**SDP Uses the Company 'Autoceste Federacije BiH' (FBiH Motorways) for Founding and Conducting of Election Campaign**

'Autoceste Federacije BiH' (FBiH Motorways) *is conducting a campaign on construction of motorway on corridor Vc which is used for promotion of the Social-democratic Party and presents an abuse of a public company and funds for the election campaigning.*

**Banja Luka, 6th October 2014** – Transparency International Bosnia and Herzegovina (TI BiH) strongly condemns the repeated practice of political parties to finance the election campaign through public enterprises and institutions.

The latest example of such practice is the campaign of 'Autoceste Federacije BiH' (FBiH Motorways) on construction of motorway on corridor Vc, which flooded the media and billboards and was artfully timed to be conducted during the election campaign in order to be used for political purposes of the Social-democratic Party, which based almost entire election campaign on the work of that enterprise by privatizing and usurping the motorway project.

TI BiH reminds that public enterprises, such as 'Autoceste Federacije BiH' (FBiH Motorways), are neither the property of political parties nor the Social-democratic Party, despite the fact that the management of this public enterprise is selected on the basis of kinship ties with their representatives, and such examples represent abuse of the institutions and public enterprises for election campaigning.

Ti BiH has issued a request to the 'Autoceste Federacije BiH' (FBiH Motorways) to submit information on total cost of this campaign, and hereby urges the competent authorities to act according to the law and sanction this frequent practice of the parties in power to use the institutions and public enterprises to finance their election campaign.