and humiliating position. We do not accept reconciliation with any extremist ideologies and great-power ideas.

We are committed to protecting the identity of minority peoples as well as their political affirmation through the principle of positive electoral discrimination.

### **FOR Euro-Atlantic values**

Our foreign policy goals are clear. Montenegro should become a member of the European Union and the NATO alliance as soon as possible. Commitment to these political processes is unquestionable for us and there is no alternative.

We insist on the realization of fundamental social changes that will enable Montenegro to make our society modern and prosperous, and thus mature for joining the European Union, through the transformation of the political class and democratic change of government. We are also in favour of structural reforms that lead to the constitution of a professional and efficient defence and intelligence system of the state government, so that Montenegro becomes a respected member of the NATO alliance.

Acceptance of Euro-Atlantic values in the field of politics, law, economy, security, protection of space and environment is our fundamental program determination.

### **FOR a democratic and peaceful change of government**

Our goal is a democratic change of government. The strength and political maturity of a society must rest on the ability to change power in a democratic and peaceful way. Experience teaches us that street and violent changes of government or coups d'état lead society astray. Therefore, the historical task is to pursue a policy that will lead to a democratic and peaceful change of government, which would be a key milestone for the political and social development of Montenegro. We are aware that politics and elections in Montenegro are burdened with corruption, immature democracy and political lack of freedom. Nevertheless, we will persistently build a political system at the centre of which is a free and responsible citizen. Our goal is electoral reform that will enable democratic and fair elections and programmatic political competition in the long run.

It also implies the transformation of the current political system. Professional positions must depend on knowledge and abilities and not on party affiliation.

Finally, we are convinced that without a periodic change of government, there is no consolidated democracy or free society.

As a reformist political organisation, we are in favour of systemic changes in the political, legal, economic and social spheres. It is necessary to solve many inherited and acquired problems in society and the state and at the same time lead to a democratic and peaceful change of the current government. Our program goals and plans that we believe are in the interest of present and future generations include the following efforts:

### **FOR THE RULE OF LAW**

A policy dedicated to building a functioning rule of law is our program priority. State and local authorities are politicized and influenced by the ruling parties and are marked by nepotism, corruption and professional incompetence. The legislature often passes superficial, inapplicable, and confusing laws, sometimes unconstitutional. The executive and state administration often adopt bylaws and individual decisions that are an example of illegal conduct or are evidence of conflicting legal policies. For us, the results of state bodies in the fight against domestic corruption and crime are weak and insufficient. The elimination of organized criminal groups, often linked to state and local authorities, is sporadic and unconvincing. At the same time, the penal policy must be thoroughly reformed in a way that will enable the affirmation of the criminal sanction of work in the public interest and the reorganization of the prison system in the direction of self-serving sentences and re-socialization of prisoners. The formation of an efficient, numerically adequate and professional police within a single ministry, a competent and independent prosecutor's office and a professional and independent judiciary is our priority goal at the state level.

Strengthening the system of the rule of law and the independence of institutions is the basis for an uncompromising fight against crime and corruption, especially high corruption. Priority measures in this direction are:

- Transparent governance and a strong accountability system for individuals making decisions of general interest;
- Stricter penal policy for crimes in the field of organized crime and high corruption;
- Simplification of procedures for seizure of property and their more efficient implementation;
- Establishment of a special fund from confiscated property acquired through organized crime and corruption, which would be used to solve difficult social problems, problems of transitional losers in the neglected north, as well as financing project employment in this area;
- Revision and termination of privatization and other agreements, which caused obvious damage to the state and citizens, as well as confiscation of the entire property of officials in order to compensate for the damage caused;
- Strengthening the system of rule of law and independence of institutions in inspection activities related to timely collection of all types of taxes at the state

and local level, timely collection of contributions to employees' salaries, timely collection of all obligations to state and local budgets, as well as clear definition of responsibilities for late action. by all inspection bodies

### **FOR a stable and prosperous community**

A good part of the current political class is responsible for the destructive divisions that affect Montenegrin society, such as: social and class stratification reflected in the poor majority, the vulnerable middle class and the ultra-rich minority; economic decline, which is especially evident in the failed privatizations, the absence of industry and crafts, the growing regional gap and the lagging behind of the northern part of our country; political discrimination and legal inequality as reflected in everyday party, police and judicial practice; identity manipulations which is reflected in democratic, national and confessional relations, as well as conflicts in the media and institutional sphere. These reasons motivate us to engage in overcoming inherited and current social divisions, primarily by eliminating the socio-economic, political and legal causes that led to them, but also by constantly encouraging political and social dialogue. We believe in our future in the community of the united European states, but we also support the economic and cultural reintegration and moral recovery of the former Yugoslavia and the wider Balkans. We also support the policy of dealing with the past, which includes timeless trials for crimes committed during the wars in the former Yugoslavia.

### **FOR a society of equal peoples, cultures and religions**

We are committed to a secular state in which equal nations and religions live freely. Montenegro is a multi-ethnic and multi-confessional state union and we consider it its advantage and fundamental social colour. We stand for a society in which all collective identities will develop and be respected. We do not have a reserve state and that is why we consider Montenegro first of all the homeland of all its citizens, regardless of their personal characteristics, national, religious or cultural affiliation.

### **FOR an open and creative economy**

Our goal is to pursue a new economic policy dedicated to development and entrepreneurship and free from the interests of dubious capital, party and unscrupulous motives. We want strong development of free entrepreneurship, encouragement of open, debureaucratized and innovative economic system, creative market economy and national economy that takes into account the principles of humane and solidary society. . We strive for a community in which an economically independent citizen will be the foundation of a democratic and responsible state. Our ultimate goal is a financially viable and economically sovereign state. Our policy will return to the state the role of a productive and engaged actor that reacts to market and speculative distortions and is at the same time committed to the protection of nature, national goods and infrastructural resources.

In this direction, we are committed to the following measures in the long run:

1. Zero budget deficit and low public debt - which includes a moratorium on government borrowing to finance current budget spending, reducing public spending, abolishing state guarantees for private companies, rescheduling high public debt, pursuing policies based on the Maastricht criteria and exceptional credit capital or fast profitable projects;
2. A country committed to entrepreneurial culture, realistic and prudent policies, gradual and stable progress, multifaceted, regionally coordinated and sustainable development - which means creating wealth through the implementation of the concept of sustainable development, systemic encouragement of domestic entrepreneurship and social capital development in trade deficit areas. attracting innovative medium and small foreign investors and regional integration of Montenegro, long-term development of entrepreneurial and information culture in the education system, encouraging business and employment through multifaceted economic development (internationally integrated research projects, manufacturing and service industry, tourism, maritime, wood processing, food production , economic valorisation of monument culture, national telecommunications and private IT business, activation of energy potentials in harmony with the natural environment, expansion of the transport network in accordance with the development of business, etc.);
3. Favours a competitive and stimulating tax policy and favourable conditions for the development of companies and entrepreneurship;
4. Encouraging private-public partnership policies at all social levels (with private companies, business associations, non-governmental sector, diaspora), as well as favouring state ownership of public goods, infrastructure resources and natural monopolies;
5. Defining fair and stimulating economic and labour legislation with the aim of eliminating systemic corruption, illegal employment, and favouring and protecting fair business and work;

Encouraging employment and social stability of young generations through stimulating state programs, predominantly in the private sector.

### **FOR a new model of economic development**

A radical turn in economic policy and a new model of economic development is necessary in order to make a departure from the domination of privileged partners and wasteful people towards the real economy and those who create and employ. Our goals are as follows:

- Stop further unproductive borrowing and collapse of public finances;
- Creating conditions for free market competition;
- Limiting the monopoly position of companies, i.e. enormous earnings through monopolistic rent, through economic policy measures such as the adoption of the law on extra profit;
- Supporting thousands of small and medium-sized businesses, rather than eligible friends who owe millions in taxes and close factories and destroy resources;

- Incentive for all those who employ new workers in production activities (exempt from paying taxes and contributions for three years for new employees, and in underdeveloped municipalities for five years);
- Active industrial policy with exemption from paying utilities for new production plants and drastic reduction of paperwork that burdens the business;
- Encouraging the inflow of foreign investments, but not through the system of selling off space and resources, but by investing in projects that will create new value and create new jobs;
- Reduction of taxes and contributions on wages from the current 67 percent to below 50 percent in the first phase;
- Amendments to the Law on Income Tax, ie introduction of wealth tax and luxury tax;
- Abolition of most parafiscal taxes;
- Drastic reduction of property tax rates for residential buildings up to 100 m<sup>2</sup>, with progressive taxation of each subsequent residential property;
- Increase in property tax of non-functioning economic entities, with decrease in property tax in which economic activity is performed;
- Abolition of taxes on land used in agriculture;
- Stimulating and supporting women's entrepreneurship, as well as entrepreneurship of socially sensitive groups (single parents, young married couples, the disabled and people with special needs ...);
- Stimulating and supporting investments in organic food production;
- Stimulating and supporting investments in the creation of the so-called "Green islands", recycling centres and waste material factories;
- Encouraging and supporting youth entrepreneurship and creating conditions for them to show their talent in Montenegro, instead of emigrating;
- Stimulating our successful businessmen in the diaspora to invest the acquired knowledge and capital in Montenegro, especially in areas with a pronounced outflow of young staff;
- Agreement with banks and taking other measures to support citizens whose existence is endangered by loans and judging;
- Eradicating the negative practice of undeclared work, working on public holidays, as well as denying workers the right to weekly or annual leave.
- In the field of transport, the priority is the construction of fast roads with a third lane and bypasses around coastal cities. This would relieve traffic, increase the level of tourist services and the availability of tourist facilities.

### **FOR the planned development of tourism**

In the long run and in a planned way, we must develop tourism at an annual growth rate of 5-8% in order to reach 20 million overnight stays and an inflow of 1.2 billion euros per year, and encourage elite tourism. This requires:

- Instead of building devastation of space, go back to the settings of the 2008 Master Plan, avoiding housing and large mixed-use resorts that occupy large areas and are risky for environmental sustainability;

- Encourage investments in tourist facilities and off the coast, in areas with the highest quality resources (lakes, rivers, canyons, mountains, forests);
- Providing conditions and support for the construction of high-class hotels on the coast and in mountain centres;
- Development of activities complementary to tourism (agriculture, cultural industries, crafts), in order to avoid the pitfalls of a monocultural economy;
- Encourage investments in the renewal of rural areas (restoration of the architectural heritage of rural areas, creation of family farms), in order to develop rural and rural tourism;
- Protection and strategic planning of untouched locations, in order to preserve the balance between natural beauties and urban values;
- Preservation of all areas and units that are under the protection of UNESCO, as well as the aspiration for other sites to be included in the world cultural heritage;

### **FOR the progress of the village**

By making better use of agricultural resources, our goal is to increase food production, reduce import dependence and show a caring attitude towards the countryside. In order to produce more food, respond to global challenges and treat natural resources responsibly, and take care of our village in a domestic way, it is necessary to:

- Multiple increase of the agro-budget, especially direct support to producers from the current 5 to more than 20 million euros;
- Strengthening competitiveness and introducing EU standards, with incomparably greater and more comprehensive investment support (over 20 million per year) in all sectors of agriculture and the food industry;
- Support to large commodity producers, but also encouragement of small family farms, with consistent application of the EU model of support and development;
- Multiple increase in investment in rural infrastructure, which creates conditions for young people to stay in the countryside, produce food, take care of resources and preserve the tradition of our village;
- Creating conditions in which the state will do its job, professional institutions will do theirs, and farmers will produce more and place surpluses on the market without any difficulties.

### **FOR the development of maritime and transport**

Maritime is an open global industry, which we will approach in a much more serious and constructive way.

We will redefine and reorganize the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs in a way that makes a clear division of work within the Ministry so that the maritime sector does so in accordance with precise international standards. This will enable:

- That our sailors sail on ships of all flags;
- To be competitive with seafarers from other countries;
- That our seafarers get employment with shipowners who provide them with good living and working conditions, as well as regular salaries;

- That our seafarers have regulated social rights;
- Creating a special body that will take care of the training of seafarers in accordance with international standards;

We will stimulate and find ways to affirm the provision of maritime management services, as well as international mediation services in the employment of seafarers, in a way that Montenegro is a regional centre when it comes to these services;

In the field of transport, the priority is the construction of fast roads with a third lane, which would relieve traffic, increase the level of tourist services and the availability of tourist facilities. We will also work on the modernization and modernization of railway traffic.

### **FOR a socially balanced society**

Montenegrin society is predominantly poor and at the same time burdened by unrecorded class and social differences. Over two thirds of households in Montenegro have cash incomes that are lower than the average consumer basket. Domestic dehumanized capitalism has turned into a system for the privileged and the rich, while the rest of the population is divided into a thin and unstable middle class and predominantly pauperized citizens struggling with poverty and economic problems. Such circumstances strongly motivate us to advocate a policy that will in the long run be committed to the affirmation of the middle class and the elimination of widespread poverty. At the same time, the monthly income of vulnerable social groups (pensioners, persons with disabilities, persons with social needs) must be harmonized with the principles of the welfare state. A broader social policy would be aimed at reducing poverty primarily through entrepreneurial projects, but also at forming a network of homes for the elderly and sick.

We will also be committed to the inclusion and encouragement of persons with disabilities in all segments of social and economic life, and the realization of their basic human rights. We will focus our activities on raising awareness of the need to create a more humane society, which includes the protection of animals.

We will build a society that will strongly protect its citizens, regardless of gender, religion, nationality and political affiliation, as well as sexual orientation, with special support for vulnerable social groups, through the following measures:

- All children will receive child allowance, and those children who are in a state of material and other needs will receive 50% higher compensation than before;
- We will form an Alimony Fund to help children, ensure the payment of alimony and protect children and single parents from the negligence of the other parent;
- We will increase the amount of the minimum wage, which will not be lower than 50% of the average wage in Montenegro;

- We will develop a diverse system of care for pensioners, especially those living in conditions of severe poverty and exclusion;
- We will introduce support for the poor with a focus on health, education, employment and decent work, which can ensure the sustainable progress of poor citizens;
- We will establish social enterprises and funds, as a form of combating poverty and exclusion;
- The focus will be on the social inclusion of the RAE population (Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians), with an emphasis on caring for people with disabilities and special needs;
- Fight all forms of domestic violence by defining strict measures and legal norms;
- All social benefits will be public, fair and free of political blackmail, so that those who really need it receive help.

### **FOR cost-saving, rational and efficient government**

Our state and local communities are expensive, irrational and financially unsustainable. Our policy will be aimed at public and local government reform, reduction of the number of employees in the public sector, reduction of the government and parliament. The time ahead must be marked by a policy that will be dedicated to the rationalization of the state apparatus and public institutions, all with the aim of creating a functional, capable and efficient government.

Establishing the concept of open and responsible government is our mission. For the sake of public interest and restoring the trust of citizens in institutions and authorities, we will implement:

- Sessions of the Government and working bodies, as a rule, open to the public;
- Urgent reversal of the decision to increase the salaries of public officials and return it to the level of a maximum of three average salaries;
- Urgent termination of the practice of allocating apartments and loans to officials on preferential terms;
- Reviewing the origin of the property of all public officials since the introduction of the multi-party system;
- Developing partnerships with citizens and civil society representatives (NGOs, professional associations, trade unions and employers' associations);
- Rationalization of public administration costs, which will further lead to curbing the already created party state;
- Prevention of conflicts of interest, protection of "whistle-blowers", strengthening of civil society at all levels;
- Supporting women in the fight for equality and their presence in decision-making spheres;
- Socially responsible behaviour, corporate philanthropy and community service;
- Development of local self-government and strengthening the right of citizens to influence decisions on issues that affect their lives and business;

- Decentralization, along with the improvement of the e-government system, the formation of civic bureaus that contribute to the elimination of administrative barriers for business and for the realization of citizens' rights.

### **FOR a modern political system**

We will adapt the political system to the needs of modern society. To improve the democratic environment of the state:

We will enable open electoral lists in parliamentary and local elections, in order to promote direct democracy. In this way, we will overthrow the concept of the party state and increase the responsibility of elected councillors and deputies;

We will return the system of direct voting for mayors of municipalities and the Capital;

We will introduce quotas for young people and increase the existing quotas for women on the electoral lists. Each electoral list must include at least one half of women and one half of citizens under the age of 35.

### **FOR a safe Montenegro**

A safe and secure citizen is the guarantor of the general progress of our society. To achieve this goal, the focus of our activities will be:

- Depoliticization of police management, starting with the Special Anti-Terrorist Unit;
- Improving the professionalism and transparency of security structures;
- Increasing the involvement of civilian control of the security sector;
- Completing the concept of a mobile and professional army, fully prepared to be part of the collective security system;
- We will propose laws on lustration and the opening of secret files with the aim of revealing secret service associates who have been or are still active in political life, including media representatives;
- By correcting the law, we will increase the transparency of the work of the Agency for National Security.

### **FOR accelerated international integration**

Consistent and active foreign policy and accelerated international integration. In order for Montenegro to reach international standards, and especially the European Union, as soon as possible, and become a full member of NATO, we will focus on the following measures:

- We will strongly advocate for legal regulations that will be in line with European ones, and which will, more importantly, be a stimulating legal framework for the development of the economy and society;
- We will increase the number of career diplomats in diplomatic and consular missions and minimize the number of political appointments to diplomatic positions;
- With a recognizable pro-Western orientation, we will build good relations with all countries, especially with the countries of the region and our traditional partners;

- We will provide stronger ties with our emigrants and in cooperation with them create an environment for their unhindered investment in Montenegro;
- We will pay special attention to regional cooperation and good neighbourly relations, through solving current problems and forcing regional development projects.

### **FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Constitutionally defined as an ecological state, Montenegro has all the spatial and natural conditions to develop on the principles of sustainable development. Prosperity based on sustainable development, green economy, ecological spatial planning and rational use of land resources for food production must become a strategic development policy.

Sustainable development cannot be a phrase, but a condition of progress. The conservation and use of natural resources must, without exception, be based on the principles of sustainable development. Unlike the previous government, we want to build Montenegro as an ecological state. To take advantage of its natural beauties, especially in tourism and agriculture, we will implement the following measures:

- We will use natural resources with the care, and we will incorporate the awareness that it is inherited from our descendants into legal and strategic documents;
- We will provide special support for investments in renewable energy sources;
- We will apply a concession policy that manages systematically, and not devastates resources, whereby the concession fee will be collected by the state and local self-governments, which will prevent it from spilling over into private pockets;
- Rehabilitation of all illegal landfills, prevention of opening of new ones and construction of waste management centres.

### **FOR harmonious regional development**

Consistent implementation of regional development policy is necessary to reduce the gap between the increasingly impoverished north and the rest of Montenegro. Instead of the empty rhetoric used by the current government, we will take into account territorial inequalities in development in all sectoral policies, and to that end we will:

- Incorporate into legal regulations the instruments that the EU applies to the mitigation of territorial differences and apply them consistently;
- Establish a fund for the development of the north of Montenegro;
- Introduce mechanisms of special support for development projects not only in the north but in all less developed regions and municipalities;
- Stop the destruction and uncontrolled deforestation and export of roundwood, and instead create an environment for starting the production of final wood processing, which will bring about 2,000 jobs in the area of the north;

- Create conditions for the opening of regional centres that will enable organized purchase and storage of forest fruits, medicinal herbs, honey, milk and other products, as well as for the processing of fruits and vegetables.

### **FOR an educated and enlightened society**

Education as one of the fundamental pillars of the state must experience radical change and complete transformation. We will reconstruct the education system by influencing its three key elements: the quality of teachers, the equipment of schools and the functionality of school programs. In order to achieve the set goal, we will take the following measures:

- Emergency interventions in the field of preschool education, with an increase in the number of kindergartens and prices that will be available to everyone. To enable kindergartens to work in two shifts, in order to meet the needs of working parents;
- Stimulation of teachers for especially achieved results, which would be reflected in the salary. Replace suitability as a criterion with clearly defined rules for rewarding quality and norms that will be based on expertise, professionalism and educational references;
- Formulate clear criteria according to which educators will be employed. Ensure the transparency of the competition during the implementation of which the legal norm will be respected. Mandatory publication of the ranking list of registered candidates;
- Prevent the abuse of certain contracts and other illegal actions, which are currently taking place in Montenegrin educational institutions, and have a political background;
- Restoration of the competence of the Teachers' Council to elect the principal according to the criteria of professional and professional references, as well as the reputation in the community. Limiting the term of office of directors to three years, with the possibility of re-election;
- Reaffirmation of pedagogical professions (educators, teachers, professors and professors) through increasing the quality of educational staff, adequate earnings, with the support of the best students to enrol in pedagogical fields;
- Improving the licensing and relicensing system to create a system that recognizes the quality of teachers;
- Evaluate the teaching staff by an independent institution, where the cumulative grade would include, among other parameters, the grade that students assign to a teacher with a high value of representation in the overall grade;
- Creating a system that will enable quality development of teaching staff through a lifelong learning program and international cooperation and exchange.

In the field of higher education, it is necessary to implement a number of measures that will lead to the stabilization of the University of Montenegro, as well as the higher education system as a whole, which will enable higher education to develop in accordance with the needs of citizens and labor market:

- Depoliticization and decentralization of the University of Montenegro, which is a precondition for its survival, which is seriously endangered by the privilege of private universities and faculties, as well as the politicization of governing

structures. Centralization proved to be a fertile ground for politicization and the introduction of partocracy;

- In order to prevent partocracy, it is necessary to change the rules according to which the leading staff, deans and rector are elected;
- In order for the University of Montenegro to regain its lost autonomy, the structure of the Steering Board should be reviewed and the number of members delegated by the Government as the founder reduced, which will enable this governing body greater autonomy in its work;
- Returning the status of legal entities to faculties, which is a precondition for the autonomy of the University of Montenegro. We emphasize that kindergartens have the status of a legal entity;
- Stricter criteria for licensing new university and faculty units, which will prevent overproduction of diplomas. Review the validity of existing licenses, as many were obtained on a political basis rather than scientific-educational criteria;
- Prevent private universities and colleges from using state resources, as this is another form of robbery of the state of Montenegro;
- Prevent illegal reform of the study model at the University of Montenegro and provide students with diplomas that are competitive in the labour market;
- Establishment of a fund for scholarships for the most talented students from primary school to doctoral studies, with the aim of keeping the best in the country and contributing to its recovery and development.
- Modernization of curricula and introduction of a system of "meaningful learning and studying" in accordance with international practice. The education system should educate young people in a way that they are successful in both professional and personal life.
- Introduction of a dual system of learning and studying, i.e., obligations of practical work both during the school year and after each school or study year. The employer would be obliged to evaluate the practice of each of the pupils or students, according to pre-established criteria. Educational institutions would review selected employers each year. In this way, young people would get to know the practical work early, and thus evaluate their own affinities.
- Connect the economy, non-economy and educational institutions, so that education plans are adopted in accordance with the needs of society and avoid overproduction of unnecessary professions on the one hand, and the deficit of certain occupations on the other hand. This will significantly reduce the costs of the expensive education system.

### **FOR the knowledge society**

The state and society will be based on knowledge, not on suitability and corruption. In the development of a civil, solidary, just and economically stable society, science and scientific research will have a special role, so we will strive for:

- Increase investment in science and research, which must not be below 1.5% of GDP, with the aim of reaching 3% of GDP, as recommended by the EU;
- Development of private-public partnerships and introduction of incentive measures for the business sector to invest more in science and scientific projects;

- Investing in applicable and developmental research projects that will enable young researchers to be paid from the project funds, while applying and improving the knowledge and skills acquired in studies;
- Introduction of a plagiarism detection system, with the aim of protecting and valorising author's works and authentic scientific achievements;
- Creating measures and reforms that will stop the practice of "graduate and then emigrate".

### **FOR healthy citizens of Montenegro**

We will strengthen the health care system, as one of the most important pillars of the state, by investing in doctors and the material equipment of health care institutions. To heal health, we need the most qualified and responsible doctors. By creating quality staff, we will establish a balance between the primary, secondary and tertiary health care systems. To this end, we will take the following measures:

- We will establish a financially sustainable health care system, with equal access to services for all citizens, based on strengthening preventive rather than curative medicine;
- We will upgrade primary health care through continuous training of doctors in health centres, who would disseminate their knowledge by being on duty in Clinical Centre of Montenegro and local hospitals;
- We will introduce measurable indicators, and those who do not meet them or do not want to further improve, will leave their place to those who want to;
- The best will advance, which means cutting at the root of the party key for the election to managerial positions in clinics and for the assignment of shifts;
- We will prevent the outflow of the best doctors by educating the most talented in prestigious world clinics, who will be adequately paid for their work and demonstrated expertise upon their return to Montenegro;
- We will keep the best doctors even after retirement, oblige them to form teams of the most talented young doctors in local hospitals and Clinical Centre of Montenegro, and be responsible for their development;
- The clinical centre, as the central Montenegrin hospital, must be in better condition, it should be thoroughly reconstructed, modernized and upgraded so that all rooms have bathrooms and other necessary facilities;
- Increasing the salaries of doctors and medical staff, but also the legal responsibility of those who ask for money to provide health services;
- We will prevent corruption in public procurement, which is a product of the monopoly and connection of the pharmaceutical lobby and part of state structures;
- Caring for women's reproductive health, encouraging birth rates while curbing unsustainable practices of restricting abortions in ethically acceptable measures.
- We will introduce the obligation of palliative care into the health care system and create conditions for its realization. It is necessary to provide wards and beds for the care of patients who have no chance of cure and who are facing death.

### **FOR culture**

Culture, as a doctrine of freedom and not of subjection, should openly and boldly ask the right questions, and not offer fake answers. Thanks to current politics, culture has been turned into a waiting room for privileges. Such a concept rejects young people and forces them to be creative in the countries of the region or the distant world. Our goal is a culturally strong social community of educated and informed citizens, with recognizable different art scenes, with protected and revalued cultural treasures that contribute to the well-being of society and individuals. Therefore, we will:

- Establish a legal framework, a clear multi-annual support plan and implement a cultural policy and depoliticization of culture that will enable young people to come to Montenegro, not leave it;
- Provide assistance to young creators and valuable projects - this is what cultural institutions should do;
- Montenegrin National Theatre and theatres in other cities will become theatres for young Montenegrin actors and directors, their first step in artistic realization;
- Open the door to the brave. Instead of obedient people, Montenegrin culture needs brave people;
- Promote a more responsible attitude towards cultural heritage and invest in cultural infrastructure;
- Influence the change of the transitional paradigm of consumer and wasteful culture of behaviour;
- Promote a sense of belonging to the European and world cultural and any other identity, while overcoming retrograde nationalisms and preserving the multiculturalism of Montenegro;
- Strengthen the creative sector and creative industries for employment purposes, as well as creating the knowledge needed to run creative industries.

### **FOR free media**

The media and media freedoms are a mirror of democracy. We will fight for the independence of the media and nurture the highest ethical standards in the journalistic profession and the media.

- We will create an environment for a credible public service in the function of government control and prevention of abuse, as well as the various needs of citizens when it comes to information, education and entertainment;
- Our country needs a single self-regulation of the media and respect for the Code of Journalists of Montenegro;
- We will protect journalists from attacks and pressures and encourage investigative journalism;
- We will promote a culture of dialogue;
- One of the imperatives will be to protect the privacy of children and fight cybercrime.

### **FOR sport**

In order to create and build a culture of sports from the youngest ages, and to release sports from political influence, we will implement the following measures:

- Adoption of a strategy for the development of sport, which is a prerequisite for its development;
- Creating a synergy of professional sports and sports in the service of health preservation and disease prevention;
- Reaffirmation of the subject Physical education in schools, as a measure of creating and developing healthy lifestyles and sports values among young people;
- Increasing investment in the construction of new sports fields, recreation centres, trim trails, bike paths, in order to promote healthy lifestyles;
- Clearly define the ways and sources of financing professional and amateur sports, on a long-term basis
- Encourage sports tourism with development projects, which will increase the offer and competitiveness of Montenegro and, above all, lead to the extension of the tourist season;

The governing structures in all sports federations and associations must be made up of professionals and experts, not politicians and their followers.

The youth forum URA is dedicated to the goal that Montenegro is led by creators, not unsustainable spenders. We will consistently adhere to the following PRINCIPLES:

- legality and transparency of public affairs above all;
- responsibility in performing public affairs;
- knowledge and competence instead of superficiality and ignorance;
- professionalism and commitment in performing duties;
- show with personal attitude and honesty that politics does not have to be a dishonourable occupation.