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NEWS LETTER



January 19

Public discussion on the judiciary

Within the project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Kosovo-Serb Majority Communities in Kosovo", supported by INL, NGO ACDC organized a public discussion on the judiciary in northern Kosovo.

The purpose of the discussion was to present the current situation in the judicial institutions in light of recent events in the north.

Despite the political crisis that emerged after the Serbs left Kosovo's institution, ACDC continued to cooperate with the judiciary, the police, and the municipality. During the discussion, ACDC presented the information it obtained on how many people have left the institutions and how the Basic Court in Mitrovica is coping with the lack of employees.





January 26

Conference on multiethnic cooperation

A final conference was organized to promote community cooperation in North Mitrovica and reflect on the activities and achievements of the project "Promoting Interethnic Dialogue in Local Government", supported by the National Endowment for Democracy - NED.

NGO ACDC program director, Aleksandar Rapajić, presented the project and the activities that were carried out, focusing on the initiatives that were implemented in three multi-ethnic settlements in the municipality of North Mitrovica, where small local projects were supported with the aim to improve the living conditions of all communities and establish a friendly and sustainable environment for all residents of multi-ethnic settlements in North Mitrovica.



New Publication - Policy Brief

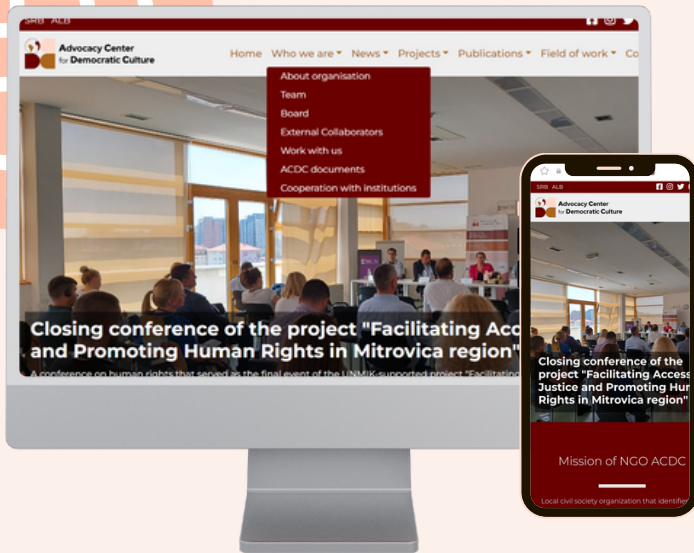
The policy brief aims to assess the current state of affairs regarding women's participation in decision-making at the central and local level in Kosovo, promote gender equality and provide policy recommendations to respective state institutions.

This policy brief was created as part of the project "Women for women - united in power", implemented by the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC), and supported by Reactor - Research in action and their partners through the action "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process". This Action is funded by the European Union and co-funded by Sweden. This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union and cofunded by Sweden. Its contents are the sole responsibility of NGO ACDC and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union or Sweden.





New project



Advocating for a better position of pregnant women and young mothers

NGO ACDC announces a new project aimed at increasing knowledge on labor law and raising awareness about the position of pregnant women and young mothers. The overall goal of the project is to provide support to women in Kosovo by raising awareness about the importance of non-discrimination in the field of labour law, as well as identifying the attitude of citizens, primarily women, about the rights and obligations of employees.

The grant is funded by the European Union in Kosovo, in the scope of the "Protecting and Promoting Labour Rights of Vulnerable Groups in the Labour Market" project, implemented by Advocacy Training and Resource Center - ATRC in partnership with BIRN Kosovo.



Research on the position of young mothers, pregnant women, and single mothers

To explore the views and opinions of pregnant women and single and young mothers regarding their labour rights, ACDC published an online survey. The survey is intended specifically for this target group. A comprehensive analysis will be published in the upcoming months that will include the findings and conclusions of the research.

As announced last month, the web page of NGO ACDC has been updated and enhanced with new content focused on our work in order to strengthen the organization's visibility. We have introduced new sections to the website, including job opportunities and we have also expanded fields of work and improved the structure of the news content.

Annual Report 2022

The Annual Report presents projects and activities implemented by NGO ACDC during 2022.



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Visit of the EMA students

On January 23, NGO ACDC hosted a group of students from Vienna and Venice. Our program director briefed the students about the work of AD CD in the promotion of the rule of law, the position of the Serbian community, the integration of the judiciary in the north, and the general political situation in Kosovo.



Blagica Radovanovic on the position of women in North Kosovo



Skender Sadiku on interethnic cooperation



Conference on multietnic cooperation



Meeting of the Advisory Group

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NGO ACDC Executive Director, Dusan Radakovic, took part in the meeting of the Advisory Group, which consists of representatives of civil society, institutions, and other actors, to discuss the process of public consultations and ways to improve citizens' participation in decision-making and policy-making.

Rapajic for N1



Program Director, Aleksandar Rapajić for N1 on the construction of the Kosovo Police base in the North of Kosovo

Program Director, Aleksandar Rapajić for German newspaper Zeit.