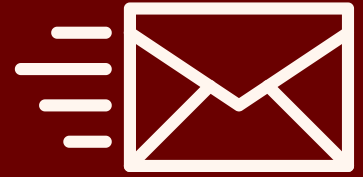


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Conference on the State of Judiciary and Police in Northern Kosovo

NGO ACDC organized a conference to address the state of the police and judiciary in northern Kosovo following the departure of Serbs from institutions. Panelists, including Veton Elshani, Deputy regional police Director of North Mitrovica, Lumnije Surduli, Court Administrator Court., discussed the impacts of this change on legal and law enforcement systems, while Dušan Radaković, our Executive Director, presented ACDC's research analysis on this complex situation, available on our website. [↗](#)

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Deputy Commander of the Regional Police Unit North, Veton Elshani provided insights into the challenges in the region after Kosovo Serbs left the police. He emphasized the importance of community engagement and building trust among all communities in the north to enhance the effectiveness of the police forces.



Regarding the resignations of Kosovo Serbs, Lumnije Surduli, Court Administrator, said that there is a noticeable gap that is difficult to fill, but the staff is trying their best to carry out their duties professionally and remain functional, despite being overloaded with work.

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We are overwhelmed with tasks. All the remaining staff is engaged, and with the support we received from ACDC, in terms of legal associates, we are trying to meet the needs of the parties promptly," Surduli said.

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Consultative Council for Communities and Minority Rights

At the conference organized on minority rights in Kosovo, the importance of the Consultative Council for Communities and its role and mandate were emphasized.

Panelists, including Avnija Bahtijari, Coordinator for Public Relations, Almedin Fejza, Chairman of the Language Working Group, and Aleksandar Rapajić, Program Director of ACDC provided a detailed presentation of the Council's role in advancing minority rights and highlighted the need for greater institutional engagement and attention to its recommendations.



Youth Voices on Human Rights in Kosovo

www.acdc-kosovo.org/op-ed



Five op-eds on various human rights topics by young individuals were published as part of a project supported by the Community Development Fund, through the HumanRightivism program, funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).



Flood Prevention Brochure:



Within the same project, we launched a human rights campaign involving individuals from Kosovo who shared quotes and messages aiming to highlight significant human rights issues in Kosovo and underscore the necessity of promoting and safeguarding these rights.

NGO ACDC released a brochure addressing the human factors contributing to floods. This informative brochure is available on our website in three languages.

M4Y Project Continues



In September, M4Y's project continued across five Kosovo municipalities. We conducted successful soft skills training for local youth and organized Project Cycle Management workshops to enhance project management capabilities.

In September, our team actively participated in several conferences.



ACDC Executive Director, Dusan Radakovic participated in a two-day conference titled "Building Trust, Strengthening Communities: A Conference on Local Governance Transparency," organized by NGO AKTIV. On the second day of the conference, he contributed to the third panel, which focused on "Driving Change Through Innovation: Exploring Creative Methods for Civic Activism and Engagement Strategies."

ACDC Program Manager, Slobodan Stosic participated in the NDI conference on the state of the environment in Kosovo. During the event, Civil Society representatives and Kosovo's Minister of Health and Deputy Minister of Environment discussed findings related to the state of the environment in Kosovo across four different panels.



Additionally, Dusan Radakovic took part in the Council of Europe Office in Pristina's conference on "Hate speech in public discourse."

The program officer, Lulzim Hakaj participated in the meeting organized by the Regulatory Authority of River Basins in cooperation with SKAT, for the formation of the multi-stakeholder mechanism of interest groups. This mechanism has the role of providing recommendations to the relevant institutions for the protection of water in Kosovo. The meeting was held in Ulcinj, September 27-29, 2023.



