

NEWSLETTER

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Meeting on the legal practice in Kosovo from the perspective of minority communities

As part of a project supported by UNMIK, the NGO Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) hosted a town hall meeting on May 28th at the CEC premises to discuss legal practice in Kosovo from the perspective of minority communities.

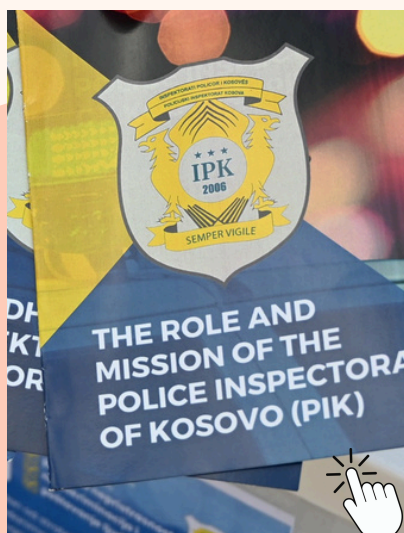
The panelists included lawyers Ms. Jovana Filipović, Mr. Ljubomir Pantović, and Mr. Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of ACDC. The meeting aimed to discuss legal practice in Kosovo, focusing on the consequences of the departure of personnel from judicial institutions, challenges faced by non-majority community lawyers, and issues related to the Bar Exam.

Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of ACDC, announced the upcoming presentation of research findings on the operation of the judiciary in northern Kosovo and the development of a Bar Exam Manual for candidates from non-majority communities in Kosovo.



Facilitating Interethnic Cooperation Among Students

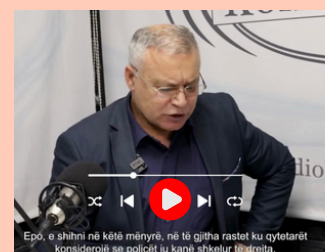
As part of the project “Facilitating Interethnic Cooperation among Students in Kosovo,” implemented by the NGOs Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) and REC and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Italy, a public conference was held on May 16 at the premises of NGO ACDC. The conference focused on the theme of interethnic cooperation among youth in Kosovo. Panelists Dušan Radaković (Executive Director of NGO ACDC), Lulzim Hakaj (Representative of NGO REC), Marija Savić (Law Graduate), and Gentiana Zeqiri (Civil Activist) discussed the challenges and opportunities for improving interethnic cooperation among youth.



Raising Awareness on the work of PIK

In cooperation with the Police Inspectorate of Kosovo (PIK), the NGO ACDC carried out a campaign to raise citizens' awareness about protecting their rights and the work of the PIK. This was done through the creation of flyers, a street action, and a social media campaign. The flyers contain useful information about the work of the PIK, as well as instructions on how to report police misconduct, all aimed at protecting citizens' rights.

As part of the media campaign, **PODCAST** was produced in collaboration with Radio Konakt Plus, featuring Zoran Ristić as a guest. In this edition, he provided an in-depth insight into the work of the Kosovo Police Inspectorate, focusing particularly on citizen complaints against police forces, including special units in northern Kosovo.



Forum for Dialogue between the Ombudsperson Institution and Civil Society Organizations



From May 20 to 22, in Durrës, Albania, a seminar of "Forum for Dialogue between the Ombudsperson Institution and Civil Society Organizations" was held. This three-day seminar provided an opportunity for civil society organizations and the Ombudsperson Institution to enhance their capacities, enabling them to engage in constructive dialogue and cooperation to promote human rights. The seminar was organized by NGO ACDC and supported by UNMIK.

Integrative Culture for Community Reconciliation

As part of the project "Integrative Culture for Community Reconciliation," aimed at enhancing collaboration among young cultural activists and promoting interconnection to encourage reconciliation and cooperation through culture, a concert by the band "Something Went Wrong" was held on May 16 at the PKC Aquarius. **PODCAST** was also published featuring Ines Aljović Mihajlović, a program officer at ACDC, and Ilda Krama, the vocalist of the band "Something Went Wrong." Ines spoke more about the project itself, while Ilda introduced her band. Watch the video for more information about this project and how cultural initiatives help connect communities.



Soft Skills Training Completion

On May 30, a certificate award ceremony was held to mark the completion of the second round of soft skills training. This activity was supported by GIZ.



Strengthening Regional Connectivity

The NGO ACDC and the International Center for Economics and Public Policy (ICEPP) from Niš have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to jointly contribute to the development of society by improving public policies, the economy, human rights, and the rule of law.



Promoting Visa Liberalization

As part of the project promoting visa liberalization, the NGO ACDC conducted public campaigns in areas with a predominantly Serbian population. This project includes a social media campaign and street actions, all aimed at raising public awareness about visa liberalization and addressing what it means for citizens. Supported by IOM.



ACDC in Media

Dušan Radaković for TV MOST



Slobodan Stošić for Kosovo Online



Dušan Radaković for KallxoPernime



Dušan Radaković for RTK2

