

Communities Committees (CCs) (January–September 2017)*

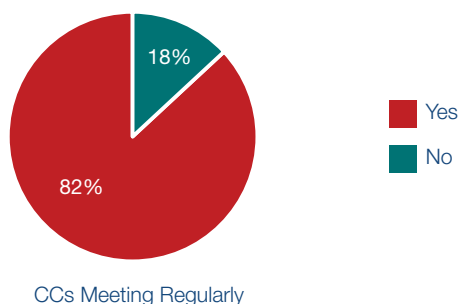
The Communities Committees are municipal mechanisms comprised of representatives of communities living in the municipality and municipal assembly members. All communities residing in a given municipality must have at least one representative in the CCs. They are mandated to ensure that rights and interests of communities are respected through the review and provision of recommendations on municipal policies and actions, and should meet at least once per month.

Key documents regulating the establishment and the functioning of the CCs are the Law on Local Self Government, (No. 03/L-040, 2008), the Ministry of Local Government Administration Administrative Instruction No. 03/2014 on the Procedure of Establishment, Composition and Competencies of Standing Committees in the Municipality and CC Guidelines and Terms of Reference.

* The CC mandate expired following local elections in October 2017.

Establishment & Functioning

Communities Committees have now been established in all 38 municipalities

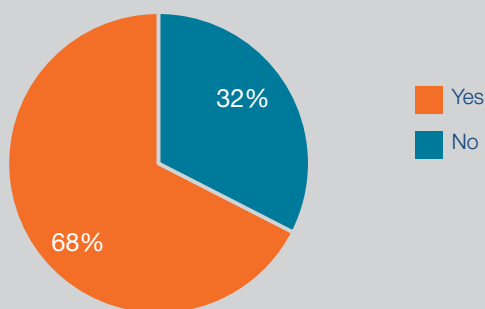


* CCs not meeting regularly in 2017: Viti/Vitina, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, Junik, Dragash/Dragaš and Prizren.

Unrepresented Communities

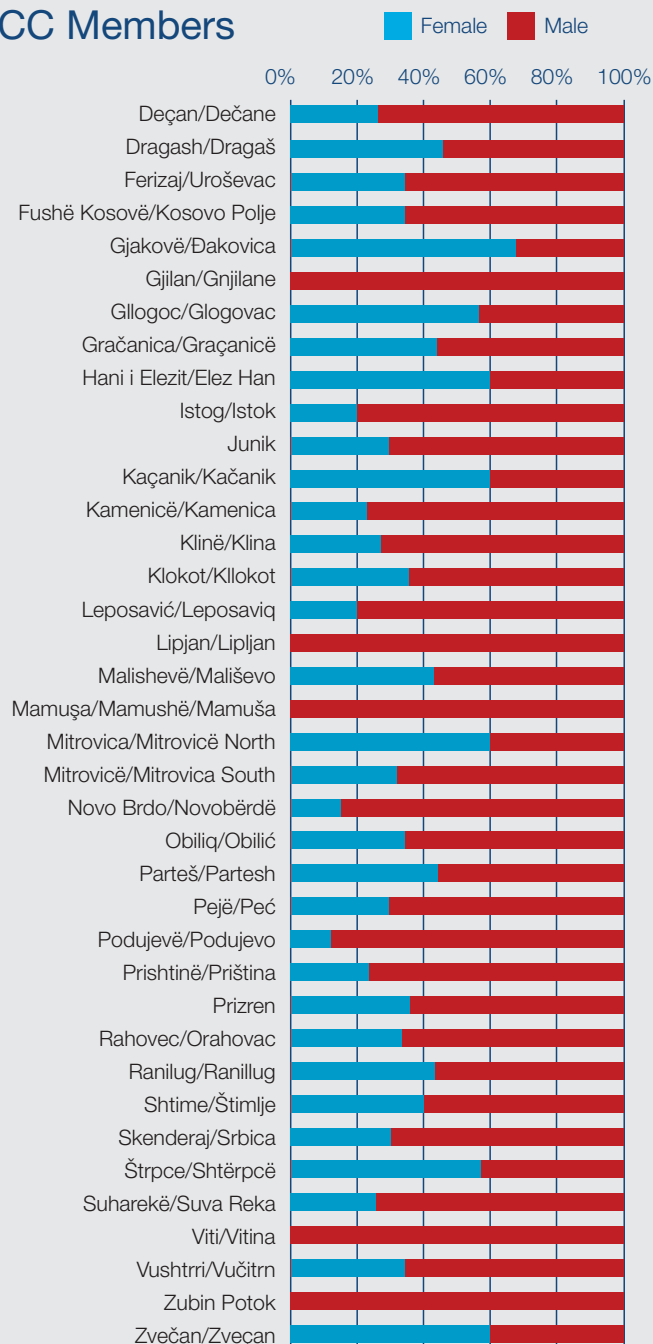
Although each community residing in a municipality should be represented in the CC, some communities are unrepresented, most often Kosovo Bosniaks and Kosovo Turks.

Access to Adequate Resources/ Working Conditions*

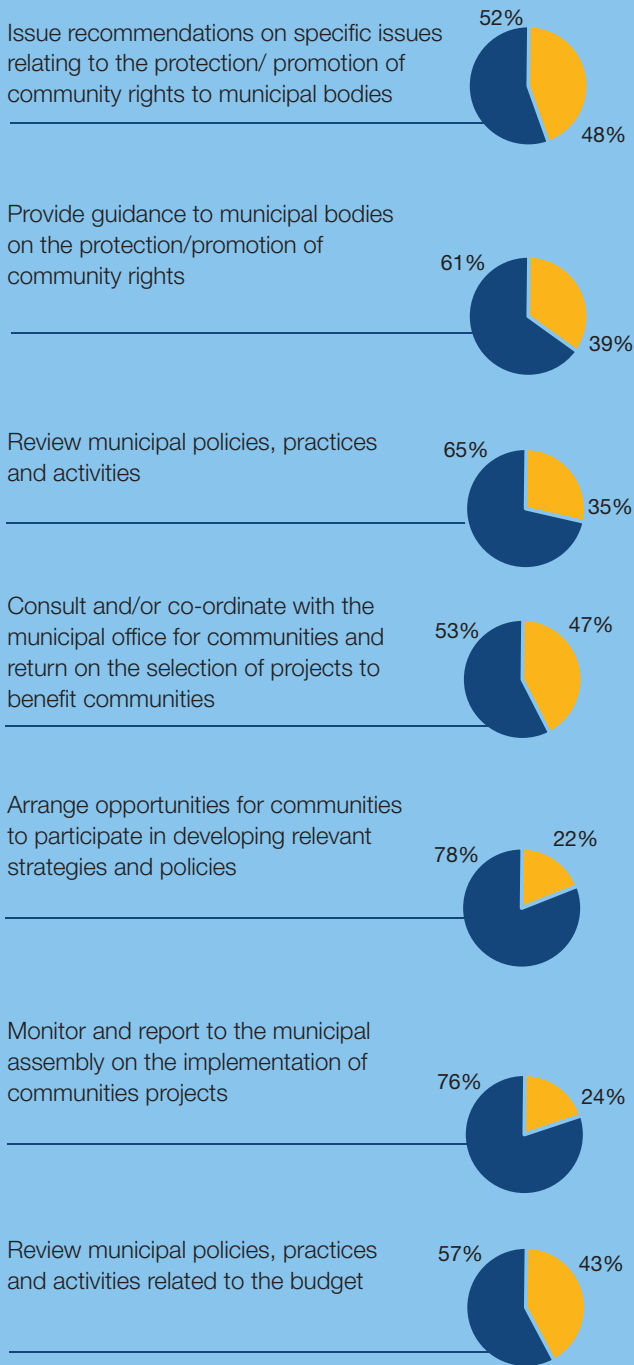


*As assessed by CC chairs, (e.g. transport, computers, office space, phones).

Gender Representation of CC Members



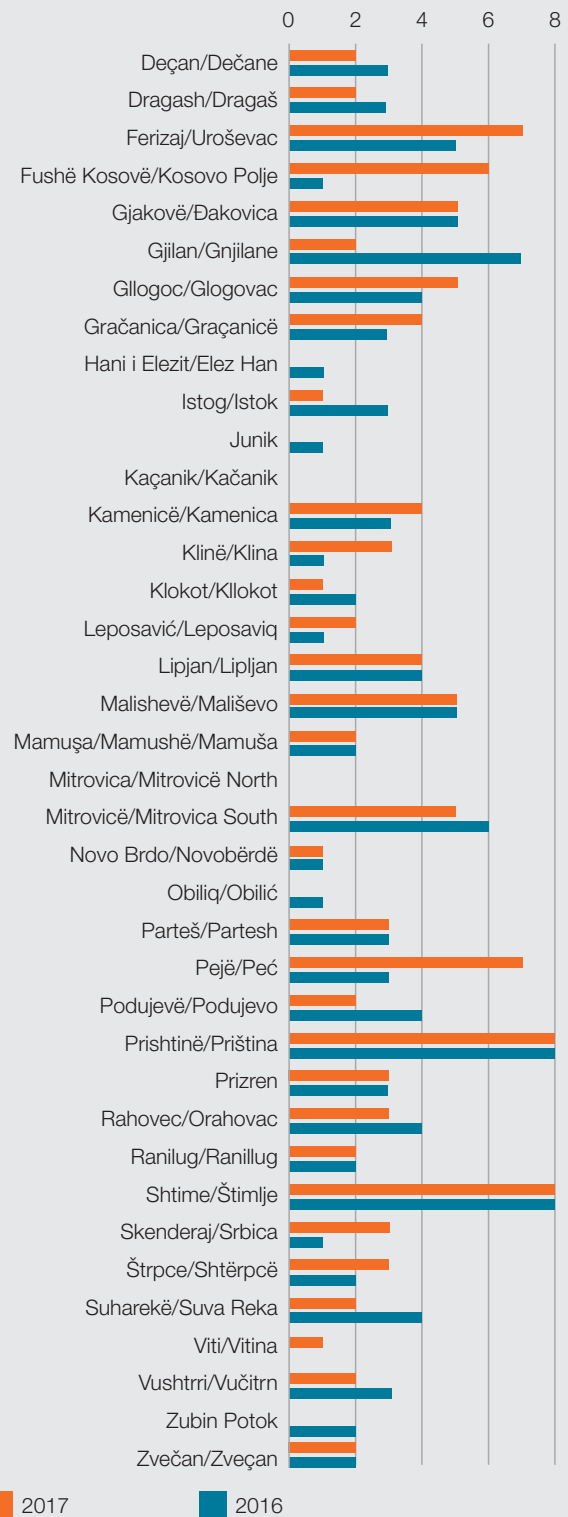
Percentage of CCs Undertaking Substantive* Duties



*Duties outlined in the legal and policy framework that are regularly monitored by the OSCE Mission

Yes No

Number of Substantive Duties Undertaken per municipality



The OSCE Mission in Kosovo supports the improvement of communities' participation in public decision-making and governance processes and institutions. To assist in this effort, the OSCE regularly monitors the performance of municipal communities' protection mechanisms. These information sheets aim to provide the relevant municipal actors and central-level institutions with indicators that can assist in identifying gaps and improvement in compliance.