

Deputy Mayors for Communities (DMCs) 2019

The Deputy Mayor for Communities (DMCs) is a local protection mechanism obligatory in municipalities where communities in a numerical minority make up at least ten percent of the municipality's population. It can also be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the ten percent threshold, upon the decision of the municipal assembly. The DMC is mandated to provide advice and guidance to the Mayor on issues related to communities and should represent all communities residing in the municipality. The DMC candidate is proposed by the Mayor and approved by the municipal assembly. Key documents regulating the establishment and the mandate of the DMCs are the Law on Local Self Government (No. 03/L-040, 2008), the Ministry of Local Government Administration Administrative Instruction No. 01/2014 on the procedure of appointment of deputy mayors in municipalities and the DMC Terms of Reference.

Establishment

DMCs are established in 14 out of 38 municipalities:

<i>Dragash/Dragaš</i>	Ferizaj/Uroševac
<i>Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje</i>	<i>Gračanica/Gračanicë*</i>
Kamenicë/Kamenica	<i>Klokot/Kllokot</i>
Lipjan/Lipljan	Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša
<i>Novo Brdo/Novobërdë</i>	Obiliq/Obilić
<i>Prizren</i>	<i>Štrpce/Shtërpçë</i>
Zubin Potok**	Zvečan/Zveçan**

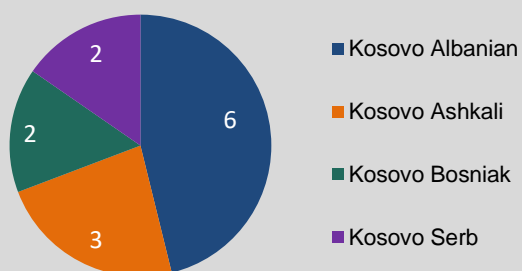
Italics denote which DMCs are mandatory according to the census.

* In Gračanica/Gračanicë, the post was vacant during the reporting period despite being mandatory. It is not reflected in the pie charts of this document.

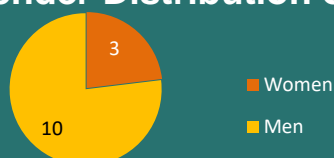
**The population figures of these municipalities were ambiguous as census was not held.

All findings in this data set are based on field teams' regular monitoring and periodic specific reviews as well as reports produced by the municipalities.

Community Affiliation of DMCs



Gender Distribution of DMCs*

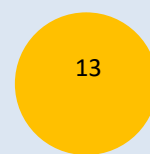


* The three municipalities with women DMC are Klokot/Kllokot, Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša and Prizren

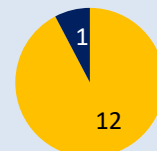
Number of DMCs undertaking duties prescribed by the legal and policy framework

Providing advice and guidance to the Mayor on community issues

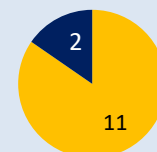
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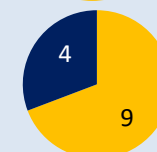
Supporting communities' requests to municipal bodies



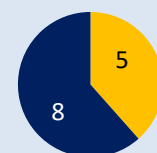
Undertaking outreach to communities and/or promoting outreach activities by the municipality



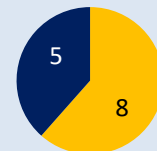
Ensuring that the municipal executive effectively implements projects, activities, policies, and regulations related to the protection and promotion of communities' rights



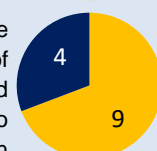
Promoting inter-community dialogue



Promoting confidence building between communities and municipal institutions



Ensuring that sufficient funding is foreseen in the budget for the protection and promotion of community rights and that the needs and interests of communities are taken into consideration during the budget preparation process.



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

Deputy Chairpersons for the Municipal Assembly for Communities (DCMACs) 2019

The Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is a local protection mechanism obligatory when communities make up at least 10 percent of the municipality's population. It is mandated to review all complaints by community members regarding violations of their rights through acts or decisions of the municipal assembly and is responsible for referring such violations to the municipal assembly. The DCMAC can request the reconsideration of the relevant act or decision. In addition, under specific circumstances, DCMAC may submit acts or decisions, considered to be violating a constitutionally guaranteed right, to the Constitutional Court. This position cannot be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the ten percent threshold, and the post is held by the community member who received the most votes from the open list of candidates for the municipal elections. Key documents regulating the establishment and the mandate of the DCMACs is the Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008) and the Guidelines for the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities.

Establishment

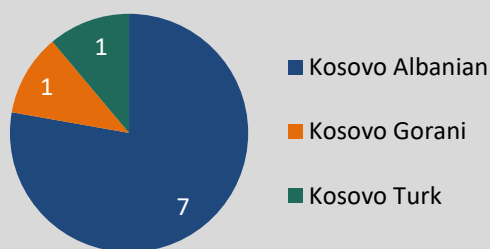
DCMACs are established in 10 of 38 municipalities:

Dragash/Dragaš	Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje*
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Klokot/Kllokot
Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North**	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Prizren	Štrpce/Shtërpçë
Zubin Potok**	Zvečan/Zveçan**

*While mandatory in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, the municipality did not appoint anyone to the post. This municipality is not represented in the accompanying pie charts.

**Ambiguity regarding the establishment of the post due to lack of official census data for these municipalities.

Community Affiliation of DCMACs

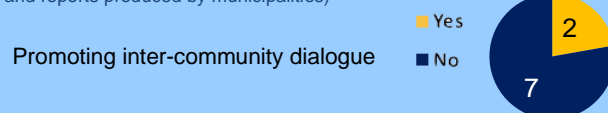


Gender Distribution of DCMACs

During the reporting period, all DCMACs were men.

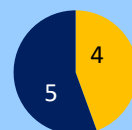
Number of DCMACs undertaking duties as prescribed by legislation

(Based on field teams' monitoring, periodic specific review by the field teams, and reports produced by municipalities)



Promoting inter-community dialogue

Addressing concerns and issues related to the needs of communities in the meetings of the municipal assembly and its work

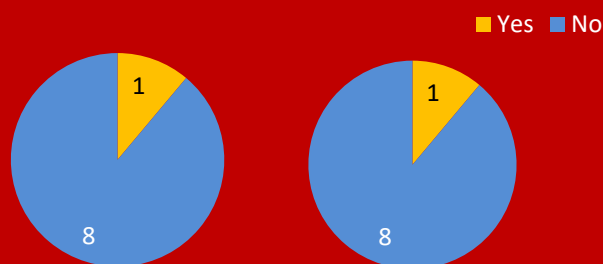


Reviewing claims by communities or their members that the acts or decisions of the municipal assembly violate their constitutionally guaranteed rights***



***The next step for any of such cases would be for the DCMAC to refer the matter to the municipal assembly for reconsideration of the act or decision. If the municipal assembly chooses not to reconsider its act or decision or the DCMAC deems that, even upon reconsideration, the act or decision presents a violation of a constitutionally-guaranteed right, then the DCMAC refers the matter directly to the Constitutional Court.

Functioning & Reporting



DCMACs who drafted a work plan.

DCMACs who drafted a formal periodic report to the Municipal Assembly.