

# Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities

The Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities (DCMAC) is a local protection mechanism obligatory when communities make up at least ten per cent of the municipality's population. DCMAC's mandate is to review complaints by community members regarding violations of their rights through acts or decisions of the Municipal Assembly and is responsible for referring such allegations to the Municipal Assembly. The DCMAC can request the reconsideration of the relevant act or decision. In addition, under specific circumstances, DCMAC may submit acts or decisions, considered to be violating constitutionally guaranteed rights to the Constitutional Court. In municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority meets the ten percent threshold, this position shall be reserved for a non-majority community representative, who received the most votes on the open list of candidates for election to the Municipal Assembly.

## Key Documents

- Constitution, Article 62(1) and (2);
- Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008);
- Guidelines for the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities.

## Establishment

DCMACs are established in 11 municipalities.

Dragash/Dragaš	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Prizren
Gjilan/Gnjilane	Štrpce/Shtërpçë
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Zubin Potok <sup>1</sup>
Klokot/Kllokot	Zvečan/Zveçan <sup>1</sup>
Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North <sup>1</sup>	

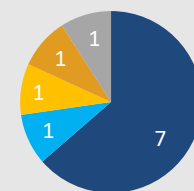
<sup>1</sup> Lack of official census data for these municipalities creates ambiguity regarding the establishment of the post. Therefore, for the purpose of this analysis, the population estimates in the 2018 OSCE Mission in Kosovo Municipal Profiles were used. (Available at <https://www.osce.org/mission-in-kosovo/municipal-profiles>)

## Access to financial resources

All DCMACs reported obstacles in accessing adequate financial resources. In many instances, financial resources are not specifically allocated to their function, or they rely on financial and logistical support by other municipal bodies.

## Communities and gender representation

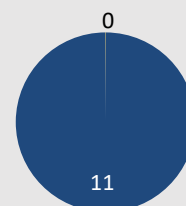
Community affiliation of DCMACs



■ Kosovo Albanian ■ Kosovo Serb ■ Kosovo Turk  
■ Kosovo Gorani ■ Kosovo Egyptian

During the reporting period, all DCMACs were men.

DCMACs by Gender



■ Women ■ Men

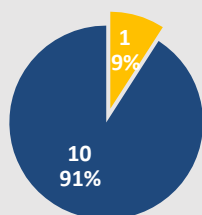
# Performance 2020

## Selected Performance Indicators

Number of DCMACs that undertook key activities and substantive duties outlined in the legal and policy framework, based on OSCE Mission in Kosovo field teams' regular monitoring and periodic specific reviews by the field teams, as well as reports produced by municipalities.

### 1 – Review and referral of claims of communities' rights violations by municipal acts

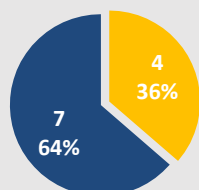
Review claims of acts or decisions of the MA in violation of communities' rights



During the reporting period, no DCMAC referred claims of communities' rights violations to the Constitutional Court for review.

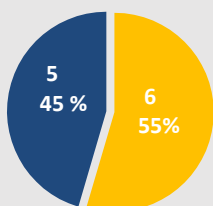
### 2 – Promotion of Inter-community Dialogue

Engage in activities for the promotion of inter-community dialogue



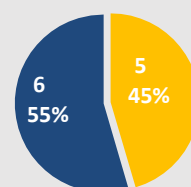
### 3 – Reporting

Provide information related to its activities and work to other municipal bodies

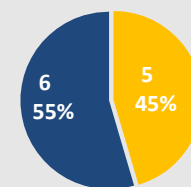


### 4 – Co-operation

Participate to Communities Committees meetings

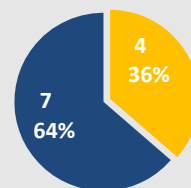


Co-operate in the review of municipal policies affecting the interests of communities



### 5 – Outreach and Consultation

Facilitate the involvement of communities in the Municipal Assembly's work



Yes No

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo supports improved communities' participation in public decision-making and governance processes and institutions. To assist in this effort, the OSCE Mission in Kosovo 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 improvement in compliance.