

Deputy Mayors for Communities (DMCs) 2016

Key Facts:

- Mandated to assist the mayor through the provision of advice and guidance on issues related to communities;
- Mandatory for municipalities where at least 10% of the residents belong to communities;
- Can also be established in municipalities with less than 10% communities, upon the decision of the municipal assembly;
- Should represent all communities residing in the municipality;
- DMC candidate is proposed by the mayor and approved by the municipal assembly;
- Key documents: Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008) Article 54; Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA) Administrative Instruction 01/2014 on the procedure of appointment of deputy mayors in municipalities; DMC Terms of Reference.

Establishment

DMCs have now been established in 15 municipalities**:

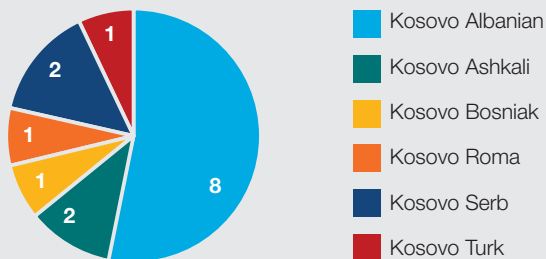
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South*
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Kamenicë/Kamenica*	Obiliq/Obiliç*
Klokot/Kllokot	Prizren
Leposaviç/Leposaviq*	Štrpce/Shtërpcë
Lipjan/Lipljan*	Zubin Potok*
Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša	Zvečan/Zveçan*
Ferizaj/Uroševac#	

*DMC post not required but still established

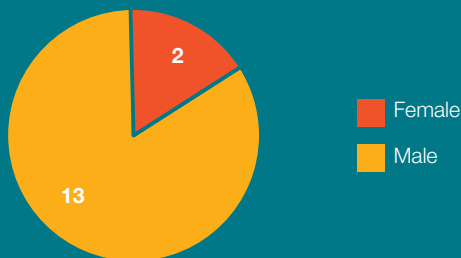
** In Dragash/Dragaš the post has not been established despite the 10% threshold

Post established in November 2016

Community Affiliation of DMCs

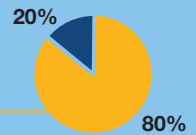


Gender of DMCs

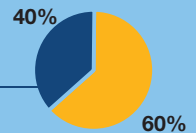


Percentage of DMCs Undertaking Substantive Duties*

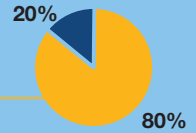
Provide advice and guidance to the mayor on community issues



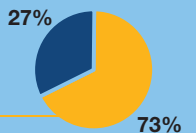
Support communities' requests to municipal bodies



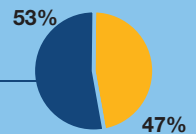
Undertake outreach to communities and/or promote outreach activities by the municipality



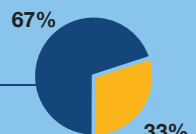
Ensure that the municipal executive effectively implements projects/ activities/policies/regulations related to the protection and promotion of communities' rights



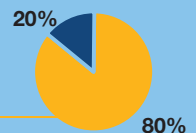
Promote inter-community dialogue



Promote confidence- building between communities and municipal institutions



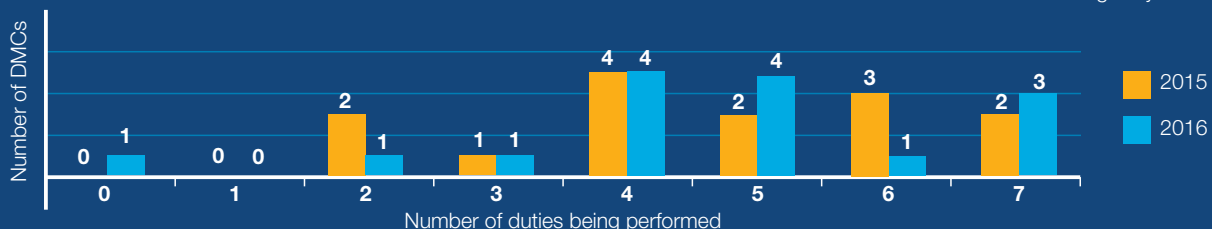
Ensure that sufficient funding is foreseen in the budget for the protection and promotion of community rights and that the needs and interests of communities are taken into consideration during the budget preparation process



Yes No

Number of Substantive Duties* Undertaken

*Duties outlined in the legal and policy framework that are regularly monitored by OSCE



Deputy Chairpersons for the Municipal Assembly for Communities (DCMACs) 2016

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo (OSCE) supports improved communities' participation in public decision-making and governance processes and institutions. To assist in this effort the OSCE regularly monitors the performance of municipal communities' protection mechanisms. These information sheets aim to provide the relevant municipal actors and central-level institutions with indicators that can assist in the identification of compliance gaps and tracking increased compliance.

Key Facts:

- Mandated to promote inter-community dialogue and serve as a focal point for addressing communities' concerns and interests in the municipal assembly;
- Mandatory for municipalities where at least 10% of the residents belong to communities;
- Cannot be legitimately established in municipalities with less than 10% communities;
- The post is held by the community member who received the most votes from the open list of candidates for the municipal elections;
- Should represent all communities residing in the municipality;
- Has direct access to the constitutional court;
- Key documents: Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008) Article 55; DCMAC Guidelines.

Establishment

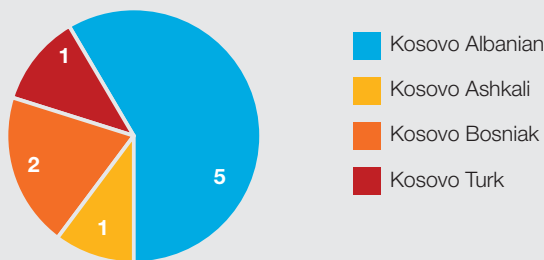
DCMAC have now been established in 9 municipalities*:

Dragash/Dragaš	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Prizren
Klokot/Kllokot	Štrpce/Shtërpçë
Leposavić/Leposaviq#	Zubin Potok#
Mitrovicë/Mitrovica North#	

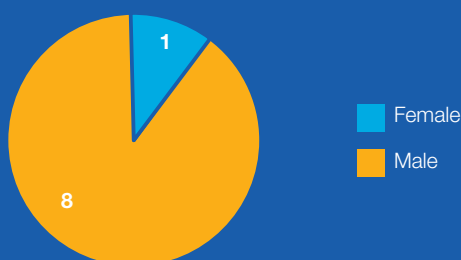
* In Gračanica/Gračanicë the post has not been established despite the 10% threshold. In Pejë/Peć the post that was previously established but not legally permitted was abolished in March 2016

Legality of the establishment of the post unclear due to lack of census results

Community Affiliation of DCMACs

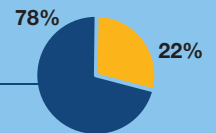


Gender of DCMACs

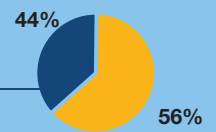


Percentage of DCMACs Undertaking Substantive Duties*

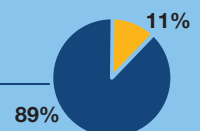
Promote inter-community dialogue



Address concerns and issues related to the needs of communities in the meetings of the municipal assembly and its work



Review claims by communities or their members that the acts or decisions of the municipal assembly violate their constitutionally guaranteed rights **



*Duties outlined in the legal and policy framework that are regularly monitored by OSCE

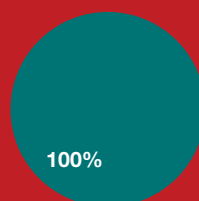
**The next step for any such cases would be for the DCMAC to refer the matter to the municipal assembly for its reconsideration of the act or decision.

If the municipal assembly chooses not to reconsider its act or decision or the DCMAC deems that, even upon reconsideration, the act or decision presents a violation of a constitutionally-guaranteed right, then the DCMAC refers the matter directly to the constitutional court.

Yes No

Functioning & Reporting

DCMACs with work plans in 2016



DCMACs who reported on their work to the municipal assembly in 2016

