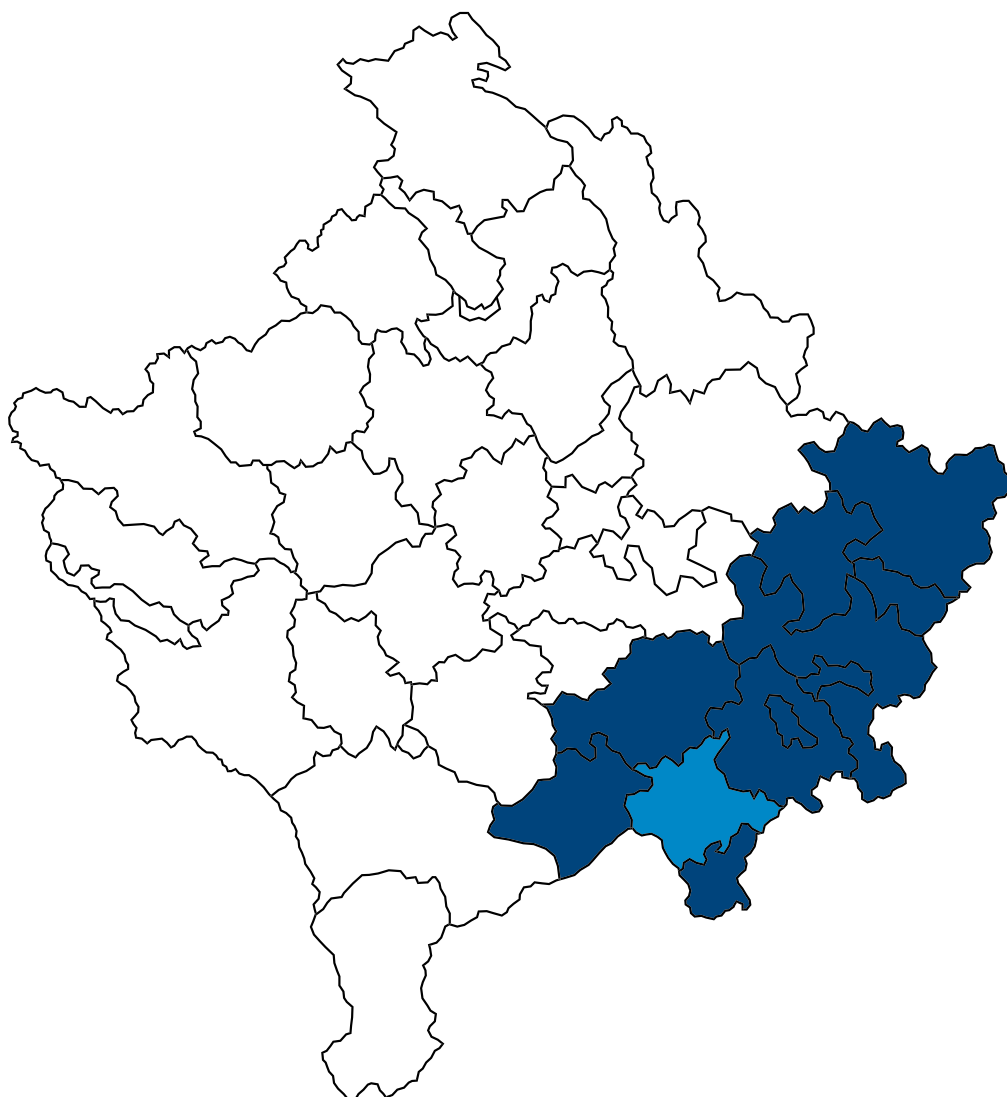


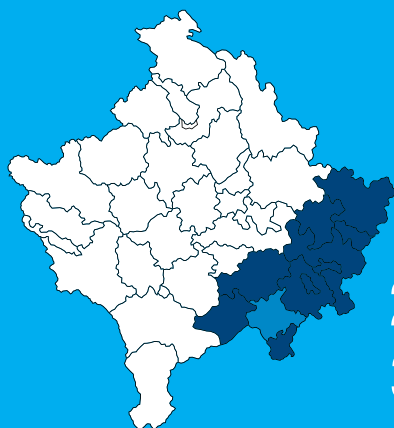
# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

## GJILAN/GNJILANE REGION

### KAÇANIK/KAČANIK



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210 km<sup>2</sup> area

31 villages

33,409 population

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

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Kaçanik/Kaçanik is located in south-eastern Kosovo, covering an area of approximately 210 km<sup>2</sup>. It includes Kaçanik/Kaçanik town and 31 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 33,409.

## Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	33,362
2. Kosovo Bosniaks	20
3. Kosovo Roma	5
4. Kosovo Turks	2
5. Kosovo Ashkali	1
6. Kosovo Serbs	1
7. Other	7
8. Not specified	11

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 30,406 Kosovo Albanians, 284 Kosovo Serbs and 27 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 37,368 Kosovo Albanians, 223 Kosovo Serbs and 20 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, there are no registered returns in the municipality.

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

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Kaçanik/Kaçanik municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> round in October and 2<sup>nd</sup> round in November) was 33,917<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1<sup>st</sup> round was 49.10% or 16,653 voters and in 2<sup>nd</sup> round it was 37.06% or 12,571 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

39.49%	PKD Democratic Party of Kosovo
18.71%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
15.20%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
13.75%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
8.30%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative
3.30%	IQLK Kacanik List

The current seat distribution is as follows:

11 seats
5 seats
4 seats
4 seats
2 seats
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.

# KAÇANIK/KAČANIK

## LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed among six (6) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; 11 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Kemajl Murseli (PDK).

## EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Besim Ilazi (PDK), re-elected for his third term as mayor with 54.73% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Ilazi won with 52.64% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Ylber Bajra (AAK).

There are seven (7) municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: health and social welfare (PDK), six (6) departments are run by men directors: education, youth, culture, and sports (not affiliated); finance, economy and development (PDK); general administration (PDK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (AAK); public services and emergency (PDK); and urbanism, cadastre and environment protection (PDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal information office).

## JUDICIARY



Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court has a branch in Kaçanik/Kaçanik with five (5) judges, all are Kosovo Albanian; one (1) is a woman. The Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality (source: Kaçanik/Kaçanik branch of Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court).

## SECURITY PRESENCE



Kosovo Police station in Kaçanik/Kaçanik municipality has 55 police officers, all are Kosovo Albanian; five (5) are women.

As for the international military presence, the United States and Polish KFOR cover the area (source: Kosovo Police).

## ECONOMY



The economy of Kaçanik/Kaçanik municipality is predominantly based on lime (material) and brick production, construction, agriculture, and small trade businesses. There are approximately 870 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 finance, economy development).

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Infrastructure



The overall status of the infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Kaçanik/Kaçanik town and 23 out of 31 villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems. Continuous power supply remains a problem, especially in villages and rural areas (source: municipal development plan).

### Health



The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre and 12 field clinics. The health sector has 103 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 66 are women and 37 men.

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

### Education



There are 12 primary schools with 4,674 pupils and 345 teachers, two (2) secondary schools with 1,561 students and 102 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 41 children and seven (7) teachers (source: municipal directorate of education, youth, culture and sports).

## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Kaçanik/Kaçanik has 16 mosques, none of them were destroyed or damaged during the 1999 conflict. Four (4) mosques were built after the 1999 conflict. There is one (1) Serbian Orthodox church (in Kaçanik/Kaçanik town), which has not been functional since 1960 (source: municipal department of urbanism, cadaster and environment protection).

A total of 23 cultural heritage sites (five (5) archaeological and 18 architectural) in Kaçanik/Kaçanik municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

## KEY FACTS



In Kaçanik/Kaçanik there are:

- 27 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 6 political entities
- 55 police officers
- 5 judges
- 454 teachers in 12 primary and 2 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten