



Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture

NEW STRATEGY 2021-2025

During this month, ACDC presented the strategy for 2021-2025. The strategy will cover a period of five years and it will show what the organization wants to achieve and what will be our guide through specific goals and tasks which will be incorporated in future programs of the organization.

With over ten years of experience in capacity building, advocacy, public, political, and media awareness-raising, ACDC intends to remain one of the best examples of an organization in the north.



LAUNCH OF NEW PROJECTS



M4Y Municipalities for Youth - Empowering Youth through Civic Engagement is an USS 2.79 million grant from the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) administered by the World Bank. The project is designed to respond to the growing youth disenfranchisement that has been an important driver of outmigration, political dissatisfaction, and radicalization.

Project "Facilitating Access to Justice and Promoting Human Rights in the Mitrovica Region" is funded by UNMIK. The project is composed of two components: Justice and Human Rights and aims to improve working conditions in Justice Institutions and promote human rights in the Mitrovica region.

#HUMANRIGHTSCHAMPIONS CAMPAIGN

In October 2021, ACDC reached out to public figures from local, central level, media reporters, CSOs directors, citizens, and other active citizens to create #humanrightschampions campaign with the aim to promote democracy and universal human rights. The campaign was realized within the project Human rights education program "Human rights horizon" funded by the Community Development Fund (CDF), SIDA, and implemented by Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture.

Human Rights Champion profile: Marija Radulović, Deputy Ombudsman. Text in multiple languages describing her role and the campaign's goal.

Human Rights Champion profile: Nenad Radivojević, NGO Director. Text in multiple languages describing his role and the campaign's goal.

Human Rights Champion profile: Milica Andrić Rakić, Project Manager, NSI. Text in multiple languages describing her role and the campaign's goal.

Human Rights Champion profile: Adrijana Hodžić, Deputy Mayor of North Mitrovica. Text in multiple languages describing her role and the campaign's goal.

OP-ED ALEKSANDRA ALEKSIC

As part of the #humanrightschampions critical thinking promotion, ACDC published an op-ed on woman's rights, written by the student Aleksandra Aleksic, in which she pointed out it is high time women's rights became a part of everyday conversation.

The overall objective of the project Human rights education program "Human rights horizon", funded by CDF and SIDA is to empower young people and promote the active participation of all members of the school community (teachers, students) to integrate human rights values and principles into all areas of school life.



#HUMANRIGHTSCHAMPION
OP-ED:
ŽENSKA PRAVA
WOMEN'S RIGHTS
TË DREJTAT E GRAVE

Aleksandra Aleksic
Uëenica | Pupil | Studente

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08.10

PUBLIC STATEMENT

A group of civil society organizations and media within the OPEN Initiative, including ACDC, issued a joint statement on the incidents in North Kosovo that arose during the election campaign and strongly condemned the use of excessive force by the special police forces of the Government of Kosovo in Serb majority municipalities in northern Kosovo and their engagement in tasks within the competence of local police forces. The OPEN initiative called on Pristina and Belgrade to return to the negotiation process in Brussels and the European Union to become more actively involved in resolving the increasingly frequent crises in Kosovo.



14.10

OP-ED MILICA STOJANOVIC KOSTIC



#HUMANRIGHTSCHAMPION
OP-ED:
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Milica Stojanovic Kostic
Novinarka | Journalist | Gazetare

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"In a society in which the laws and rights are applied depending on those who exercise some power, the foundations of justice are collapsing, leaving it forever blindfolded, slow, and unreachable", wrote journalist Milica Stojanovic Kostic in her OP-ED entitled "It is forbidden but I am going to say it" and pointed out several problems concerning the right to freedom of opinion and speech in Kosovo, noting that the right for free expression of thoughts is fundamental. The OP-ED is part of the #humanrightschampions critical thinking promotion within the Human rights education program "Human rights horizon", funded by CDF and SIDA.

14.10

KOSOVO ONLINE INTERVIEW



On October 19, 2021, the Executive director of Advocacy center for democratic culture, Mr. Dusan Radakovic spoke for Kosovo Online about the elections. He highlighted a high turnout in the north of Kosovo and noted that there was greater transparency in the election process and campaign than in the previous elections. He also stressed out that Self-determination Movement is the biggest loser in the elections and that the winners are DPK and Serbian list.

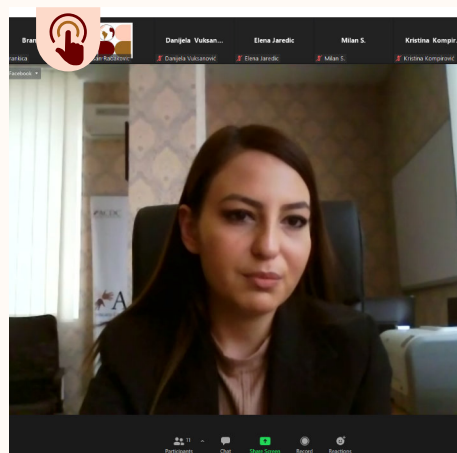
19.10

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FORUM - EU TACSO 3

21.10 Our Program Manager, Slobodan Stošić, represented the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture at Forum by Community resilience Forum (CRF) that was held in Belgrade on the 20th and 21st of October as part of the EU TACSO 3 project. Attendees of the Forum were representatives of civil society organizations from Western Balkans countries and Turkey. Representatives from Kosovo were members of organizations Kosovo Civil Society Foundation, Kosovo Women's Network, and Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture.



THE SCHOOL OF HUMAN RIGHTS – TRAINING



Within the project "Educational program of human rights - Human rights on the horizon", a lecture was held for the participants of the School of Human Rights. The lecture was given by Ms. Jovana Filipovic, a lawyer from Gracanica. Ms. Filipovic introduced the school participants to the general concept of human rights and talked about human rights violations. "Human Rights Schools" project is funded by CDF and SIDA.

22.10

OP-ED ELVIS BERISHA

Student, Elvis Berisha wrote an OP-ED on the topic of minority rights. He pointed out that each of us deserves equal rights, regardless of where we live our rights must be protected, adding that human rights are there to help us live in mutual peace and freedom.

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24.10

TV SHOW - PROPERTY RIGHTS ISSUES IN KOSOVO

Lawyer, Jovana Filipovic and the executive director of ACDC, Dusan Radakovic, were guests in the show broadcasted by RTV MIR. Mr. Radakovic talked about the project Strengthening the protection of property rights in Kosovo which aims to inform displaced persons about property in Kosovo through Free Legal Aid, and announced that a web platform with all the information regarding the property issues is being developed. Lawyer Filipovic talked about the property and legal issues and disputes, usurped property, and problems faced by displaced persons from Kosovo.

The main goal of the project Strengthening the protection of property rights in Kosovo is to increase the role of civil to advocate for property issues in Kosovo and establish cooperation among CSO's from Kosovo and Serbia with the relevant institutions to improve the protection of property rights in Kosovo. Project is implemented by: Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) and Center for Social Dialogue and Regional Initiatives (CSDRI).



Radaković - direktor NVO "ACDC"

28.10

CONTRACT SIGNING FOR A NEW PROJECT

28.10 In the premises of ACDC contract for a new project which will be implemented by ACDC has been signed. The project is entitled “Enhancing Institutional Response to Corruption in northern Kosovo” and it will deal with the problems of corruption in the area of the four municipalities in northern Kosovo (North Mitrovica, Zvečan, Zubin Potok, and Leposavić). This grant is supported by the ‘Civil Society programme for Albania and Kosovo’ financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and managed by Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF) in partnership with Partners Albania for Change and Development (PA).



THE SCHOOL OF HUMAN RIGHTS - FINAL CEREMONY

The final ceremony of awarding certificates to the students of the School of Human Rights was held on the premises of the ACDC. The participants of this eight-month program were students, teachers, and civil society activists. The project aimed to promote the active participation of all members of the school community to integrate human rights values and principles into all areas of school life in Kosovo and to enable young people to know their human rights and responsibilities.



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