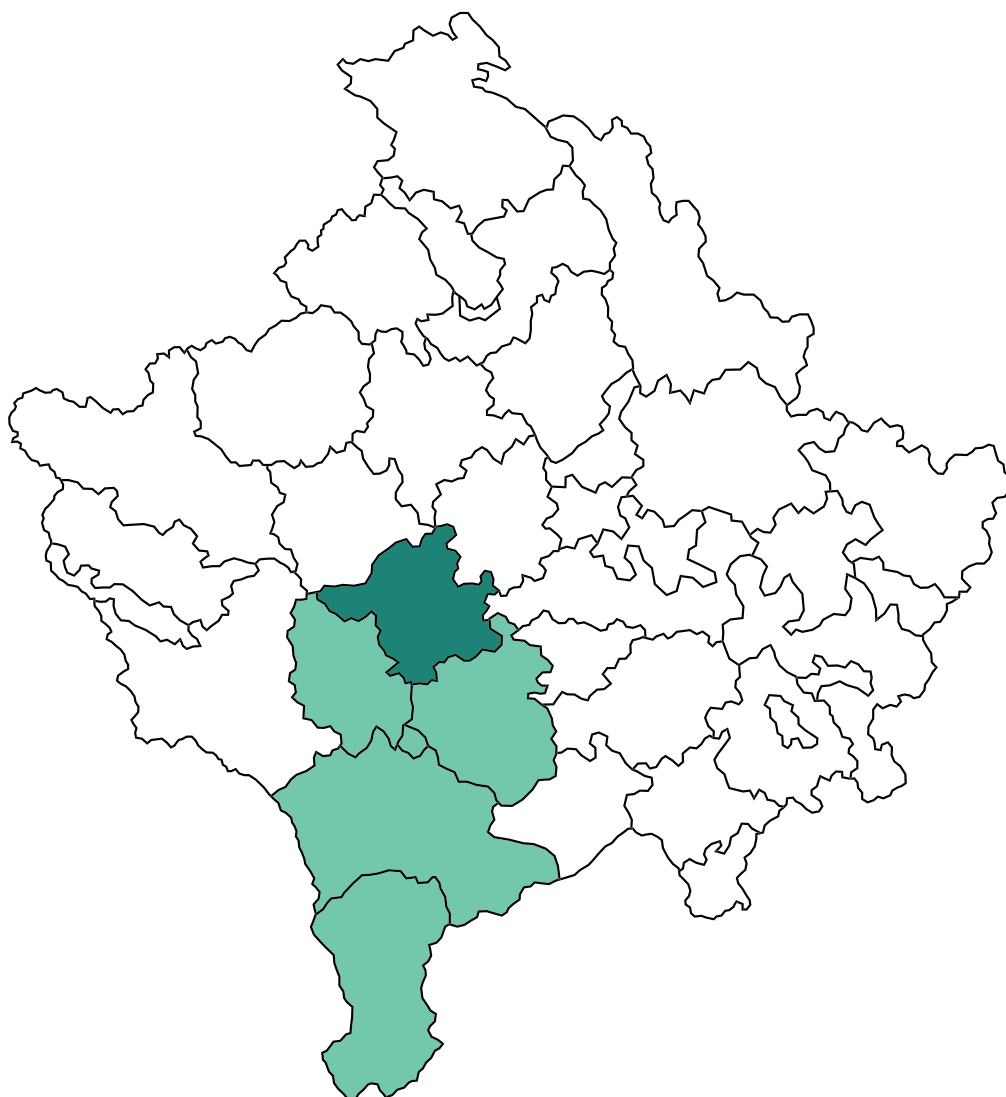


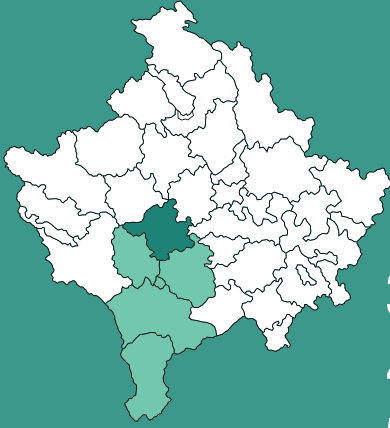
# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PRIZREN REGION

MALISHEVË/MALIŠEVO



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306 km<sup>2</sup><sub>area</sub>  
 43<sub>villages</sub>  
 54,613<sub>population</sub>

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

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Malishevë/Mališevo is located in south-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 306 km<sup>2</sup> and includes Malishevë/Mališevo town and 43 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 54,613.

## Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	54,501
2. Kosovo Roma	26
3. Kosovo Bosniaks	15
4. Kosovo Ashkali	5
5. Other	8
6. Not specified	58

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 47,318 Kosovo Albanians, 475 Kosovo Serbs and 11 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. There is no data from the census conducted in 1981, as Malishevë/Mališevo was not a separate municipality at that time.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 17 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, all of them Kosovo Roma.

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

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Malishevë/Mališevo 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 52,273<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1<sup>st</sup> round was 43.67% or 22,830 voters and in 2<sup>nd</sup> round it was 38.05% or 19,892 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

33.82%	NISMA - Social Democratic Initiative
27.95%	PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo
18.03%	LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo
14.28%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
4.31%	AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo

The current seat distribution is as follows:

12* seats
9 seats
5* seats
4 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.

\* Following the elections, one (1) LDK municipal assembly member resigned from LDK and joined NISMA.

# MALISHEVË/MALIŠEVO

## LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed among five (5) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; 11 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Rrahim Morina (LDK).

## EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Ragip Begaj (NISMA), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 55.80% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Begaj (then a PDK candidate), won with 65,85% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Hajdin Berisha (NISMA).

There are 11 municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: culture, youth and sports (NISMA), ten (10) departments are run by men directors: administration (NISMA); education (NISMA); agriculture and forestry (NISMA); economy and finance (NISMA); protection and rescue (NISMA); geodesy and cadastre (NISMA); inspections (NISMA); health and social welfare (NISMA); public services (NISMA); and urbanism (NISMA). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal website).

## JUDICIARY



Gjakovë/Đakovica Basic Court has a branch in Malishevë/Mališevo with five (5) Kosovo Albanian judges, all male (source: Malishevë/Mališevo branch court).

Gjakovë/Đakovica Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

## SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Malishevë/Mališevo municipality has 61 Kosovo Albanian police officers; two (2) are women (source: Kosovo Police).

As for the international military presence, the Swiss KFOR Liaison Monitoring Team covers the area (source: Swiss KFOR LMT).

## ECONOMY



The economy of Malishevë/Mališevo municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are approximately 1,434 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. (source: municipal business centre office).

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Most of the roads leading to town and villages are asphalted and the municipality is a point on the Ibrahim Rugova highway, connecting to Albania. Twenty four (24) out of 43 villages are connected to water supply system and 25 villages are connected to sewage system, with additional ten (10) villages partially connected to both systems. Water supply remains an issue in the municipality (source: municipal directorate of urbanism).

### Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) main municipal family health centre and seven (7) sub-units, as well as six (6) family health centres located in villages. The health sector employs 122 people, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 64 men and 58 women.

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

### Education



There are 36 primary schools and three (3) satellite schools with 9,541 pupils and 711 teachers and three (3) secondary schools, including two (2) vocational schools, with 3,224 students and 128 teachers. There is one (1) kindergarten with 75 children and eight (8) educators (source: municipal directorate of education).

## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are 17 mosques in Malishevë/Mališevo, all active. Nine (9) of them were destroyed in the 1999 conflict and were all reconstructed afterwards. There are remains of one (1) Serbian Orthodox church in the municipality, which was substantially damaged after the conflict and is no longer in use. There is one (1) Catholic church and two (2) Protestant churches (source: head of local Islamic community, Mayor's legal advisor).

A total of 20 cultural heritage sites in Malishevë/Mališevo municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under temporary protection.

## KEY FACTS



In Malishevë/Mališevo there are:

- 31 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 5 political entities
- 61 police officers
- 5 judges
- 847 teachers in 36 primary and 3 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten