# Municipal Community Safety Councils

Municipal Community Safety Councils (MCSCs), municipal security mechanisms, are created to improve community safety and stability. The MCSCs aim to include a broad, gender balanced, cross-section of members from all ethnic and religious communities in the municipality, who play a role in the community's short-term and long-term well-being. MCSCs are required by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) Administrative Instruction No. 27/2012 and the Ministry of Local Government Administration Administrative (MLGA) Instruction No. 03/2012 to meet, at least, six times per year. Additionally, municipalities are required to financially compensate members of MCSCs. To date, MCSCs were established in 34 municipalities.
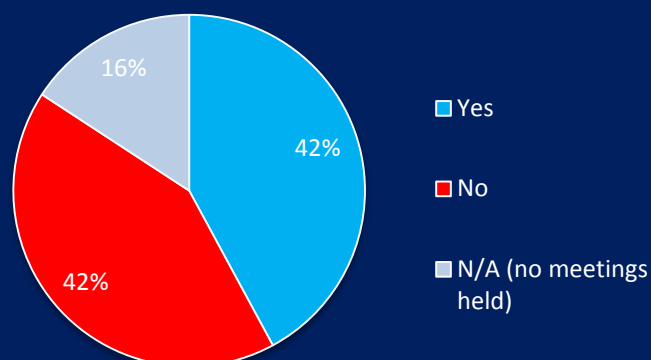
The MCSCs take a comprehensive approach to determining what entails community safety and who is responsible for creating a safe environment. Community safety and security are the responsibility not only of Kosovo Police, but also government officials and civil society. The MCSCs provide a unique forum to bring these stakeholders together.
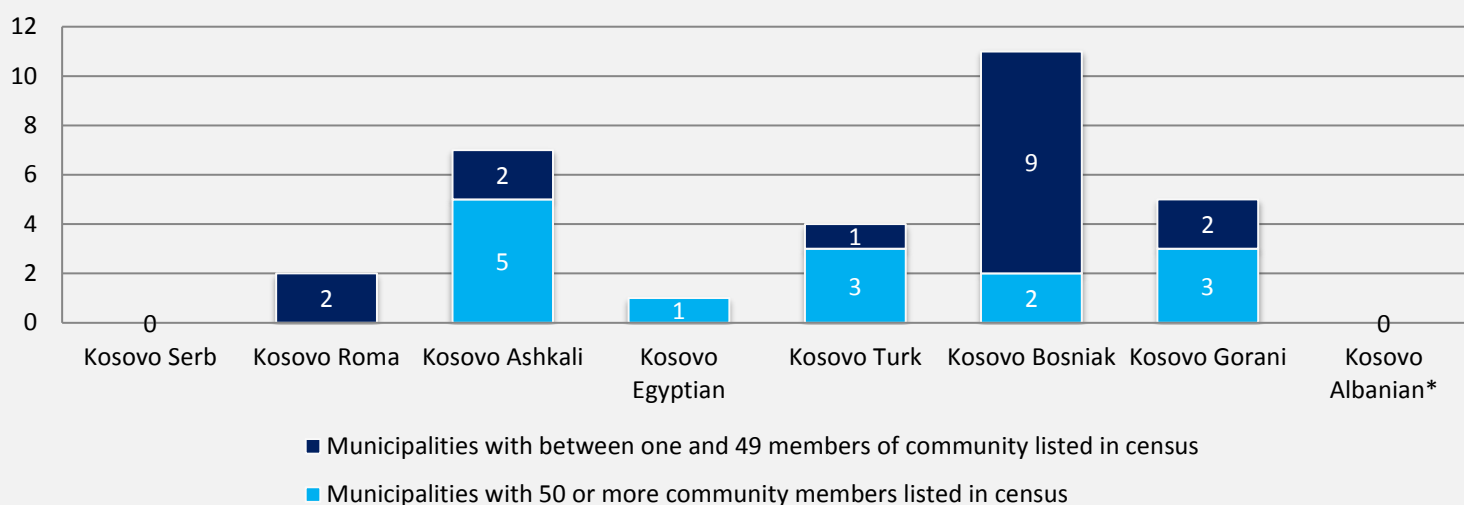
Mandate 2018–2021

Percentage of MCSCs with a female non-majority community member

- Yes — 38%
- No — 44%
- N/A — 18%
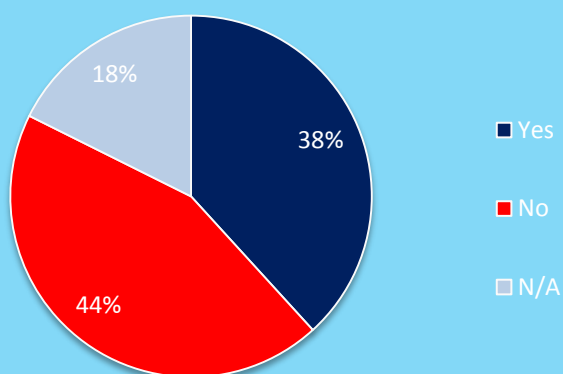
Municipalities that abide by the requirement to compensate MCSC members

- Yes — 42%
- No — 42%
- N/A (no meetings held) — 16%

Number of MCSCs missing community representatives

Community	Municipalities with between one and 49 members of community listed in census	Municipalities with 50 or more community members listed in census
Kosovo Serb	0	
Kosovo Roma	2	
Kosovo Ashkali	2	5
Kosovo Egyptian		1
Kosovo Turk	1	3
Kosovo Bosniak	9	2
Kosovo Gorani	2	3
Kosovo Albanian*	0	

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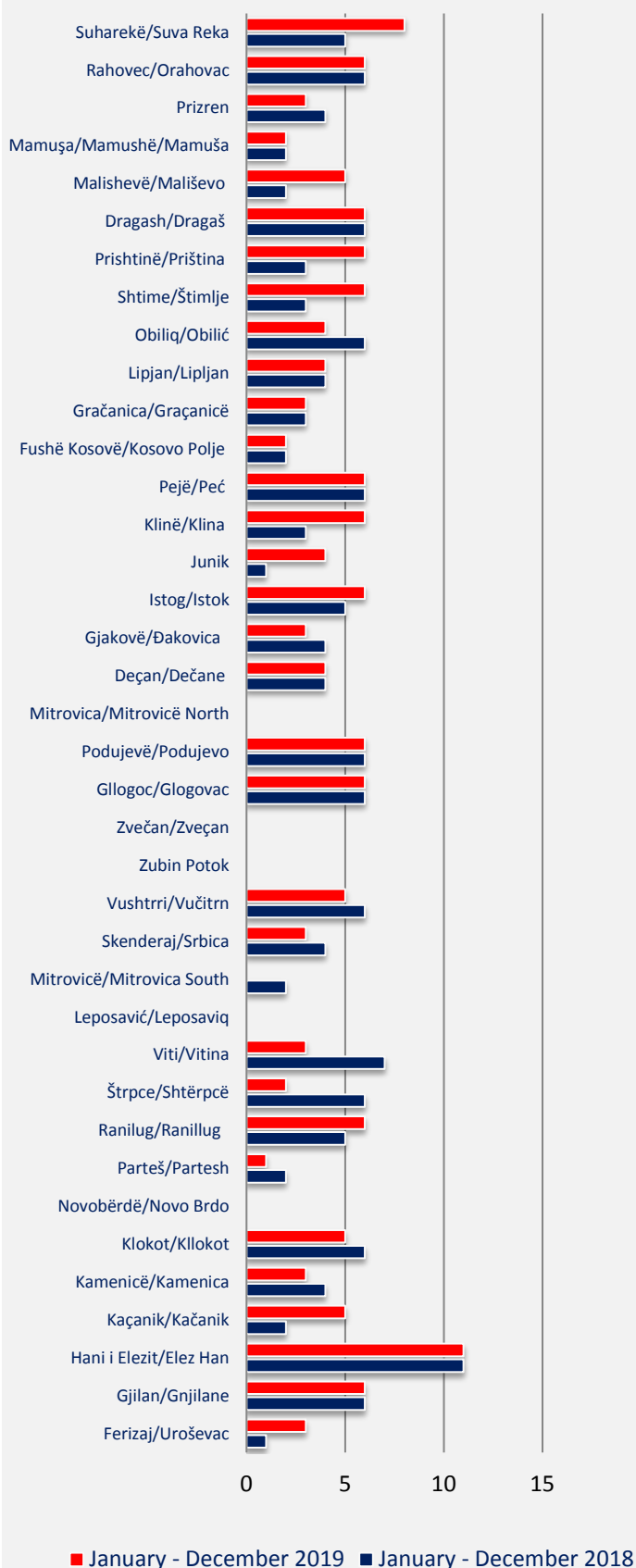- Municipalities with 50 or more community members listed in census

* According to Article 4 of the Administrative Instruction No. 27/2012 MIA and Administrative Instruction No. 03/2012 MLGA for municipal community safety councils, each community residing in the municipality should have an MCSC representative, regardless of the size or sense of ethnic belonging of the population. This, however, is difficult to achieve in practice for communities with very small populations. Therefore it is useful to make a distinction between very small communities (49 members or fewer) and larger communities (50 plus) when analyzing communities not represented in MCSCs.
* Kosovo Albanian community is referred in context to those in a minority situation at municipal level.
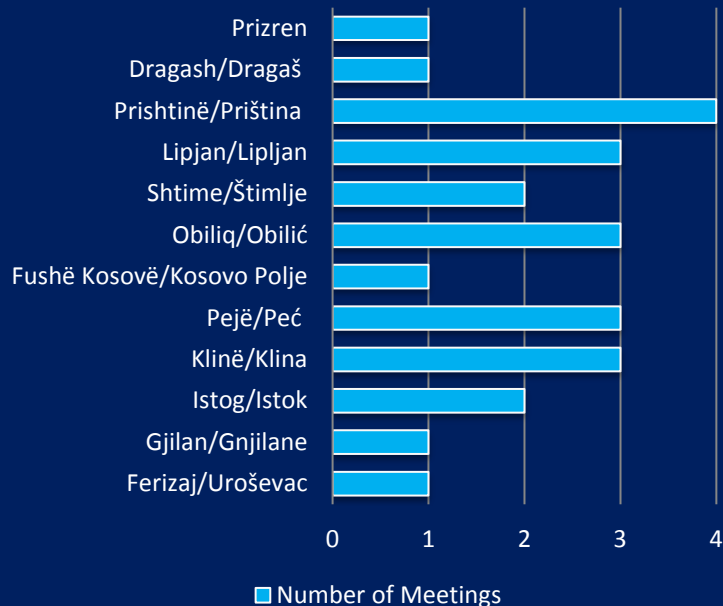
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Number of meetings held in 2019

*Six meetings annually are required by Administrative Instruction 27/2012 and 03/2012*

Legend: ■ January - December 2019   ■ January - December 2018

Municipalities listed (top to bottom):
Suharekë/Suva Reka, Rahovec/Orahovac, Prizren, Mamuşa/Mamushë/Mamuša, Malishevë/Mališevo, Dragash/Dragaš, Prishtinë/Priština, Shtime/Štimlje, Obiliq/Obilić, Lipjan/Lipljan, Gračanica/Graçanicë, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, Pejë/Peć, Klinë/Klina, Junik, Istog/Istok, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Deçan/Dečane, Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, Podujevë/Podujevo, Gllogoc/Glogovac, Zvečan/Zveçan, Zubin Potok, Vushtrri/Vučitrn, Skenderaj/Srbica, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Viti/Vitina, Štrpce/Shtërpcë, Ranilug/Ranillug, Parteš/Partesh, Novobërdë/Novo Brdo, Klokot/Kllokot, Kamenicë/Kamenica, Kaçanik/Kačanik, Hani i Elezit/Elez Han, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Ferizaj/Uroševac

MCSC meetings where security incidents or general trends or concerns of communities were discussed

Legend: ■ Number of Meetings

Municipality	Number of Meetings
Prizren	1
Dragash/Dragaš	1
Prishtinë/Priština	4
Lipjan/Lipljan	3
Shtime/Štimlje	2
Obiliq/Obilić	3
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	1
Pejë/Peć	3
Klinë/Klina	3
Istog/Istok	2
Gjilan/Gnjilane	1
Ferizaj/Uroševac	1

MCSCs that adopted a work plan to address security or safety concerns of non-majority communities

- No: 35%
- Yes, with activities for communities: 38%
- Yes, without activities for communities: 27%
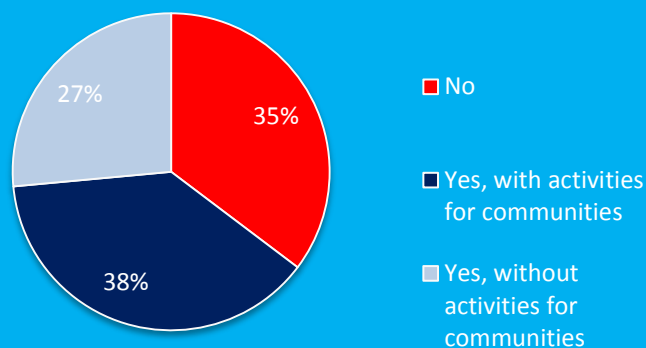
Number of MCSC meetings where security incidents and general trends, or concerns of non-majority communities were discussed

- No: 7%
- Yes: 93%
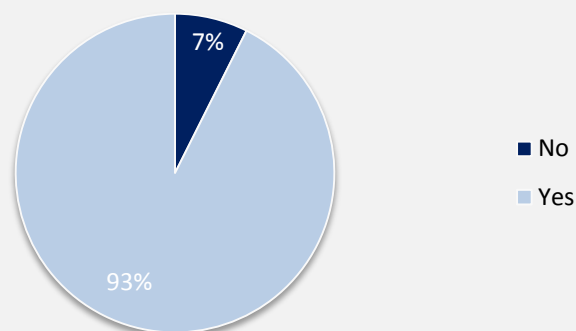
The OSCE Mission in Kosovo supports institutions mandated to address communities' security concerns. To assist in this effort, the OSCE regularly monitors the performance of municipal communities' protection mechanisms. These information sheets aim to provide the relevant institutions with indicators that can assist in identifying gaps and improving compliance.