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INTRODUCTION

In July, grant agreements with young people within the M4Y project were signed, research on the position of women was published, the campaign on cultural diversity continued and another project was successfully completed.

More about the latest news and activities in the new edition of the NGO ACDC newsletter



PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND RESEARCH PRESENTATION ON THE POSITION OF WOMEN

On July 14, NGO ACDC organized a public discussion as part of the project "Women for Women - United in power".

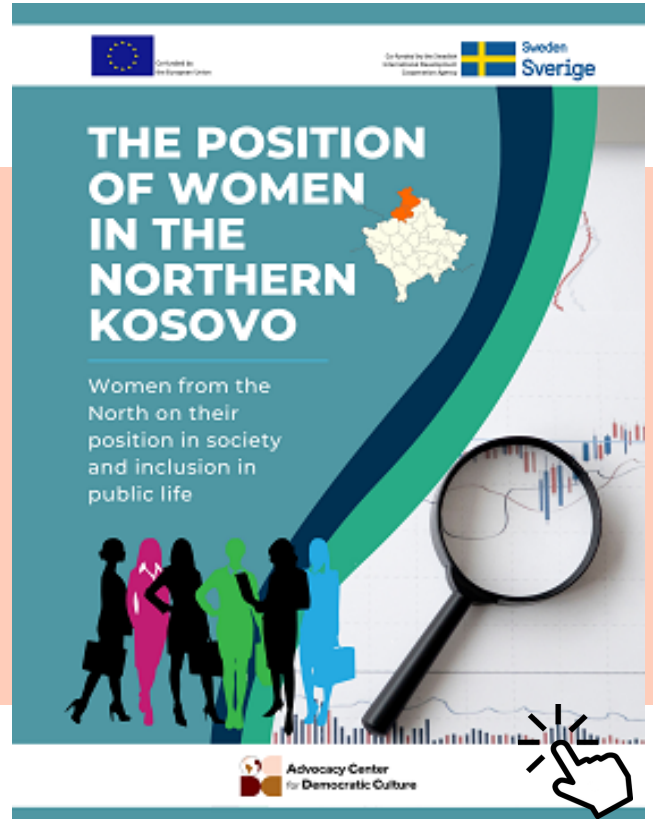
The research that aimed to examine the perception of women from the north of Kosovo about their position in society and their inclusion in public life was presented. In addition to the research results, recommendations that could affect the improvement of the position of women, as well as ways to overcome gender stereotypes and barriers, were also discussed. The panelists were Blagica Radovanović, NGO Santa Marija, Biljana Milošević Jaredić, Doctor of Clinical Psychology & Head of the Department of Psychology at the Faculty of Philosophy and Ines Aljović Mihajlović, project officer at NGO ACDC.





The research was conducted within the project "Women for Women - United in Power", implemented by the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture, and supported by Reactor - Research in Action and their partners through the Action "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process".

The main goal of this **research** was to analyze the position of women in Kosovo, as well as to thoroughly present how much success we, as a society, have achieved in overcoming gender stereotypes and barriers.



M4Y GRANT AGREEMENTS SIGNED

During July, grant agreements were signed with young people from the municipalities of Zvecan, Ranilug, Vuçitrn/Vushtrri, and Srbica/Skenderaj. In the upcoming period, with the help of the funds obtained through the "Municipalities for Youth" project, a total of 26 teams will have the opportunity to improve their respective municipalities through the realization of their ideas and thereby improve the position of young people. The projects' results will be monitored and presented in the upcoming period.

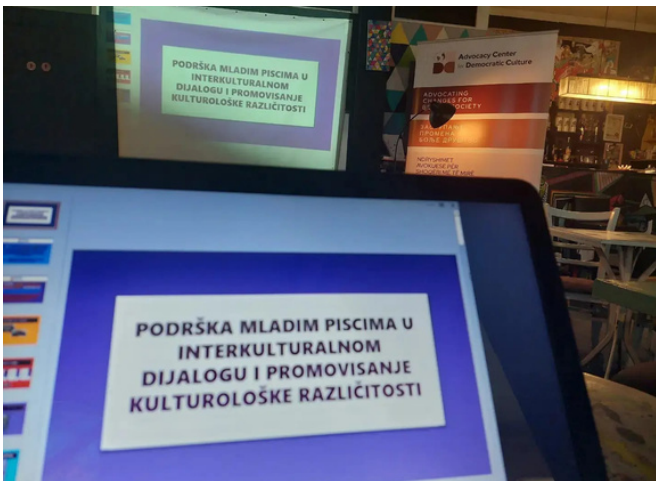


The "Municipalities for Youth" project is supported by the Japan Fund for Social Development, the World Bank, the Ministry of Local Government Administration, and the Municipality of Vushtrri/Vuçitrn, and is implemented by the Community Development Fund (CDF) and the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC).

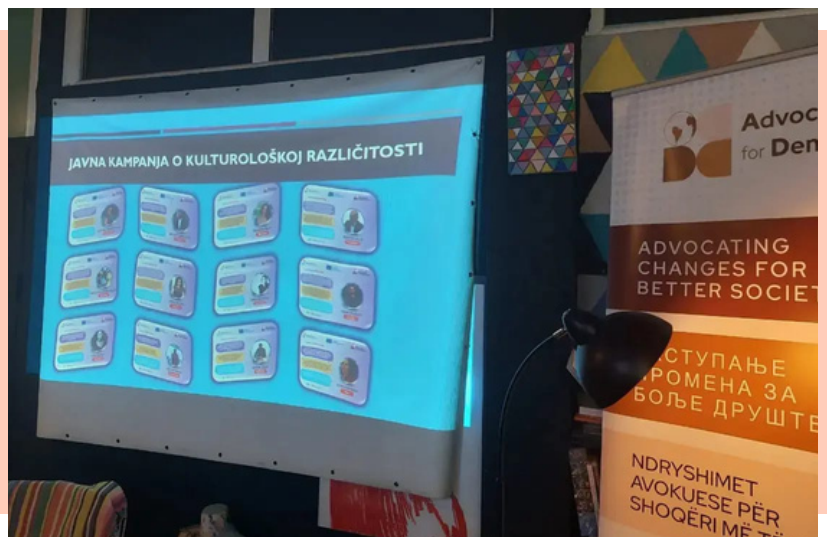


CLOSING EVENT OF THE READ SUPPORTED PROJECT

The conference on cultural diversity was held on July 26th at the premises of Private Culture Center "Aquarius" in North Mitrovica. The conference addressed cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in Kosovo society. Additionally, during the conference, NGO ACDC has presented the project activities within the project "Supporting Young Writers in Intercultural Dialogue and Promoting Cultural Diversity" supported by READ. The speakers were Miljana Dundjerin, Private Cultural Center "Aquarius", Ilda Krama, musician & architect, and Lulzim Hakaj, co-founder of Reconciliation Empowering Communities - NGO REC.



In July, NGO ACDC continued public campaign to raise public awareness and promote intercultural awareness, understanding, and respect for diverse cultures and cultural expressions. ACDC reached out to prominent individuals of diverse backgrounds from Kosovo who delivered specific messages on the importance of cultural diversity and inter-community relationships.



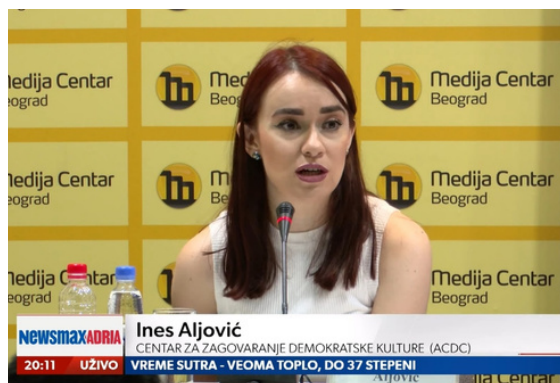
Ines Aljovic Mihajlovic, NGO ACDC program officer, took part at the Press conference of The Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights that was held in Media Centre in Belgrade. At the conference, the findings from Report no. 3 on the implementation and effects of the Agreement on Justice "Integration of Judiciary in the Judicial System of Kosovo in the context of European Integration and dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina" were presented.

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Aleksandar Rapajic, NGO ACDC program director was a panelist at the event organized by NGO AKTIV.

During the event, the findings of the research "Kosovo Serb Community Census Outlook" were presented.



INFORMATIVE VIDEO SPOT ON THE WORK OF ACA

Within the project "Enhancing the institutional response to corruption in the north of Kosovo", an informative video spot on the Kosovo Anti-Corruption Agency was published. TV Spot provides information on the competencies and scope of work of the Agency and it can be viewed in the link below.

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Additionally, Ines wrote the text named **"Dealing with the past - a long and thorny road"**, which was published in the newsletter of the Working Group of the National Convention on the European Union for Chapter 35. In her text, Ines addressed the problem of missing persons from Kosovo.

MEDIA TALKS

As part of the project "Promoting Interethnic Dialogue in Local Government" financed by the National Endowment for Democracy, a TV show entitled "Strengthening mechanisms for the protection of minority rights" was broadcasted. The guests were Mr. Skender Sadiku, the President of the North Mitrovica Assembly in front of the communities, and Aleksandar Rapajic, NGO ACDC program director, who discussed the problems faced by members of non-majority communities in the municipality of North Mitrovica.

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Within the project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Kosovo-Serb Majority Communities" financed by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs -INL, a TV show was broadcasted in which the guests were Mr. Dušan Radaković, executive director of NGO ACDC and NGO ACDC Project Officer Mrs. Ines Aljović Mihajlović. The importance of professional practice for young lawyers within the Kosovo system was discussed as well as the difficulties and obstacles young lawyers face.

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