

# NEWSLETTER



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As we bid farewell to 2023, we are excited to share the latest events from NGO ACDC that marked December.



## Marking international Human Rights Day and Anti Corruption Day



On December 6th, 2023, ACDC, in collaboration with NGO AKTIV, organized a public discussion on corruption in Serbian-majority municipalities in Kosovo. Journalists and civic representatives, including Mr. Nenad Radosavljević and Mr. Darko Dimitrijević, talked about the challenges faced in exposing and combatting corruption.

Leading up to Human Rights Day, ACDC and AKTIV hosted a debate on the protection of human rights in Kosovo. Panelists, Mr. Srđan Sentić and Mr. Budimir Ničić, engaged in an interactive discussion to address challenges faced by non-majority communities, promoting understanding and collaboration.





## Soft Skills Training Completion



A certificate award ceremony was held for young individuals who have successfully completed a three-month soft skills training. Through a series of lectures and practical exercises, participants gained knowledge in various areas, including communication skills, time management, computer literacy, project design, business planning, as well as social media and digital marketing.

This initiative aimed to enhance the skills of the youth and enable them to acquire valuable knowledge that will benefit them in their professional development. This initiative was supported by GIZ.





# New Projects

## Hate Speech Awareness Project:

ACDC is set to raise awareness about the harmful effects of hate speech in public fora throughout Kosovo, thanks to funding from UNMIK and support from the Council of Europe's Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Programmes Division.



## Reconciliation and Trust-building Project:

ACDC, in partnership with REC, initiates a project fostering reconciliation and trust-building between Kosovo Serb and Kosovo Albanian students in North and South Mitrovica.

On this note, NGOs ACDC and REC have signed a memorandum of understanding. The partnership between ACDC and REC marks a significant step forward in the pursuit of sustainable inter-ethnic cooperation and reconciliation, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and joint efforts toward creating a more cohesive and harmonious community.



## Intercultural Cooperation Initiative:

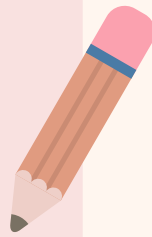
Aiming to empower vulnerable groups, promote intercultural diversity, and contribute to sustainable peace-building efforts, ACDC launches a project with a specific focus on non-majority communities in northern Kosovo.





The Austrian Ambassador to Kosovo, Mr. Georg Schnetzer, and Deputy Ambassador Ms. Clarissa Castek met with ACDC representatives to discuss the current political situation in northern Kosovo.

### Texts on Juvenile Delinquency in Kosovo and the Protection of Children's Rights



Two articles have been published on our website, addressing Juvenile Delinquency in Kosovo and the Protection of Children's Rights, particularly in the field of education. These articles are available in both Serbian and Albanian languages.

### Campaign on free legal aid

In December, our campaign on free legal aid continued through social media posts, aimed at informing citizens about available free legal assistance and providing guidance on how to seek help. These posts are part of our ongoing efforts to empower and educate the community about accessing free legal support.

### Anti-Corruption Efforts Recognized:

ACDC received a certificate of appreciation from the Agency for Prevention of Corruption for its special contribution in promoting the agency's mandate within the minority community in Kosovo during 2023.



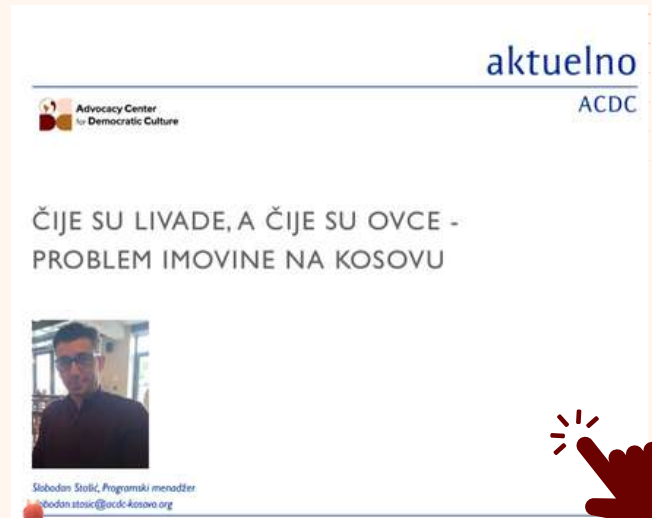


## Featured Texts

Ines Aljović Mihajlović, a program officer at NGO ACDC, wrote a text on "Mitrovica's Path towards Unity and Prosperity." She discusses the challenges faced by Mitrovica, with a focus on the division caused by a bridge that, instead of connecting, separates communities. The text was published by REC.



"Whose Meadows, Whose Sheep - Property Issue in Kosovo" is the title of the text written by the NGO ACDC Program Manager, Slobodan Stosic. In it, he expresses concern about the situation in Kosovo, particularly regarding the issue of expropriation and property rights. The text has been published in the latest issue of the RG Bulletin, the National Convention on the European Union for Chapter 35.



On December 29, ACDC celebrated its 12th birthday, reflecting on over a decade of actively contributing to an inclusive society, supporting democratic values, and implementing more than 120 projects dedicated to human rights, the rule of law, and interethnic cooperation in Kosovo.

