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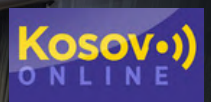


Conference on Challenges Facing the Judiciary in Northern Kosovo

Representatives of judicial institutions, the Kosovo Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils, the legal profession, international organizations, and civil society gathered in Pristina on June 29 for a conference dedicated to the functioning of the judiciary in northern Kosovo.

Participants discussed institutional representation, access to justice, language rights, the position of non-majority communities, and opportunities for the return of judges, prosecutors, and administrative staff from the Serbian community to the judicial system.

The conference was organized with the support of UNMIK and represents the first part of a broader dialogue that will continue in North Mitrovica in July.





Consultation Meeting with Civil Society Organizations on the Human Rights Programme

On June 10, a consultation meeting with civil society organizations was held in Pristina as part of the process of drafting the Programme for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms for 2026–2031 and its accompanying Action Plan for 2026–2028. The meeting was organized by ACDC in cooperation with the Office for Good Governance within the Office of the Prime Minister, aiming to enable civil society organizations to contribute to these strategic documents through their recommendations and proposals.



Workshop on Preparing for the Kosovo Bar Exam

On June 23, ACDC organized a professional workshop for young lawyers and law students planning to take the Kosovo Bar Exam. The session was delivered by Supreme Court Judge Milena Đerić, who introduced participants to the examination procedure, its structure, recommended study materials, and practical advice for successful preparation. The activity was implemented with the support of UNMIK.



Climate Walk Inspired Youth Climate Activism

On June 17, young people from North Mitrovica participated in the Climate Walk & Inspection activity, where, together with environmental experts, they mapped key environmental challenges in their community. During the walk, participants identified issues such as poor waste management, pollution, and the lack of green spaces. Their findings will serve as the basis for recommendations that will be developed and promoted by young people themselves. The activity was implemented within the project Climate Street Art Action – Walls that Speak for the Planet as part of Kosovo Sustainable Development Week.



Green Corner Established at the Mitrovica Artists' Residence

On June 24, a new Green Corner was established in the courtyard of the Mitrovica Artists' Residence as part of the Green Neighbors project. Young participants planted ornamental plants and installed educational panels with environmental messages they had designed themselves, contributing to a greener and more welcoming community space. The project is implemented by Education Code in partnership with ACDC.



World Environment Day Marked with a Community Clean-up Action

To mark World Environment Day, ACDC organized a clean-up campaign on June 5 along the pedestrian route connecting North Mitrovica and Zvečan. Together with young volunteers, large amounts of waste were removed from public areas, contributing to environmental protection and raising awareness about responsible environmental stewardship.

The activity was implemented with financial support from the European Union as part of a project carried out by CARE Deutschland e.V.



Young People Presented Their Vision of the Community Through Art

The workshop My City, My Home, My Street, held on June 11 at the Mitrovica Artists' Residence, brought together young people who expressed their vision for their city and ideas for improving their local community through a guided walk and creative artistic work.

The activity was organized in cooperation with the Aquarius Cultural Centre within a project implemented by ACDC with the support of ATRC.

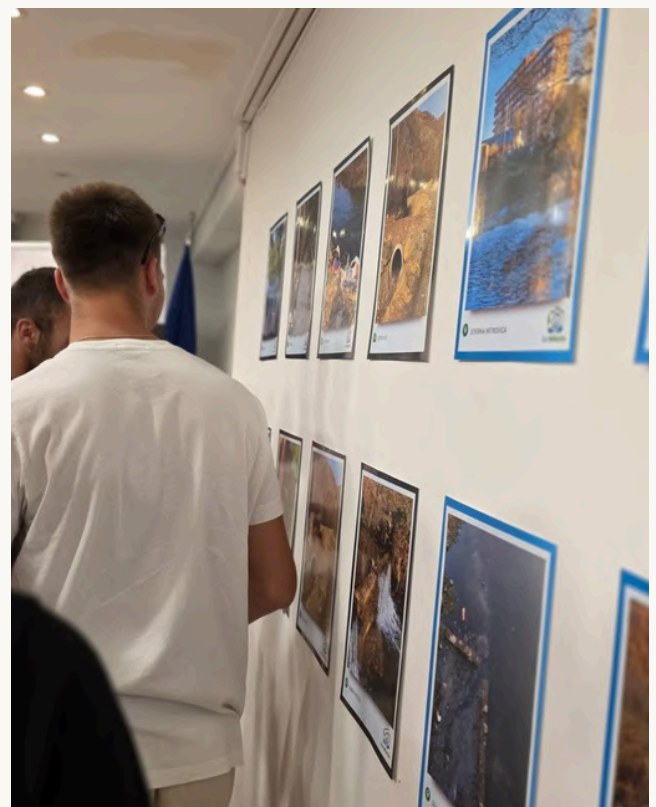
Youth Initiatives for River Protection Across Northern Kosovo



During the last week of June, a series of youth initiatives were carried out as part of the project Together for Clean Rivers, aimed at raising awareness about the protection of water resources and the environment.

In Leposavić, a creative educational workshop combined outdoor painting with the screening of an educational film on river conservation. At Lake Gazivode, young participants attended a lecture on endangered species, watched an educational documentary, and participated in a shoreline clean-up campaign.

The month concluded with the Our Reflection photo exhibition at the EU House in North Mitrovica, showcasing photographs taken by young participants documenting river pollution and highlighting the need for their protection.





Visit to the Renovated Premises of the Court of Appeals in North Mitrovica

During his official visit to Kosovo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix visited the renovated courthouse and the premises of the Court of Appeals Department in North Mitrovica. The renovation was carried out within a project implemented by ACDC with the support of UNMIK, with the aim of improving working conditions for judicial institutions and strengthening access to justice.



Visit of Representatives of the French Development Agency

Representatives of the French Development Agency (AFD), Philippe Walfard and Vanina Pomonti, visited ACDC to discuss the achievements of the BOOST – Green Neighbors: Youth for Environment and Coexistence project, implemented jointly with Education Code.

The meeting also explored opportunities for future cooperation and the further development of joint initiatives.



ACDC Among Organizations Supported Through the Regional LGBTQI+ Programme

Representatives of ACDC participated in the contract signing ceremony in Podgorica for organizations selected under the second call of the regional programme Together for LGBTQI+ Equality. The programme brings together organizations from across the Western Balkans and supports initiatives aimed at advancing the rights, visibility, and inclusion of LGBTQI+ communities with financial support from the European Union.

ACDC Executive Director Addressed Media Sector Challenges in Brussels

ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković participated in a meeting of the Kosovo Working Group of the European Committee of the Regions held in Brussels.

During the panel discussion, he addressed the key challenges facing Kosovo's media sector, including the sustainability of independent media, the spread of disinformation, political pressures, and the importance of safeguarding democratic space and freedom of expression.





ACDC in the media



- During the extraordinary parliamentary elections held on June 7, ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković was interviewed by several media outlets, including Kosovo Online, KoSsev, Radio KIM, and Radio Kontakt Plus. As a representative of the Democracy in Action network, he commented on the electoral process, the work of observers, reported irregularities, and the overall assessment of the elections in northern Kosovo.



- During June, ACDC Programme Director Aleksandar Rapajić gave an interview to Kosovo Online, discussing political developments following the parliamentary elections.




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