



# NEWSLETTER



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## YOUTH CAMPS ACROSS KOSOVO

In November, our Youth Camp series reached its conclusion.

### Prizren (November 1–3):

Hosted at Hotel Lakeside, the camp focused on unity, collaboration, and understanding among young people from diverse communities. Participants engaged in discussions on community challenges, working together to brainstorm solutions and improve their language skills. A highlight was the excursion to Prizren's old town, where the group explored the city's rich history and vibrant heritage.







### **Prevalla (November 15–17):**

The final camp in Prevalla brought together participants from previous camps to reflect on their journey. Through group discussions, creative activities, and language workshops, participants strengthened their communication skills and fostered deeper mutual understanding.



*About the YESS Project:* The Youth Empowered through Inclusive Schools and Societies (YESS) project, funded by the UN Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund and implemented by UNICEF and IOM Kosovo, aims to enhance social cohesion, tolerance, and diversity within Kosovo's communities.





## WORKSHOPS ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



With support from UNDP and in collaboration with Education Code, NGO ACDC continued in November workshops on environmental justice. These workshops focused on environmental rights, sustainable practices, and legal frameworks, promoting collaboration among multiethnic communities to tackle environmental challenges together.

## NEW PROJECT

This November, ACDC started "Canvas of Culture in Northern Kosovo," a new initiative that aims to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation among communities. The project is funded by the Swiss Cooperation Program.

## Cultural Engagement Survey

As part of the project, ACDC launched a survey to explore perceptions and participation in cultural activities in northern Kosovo. The survey is available in Serbian and Albanian. Check it out [here](#)!

## ACDC PUBLISHES ARTICLES ON WAR CRIMES MONITORING

NGO ACDC has published two new articles as part of the project "Facilitating Inter Ethnic Cooperation through Monitoring and Reporting on War Crime Cases." Led by Internews Kosova in partnership with ACDC, this initiative aims to contribute to transitional justice by documenting war crimes court hearings in Kosovo and raising awareness among both judicial institutions and the general public.

## PODCAST: TACKLING BUREAUCRATIC CHALLENGES



Katarina Ađančić, Deputy Mayor of North Mitrovica was featured in a podcast published by ACDC in collaboration with Radio Kontakt plus. The discussion focused on the challenges citizens face when applying for personal documents. This video is part of the "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Kosovo-Serb Majority Communities" project, funded by INL, and implemented by NGO ACDC and Aktiv.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL DIALOGUE

NGO ACDC Program Manager Slobodan Stosic participated in the Harmonic Dialogues session held in Mitrovica, focusing on youth engagement in environmental sustainability. Supported by the EU and UNDP, and organized by NGO REC and ADRC, the session highlighted the importance of preserving the environment through collaborative efforts in ethnically diverse communities.

## HATE SPEECH DISCUSSION AND OP ED

Moderated by Ines Ajlović Mihajlović, this panel explored the challenges and potential solutions to combat hate speech within communities. Panelists included Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of NGO ACDC, alongside activists and journalists, who emphasized the profound impact of hate speech on interethnic relations and the challenges posed by misinformation in modern society.



Additionally, Ines Aljović Mihajlović authored an op-ed on hate speech, discussing its dangerous impact on communities and highlighting the media's role in combating misinformation and divisive rhetoric. - [LINK](#)

## ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS: NEW OMBUDSPERSON'S WEBSITE

November marked the launch of the Ombudsperson's Institution's new website, enabling online complaint submissions. This user-friendly platform, supported by UNMIK and implemented by ACDC, facilitates efficient reporting of human rights violations, enhancing public access to justice.

<https://oik-rks.org/en/>





In November, five organizations, including ACDC, urged the Mitrovica Basic Prosecutor's Office to update the public on the investigation into alleged police misconduct.

NGO ACDC also condemned the detention of Jovana Radosavljević, NSI's executive director, stressing the impact of such incidents on trust in local security structures.

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A group of non-governmental organizations from northern Kosovo, including ACDC, NSI, AKTIV, CASA, and InTER, strongly condemned the attack on the Ibar-Lepenac Canal in Zubin Potok that took place at the end of November. We call on all relevant institutions to investigate all circumstances of the attack and identify those responsible. Additionally, we urge international organizations to ensure proper police action and prevent the misuse of this event to further increase pressure on the Serbian community in Kosovo. Read the full press releases on our website.

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## ACDC in Media

ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković and Program Officer Ines Aljović Mihajlović appeared on TV Most to discuss the troubling increase in sexual harassment in Northern Kosovo.



Furthermore, Ines Aljović Mihajlović was featured in the "Heroji našeg doba" ("Heroes of Our Time"), a series by Medija Centar Čaglavica alongside Milica Radovanović from New Social Initiative (NSI), to discuss the increasing issue of sexual harassment in Northern Kosovo.



Ines Aljović Mihajlović also shared her personal experiences and perspectives in interviews with Al Jazeera Balkans and Blic, highlighting the impact of harassment on daily life and the lack of institutional response.

