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# NEWSLETTER

**In February, NGO ACDC continued to organize events that addressed important topics and problems of citizens.**



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February 20

## Public conference on the expropriation

The decision of the Government in Pristina on the expropriation of land owned by the Serbs in the municipalities of Leposavic and Zubin Potok was the major issue in the north of Kosovo in February.

In light of this, on February 20, ACDC organized a public conference with the purpose of drawing the attention of the international community and the Kosovo government to the illegal confiscation of land from Serbs in northern Kosovo.

Speakers at the event included Zoran Todić, the former mayor of Leposavic municipality, Predrag Miljkovic, a lawyer from North Mitrovica, Duško Čelić, law professor and expert for property issues and Mladen Čiprijanović, a lawyer from Leposavic.

The conference was organized within the project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Kosovo-Serb Majority Communities in Kosovo", supported by INL.



## Press release

Earlier this month, NGO ACDC, together with other CSOs, issued a statement expressing great concern and protest over the decisions of the Government of Kosovo on the expropriation of land in the north of Kosovo.

The joint statement called on the government in Pristina to stop all projects on both private and public parcels until comprehensive consultations with the local community, its representatives, and civil society have been made.

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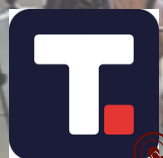
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## Media Coverage



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February 27

## Public discussion

Within the INL-supported project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Kosovo-Serb Majority Communities in Kosovo", a public discussion was organized to discuss the work in the judicial sector from the perspective of the lawyers.

The discussion provided some key insights into the situation in the judiciary in northern Kosovo after the resignation of judges, prosecutors, and other administrative and supportive staff from the judicial institutions.

The participants at the event were lawyers and legal representatives of Serbs from the north of Kosovo, Nebojsa Vlajić and Jovana Filipović, as well as the executive director of the NGO ACDC, Dušan Radaković.



## Visit of the Austrian Ambassador

During the meeting, ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of New Social Initiative Jovana Radosavljević, and the head of the Ngo Aktiv Policy Office, Caleb Waugh, introduced the Ambassador to the current situation in the North of Kosovo from the perspective of the Serbian community.

On February 8, the Austrian Ambassador to Kosovo, Mr. Christoph Weidinger, and his Deputy, Mr. Martin Schaller, met with representatives of civil society from North Mitrovica.

## ACDC in Media

Aleksandar Rapajic, the program director of ACDC, joined the discussion on the TV show "Dogovor" which focused on the establishment of The Community of Serb Municipalities. [LINK](#)



Program officer Ines Aljović Mihajlović spoke for RTK2 about the research that ACDC is conducting on the position of pregnant women and young mothers and their labor rights.

Dušan Radaković in Kallxo Përnime on the crisis in the north and the expropriation of land in Dren



Dušan Radaković for Tanjug on the expropriation of land in the north



Dušan Radaković for RTV Kim on the return of Serbian police officers



Dusan Radakovic for Kosovo Online on how the Kosovo judiciary has been functioning in the north after the Serbs left the initiations



Dusan Radakovic, the executive director of the NGO ACDC, partook at the Annual Conference of the Working Group of the National Convention on the European Union for Chapter 35, entitled "Towards the Agreement". During the panel, he addressed some important topics that are not included in the agreement, such as property issues.



# Statements on International Days

ACDC continues to mark international days in order to draw the public's attention to some crucial issues and convey knowledge about important international days.

“ By affirming International Mother Language Day, we emphasize linguistic diversity. By nurturing it, we preserve the cultural traditions of the people and develop a culture of listening, communication, and opinion. ”



“ It is believed that the observation of this day contributes to further strengthening the efforts of the international community to eradicate poverty, increasing concern for the dignity of work, equal opportunities, and fair access to social goods and justice for every human being. ”



“ On this day we celebrate the role of CSOs in the fight for fundamental human rights, democracy, and sustainable development for all. Today we acknowledge their courage, uniqueness, and endurance in creating a better tomorrow for the entire human society. ”



## Free Legal Aid on the premises of ACDC



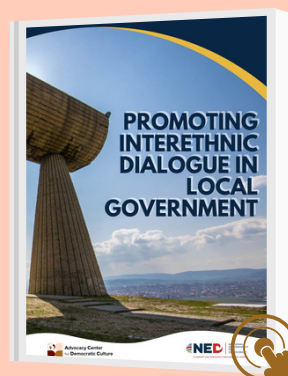
NGO ACDC continues to provide free legal aid services in support of the Office for Free Legal Aid in the North of Kosovo.

NGO ACDC invites all those who have problems in exercising their rights in Kosovo to visit our office and contact legal associates who will provide them with free legal services, information and advice.

# New project

NGO ACDC is pleased to announce the continuation of the project "Promoting inter-ethnic dialogue in local government", financed by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). The project is designed to strengthen community committees, promote good inter-ethnic relations in local government in northern Kosovo and support small local initiatives in North Mitrovica and Zvečan.

See some of the Initiatives and activities that were implemented in the previous year.



## Study visit to Bujanovac



Program Manager, Slobodan Stosic, together with other representatives of NGOs from the north of Kosovo visited the municipalities of Bujanovac, Preševo and Medveđa. The goal of the study visit, organised by NGO Aktiv, was to exchange experiences in the field of inter-ethnic cooperation, relations with local and central institutions, as well as respect for the human rights of non-majority communities.