KLOKOT/KLLOKOT

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MUNICIPAL PROFILE

1. AREA AND POPULATION

The municipality of Klokot/Kllokot is located in south-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 24 km² and includes Klokot/Kllokot town and 3 villages. The total population is approximately 2,500 (2,556 according to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011).

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians: 1,362
2. Kosovo Serbs: 1,177
3. Kosovo Roma: 9
4. Kosovo Turks: 1
5. Others: 6
6. Not specified: 1

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns, the total population is estimated at 5,000.

Klokot/Kllokot municipality was established on 8 January 2010 when the first municipal assembly constitutive session was held. Until then the area was a part of Viti/Vitina municipality.

2. GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

Total number of voters in Klokot/Kllokot municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2013 was 3,414 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 61.2 per cent/2,090 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The election results were as follows:

SLS - Independent Liberal Party
29.68% 5 seats

GIS - Civic Initiative Srpska
29.41% 4 seats

PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo
10.76% 2 seats

LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo
9.27% 1 seat

People's Unity
6.82% 1 seat

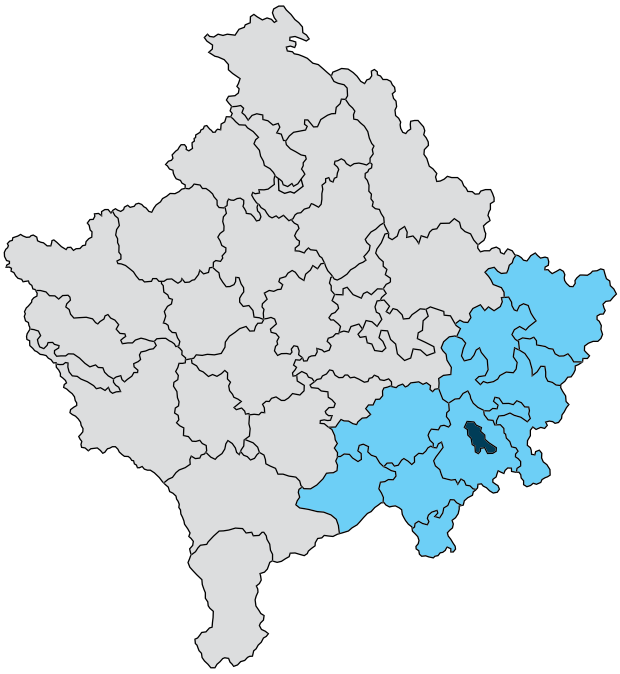
For Joint Future of Klokot
5.75% 1 seat

AAK-LDD Aliance for Future of Kosovo-LDD
5.49% 1 seat

A. LEGISLATIVE

The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed amongst seven (7) political entities; eleven (11) members are Kosovo Serbs, four (4) are Kosovo Albanians. Five (5) municipal assembly members are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Žarko Dejanović (SLS).

The OSCE regional centre Gjilan/Gnjilane covers 11 municipalities, including Klokot/Kllokot, and has field teams working in all of them.



According to the law on local self-government, a municipality with more than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities not in majority in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities. Municipal assembly deputy chairperson for communities in Klokot / Kllokot is Dorentina Rexhepi (PDK).

B. EXECUTIVE

Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations

Municipality is headed by the mayor, Srećko Spasić (GIS), the deputy mayor Miloš Stojković (GIS) and deputy mayor for communities, Hasan Rashiti (LDK). It has five (5) departments: administration and personnel (LDK); education, health, social services, culture, youth and sports (GIS); finance and budget (GIS); urban planning, cadastre and geodesy (GIS); and agriculture, forestry and water management (GIS). All appointed directors are male (source: municipal assembly affairs officer and municipal website).

3. JUDICIARY

There are no courts in Klokot/Kllokot. Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court covers the municipality (source: Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court).

Additional information
Gjilan/Gnjilane basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. SECURITY PRESENCE

The Kosovo Police station in Klokot/Kllokot has 21 police officers; 13 Kosovo Serbs and eight (8) Kosovo Albanians. Two (2) police officers are female.

As for the international military presence, the United States KFOR covers the area (source: Kosovo Police).

5. ECONOMY

The economy of the municipality of Klokot/Kllokot is mainly based on natural resources (mineral water), tourism (two private spas), agriculture and small businesses.
There are approximately 30 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Klokot/Kllokot (source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadastre and geodesy).

6. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. INFRASTRUCTURE

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Klokot/Kllokot is assessed as good. All of the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Klokot/Kllokot town and Mogillë/Mogila village are connected to water supply and sewage systems. Out of four (4) other villages, only Vrbovac/Vërboc is not connected to water supply and sewage system. Power supply is still a problem in the town and three (3) villages, due to old power grid (source: municipal development plan and municipal assembly affairs officer).

B. HEALTH

The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre in Klokot/Kllokot town and one (1) health house in Vrbovac/Vërboc village. Health sector has 15 employees, eight (8) female and seven (7) male, including doctors, nurses and support staff.
Access:
All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of education, health, social services, culture, youth and sports).

C. EDUCATION

There are three (3) primary schools with 450 pupils and 40 teachers (one follows Kosovo curricula while other two (2) follow Serbian curricula); one (1) secondary school with 141 students and 12 teachers; and one (1) preschool with 43 children and three (3) teachers. There are nine (9) support staff in primary schools and three (3) in the secondary school (source: municipal directorate of education, health, social services, culture, youth and sports).

7. RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES

Klokot/Kllokot has four (4) Serbian Orthodox churches. Most of them were renovated following the 1999 conflict while Serbian Orthodox church in Grnčar/Gërnçar village had to be fully reconstructed. There is a mosque in village Mogillë/Mogila, which was not damaged during the conflict (source: municipal development plan).

TO KNOW

In Klokot/Kllokot there are:

15
seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 7 political entities.

21
police officers.

0
Courts.

55
teachers in 3 primary schools, 1 secondary school, and 1 preschool.