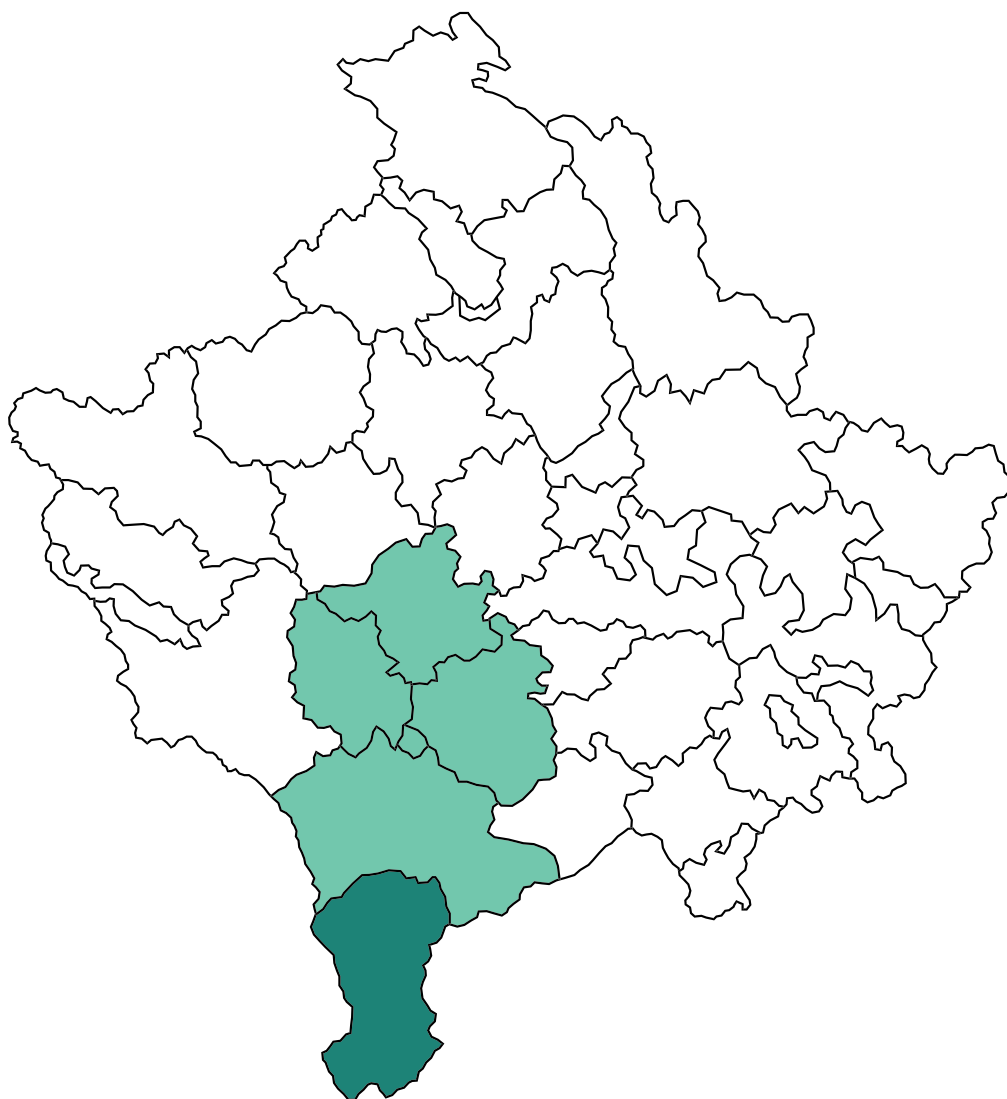


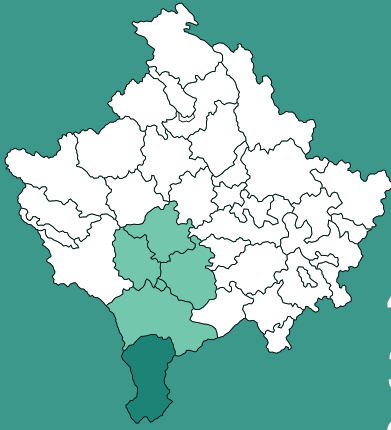
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PRIZREN REGION

DRAGASH/DRAGAŠ



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435 km² area

35 villages

33,997 population

The OSCE regional centre Prizren covers six (6) municipalities, including Dragash/Dragaš, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Dragash/Dragaš is located in southern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 435 km² and includes Dragash/Dragaš town and 35 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 33,997.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	20,287
2. Kosovo Gorani	8,957
3. Kosovo Bosniaks	4,100
4. Kosovo Turks	202
5. Kosovo Serbs	7
6. Kosovo Ashkali	4
7. Kosovo Egyptians	3
8. Kosovo Roma	3
9. Other	283
10. Not specified	151

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 18,623 Kosovo Albanians, 93 Kosovo Serbs and 21 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; whereas according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 941 Kosovo Albanians, 60 Kosovo Serbs and 10 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. The 1981 census notes that the majority in the municipality were 'Muslims' (the number was 15,942). 'Muslim' was a term used in the former Yugoslavia to designate ethnic belonging for the community of Slavic-speaking Muslims. In Dragash/Dragaš, this community is today declared as either Kosovo Gorani or Kosovo Bosniaks. In 1991, there were 16,112 people declared as 'Muslims'.

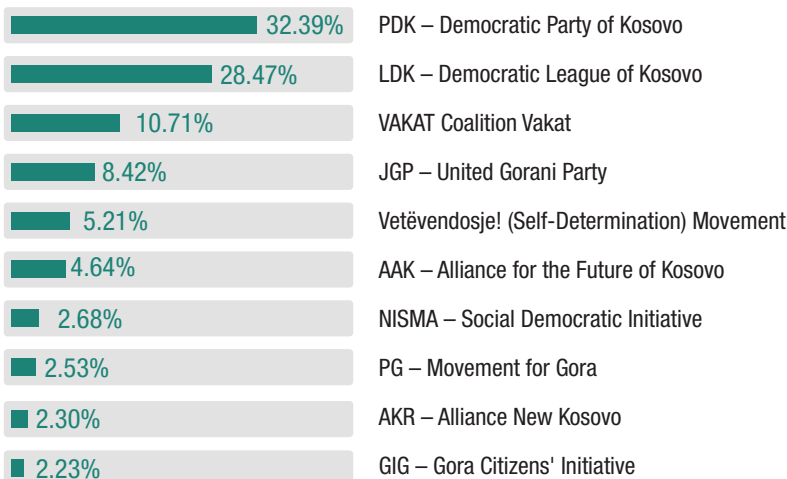
According to the UNHCR statistics, 1,441 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them six (6) Kosovo Bosniaks and 1,435 Kosovo Gorani.

*The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Dragash/Dragaš municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 40,338¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 37.34% or 15,063 voters and in 2nd round it was 32.35% or 13,051 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

9 seats
7 seats
3 seats
2 seats
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat

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.

DRAGASH/DRAGAŠ

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed among ten (10) political entities, 20 members are Kosovo Albanian, four (4) are Kosovo Gorani and three (3) are Kosovo Bosniak; eight (8) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Betim Merdiu (PDK). The Municipal Assembly Deputy Chairperson for Communities in Dragash/Dragaš is Selman Osmani, a Kosovo Gorani (JGP)*.

*According to the Law on Local Self-Government, a municipality with more than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities in numerical minority position in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy mayor for communities and a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities.

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Shaban Shabani (PDK), elected for his term as mayor with 51.07% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Salim Jenuzi (PDK), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 60.55% of the votes cast. Deputy Mayor is Selami Sahiti (AAK) and Deputy Mayor for Communities is Šerif Aga (VAKAT, Kosovo Bosniak).

There are eight (8) municipal departments, all run by men directors: economy and finance (PDK); education (PDK); geodesy and cadastre (VAKAT); administration (PDK); culture youth and sports (AKR); agriculture rural development and inspection (JGP); health and social welfare (VAKAT); and protection rescue and public services (GIG). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), there were also no women directors (source: municipal website).

JUDICIARY



Prizren Basic Court has a branch in Dragash/Dragaš with two (2) Kosovo Albanian judges: one (1) man and one (1) woman (source: Prizren Basic Court).

Prizren Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Dragash/Dragaš has 55 police officers, including six (6) police officers at the Kruševo/Krushevë police sub-station: 36 are Kosovo Albanian, 15 are Kosovo Gorani and four (4) are Kosovo Bosniak (source: Kosovo Police).

As for the international military presence, Turkish KFOR Liaison Monitoring Team covers the area.

ECONOMY



The economy of Dragash/Dragaš municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small business. There are approximately 744 registered private businesses operating in the municipality with around 1,152 employees. The municipality wishes to strengthen its touristic potential (source: municipal website).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Almost all roads are asphalted. The construction of a common water supply system for 15 villages started in 2011 and is still ongoing, while other villages have individual water supply systems (source: municipal development plan).

Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) main family health centre and 13 health houses. The health sector has 100 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 78 men and 22 women.

All communities have access to health care and facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

Education



There are 35 primary schools with 3,579 pupils and 470 teachers, providing education in Albanian and Bosnian languages, within the Kosovo curriculum, one (1) multi-ethnic secondary school in Dragash/Dragaš town with 601 students, 537 Kosovo Albanian and 64 Kosovo Bosniak, and 73 teachers that provide education in Albanian and Bosnian languages under the Kosovo curriculum.

There are six (6) Serbian-curriculum primary and one (1) secondary schools spread across the Kosovo Gorani and Kosovo Bosniak inhabited villages, with approximately 175 employees, including support staff. In total, 600 pupils are registered for pre-school and primary school classes and 150 for secondary school (source: municipal directorate of education and management of secondary school in Mlike/Mlikë)

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are two (2) mosques in Dragash/Dragaš town and 35 in surrounding villages, one in each village. None were damaged during the conflict, and regular renovation/maintenance works have been conducted after the conflict (source: municipal development plan).

A total of 14 cultural heritage sites in Dragash/Dragaš municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Dragash/Dragaš there are:

- 27 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 10 political entities
- 55 police officers
- 2 judges
- 718 teachers and support staff in 41 primary and 2 secondary schools