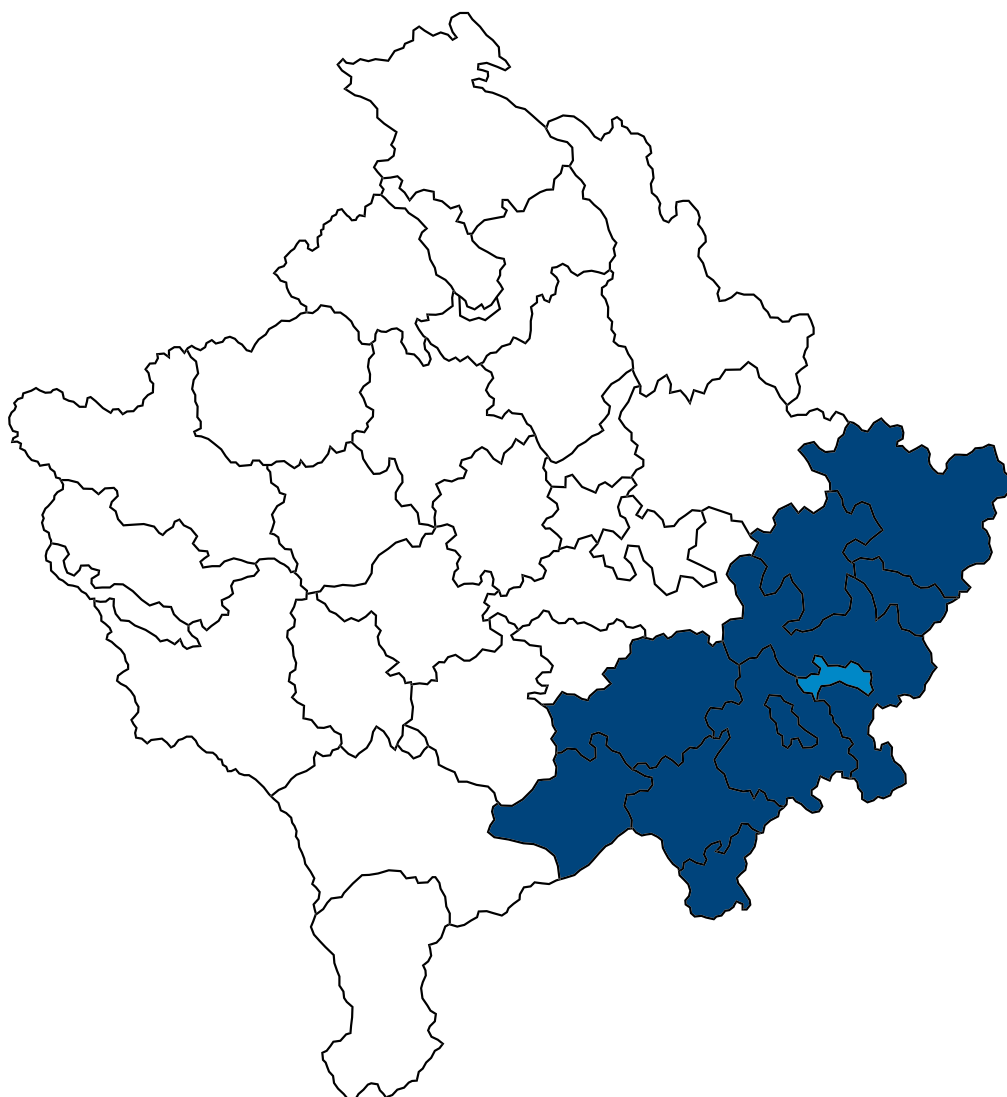


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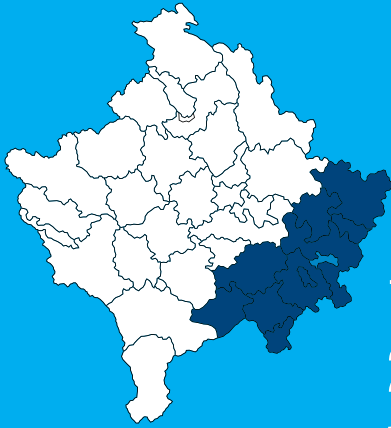
GJILAN/GNJILANE REGION

PARTEŠ/PARTESH



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The OSCE regional centre Gjilan/Gnjilane covers 11 municipalities, including Parteš/Partesh, and has teams working in all of them.



18.3 km² area
 2 villages
 1,787 population

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Parteš/Partesh is located in the eastern part of Kosovo covering an area of approximately 18.3 km² and includes Parteš/Partesh town and two (2) villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 1,787.

Ethnic composition

- 1. Kosovo Serbs | 1,785
- 2. Other | 2

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Parteš/Partesh was not a separate municipality in 1981 and 1991 and therefore data from the censuses conducted in these years are not available.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 271 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, all of them Kosovo Serbs.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Parteš/Partesh municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 4,694¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 57.84% or 2,715 voters and in 2nd round it was 51.04% or 2,396 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

- 9 seats
- 6 seats

1. The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

PARTEŠ/PARTESH

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed among two (2) political entities, all members are Kosovo Serb; eight (8) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Žarko Bujić (SL).

EXECUTIVE



Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Dragan Petković (SL), elected for his first term as mayor with 61.94% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections*. In the previous term, the mayor was Dragan Nikolić (Građanska Inicijativa Srpska (GISL), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 52.16% of votes. Deputy Mayor is Zoran Perić (SL).

There are six (6) municipal departments, all run by men directors: administration (SL); budget and finance (SL); urban planning, cadaster and geodesy (SL); education, health, social services, youth, culture and sports (SL); public services, security and emergencies (SL); and agriculture, forestry and rural development (SL). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: OSCE field team).

*Mayor Petković received 59.73 % of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections, however due to irregularities during the voting process, the Central Election Commission ordered the repeat of the mayoral elections, in which Mayor Petković received 61.94%.

JUDICIARY



There are no courts in Parteš/Partesh municipality. Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court and Basic Prosecution Office cover the municipality (source: Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court).

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Parteš/Partesh has 21 police officers, 15 are Kosovo Serb, five (5) are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is Kosovo Macedonian; one (1) is a woman.

As for the international military presence, the Turkish KFOR Liaison Monitoring Team - LMT covers the area (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY



The economy of Parteš/Partesh municipality is predominantly based on dairy, milk and cheese, production and small trade businesses. There are approximately 56 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employees in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadaster and geodesy).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Most of the roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted and maintained. All three villages of Parteš/Partesh, Pasjane/Pasjan and Donja Budriga/Budrigë e Poshtme are connected to sewage system. Work on water supply system in all villages is currently being finalized (source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadaster and geodesy).

Health



The health care system includes one (1) Serbia-run maternity hospital in village of Pasjane/Pasjan, which is at the municipal level considered as a family health center since it is being financed by the Government of Kosovo, and three (3) Serbia-run healthcare facilities in the villages Pasjane/Pasjan, Donja Budriga/Budrigë e Poshtme and Parteš/Partesh. All health facilities are financially and materially supported by Parteš/Partesh municipality.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of education, health, social welfare, culture, sports and youth).

Education



There are two (2) primary schools with 566 pupils and 52 teachers and six (6) secondary schools with 574 students and 24 teachers, all following Serbian curriculum (source: municipal directorate of education, health, social welfare, culture, sports and youth).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Parteš/Partesh has three (3) Serbian Orthodox churches, none of which were damaged, and all are in use. There are religious ruins dating back to the medieval period in the vicinity of Donja Budriga/Budrigë e Poshtme, which are ritually visited by Serbian Orthodox believers (source: municipal public relations officer and municipal development plan).

A total of seven (7) cultural heritage sites (three (3) archaeological and four (4) architectural) in Parteš/Partesh municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Parteš/Partesh there are:

- 15 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 2 political entities
- 21 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 76 teachers 2 primary and 6 secondary schools