

Communities Committees (CCs) 2016

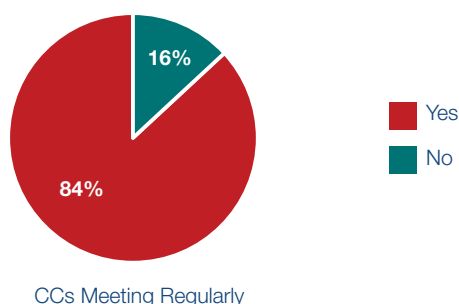
The OSCE Mission in Kosovo (OSCE) supports the improvement of communities' participation in public decision-making and governance processes and institutions. To assist in this effort the OSCE regularly monitors the performance of municipal communities' protection mechanisms. These information sheets aim to provide the relevant municipal actors and central-level institutions with indicators that can assist in the identification of compliance gaps and tracking increased compliance.

Communities Committee Key Facts:

- Mandated to ensure that the rights and interests of communities are respected through the review and provision of recommendations on municipal policies and actions;
- Mandatory committee for all municipalities;
- Should be comprised primarily of community members who are in a numerical minority at the municipal level;
- Should meet at least once a month;
- Key documents: Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008), Article 53; Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA) Administrative Instruction 03/2014 on the Procedure of Establishment, Composition and Competencies of Standing Committees in the Municipality; CC Guidelines and Terms of Reference.

Establishment & Functioning

Communities Committees have now been established in all 38 municipalities

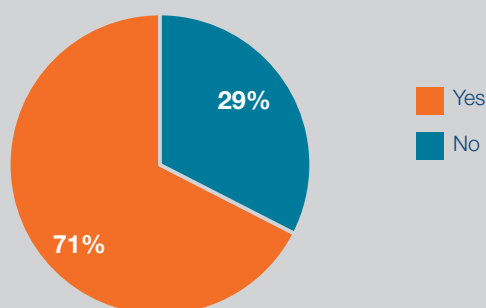


*According to the Terms of Reference (Art.9.1) CCs should meet at least once per month. CCs not meeting regularly in 2016: Junik, Viti/Vitina, Dragash/Dragaš, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South, Leposavić/Leposaviq and Zubin Potok.

Unrepresented Communities

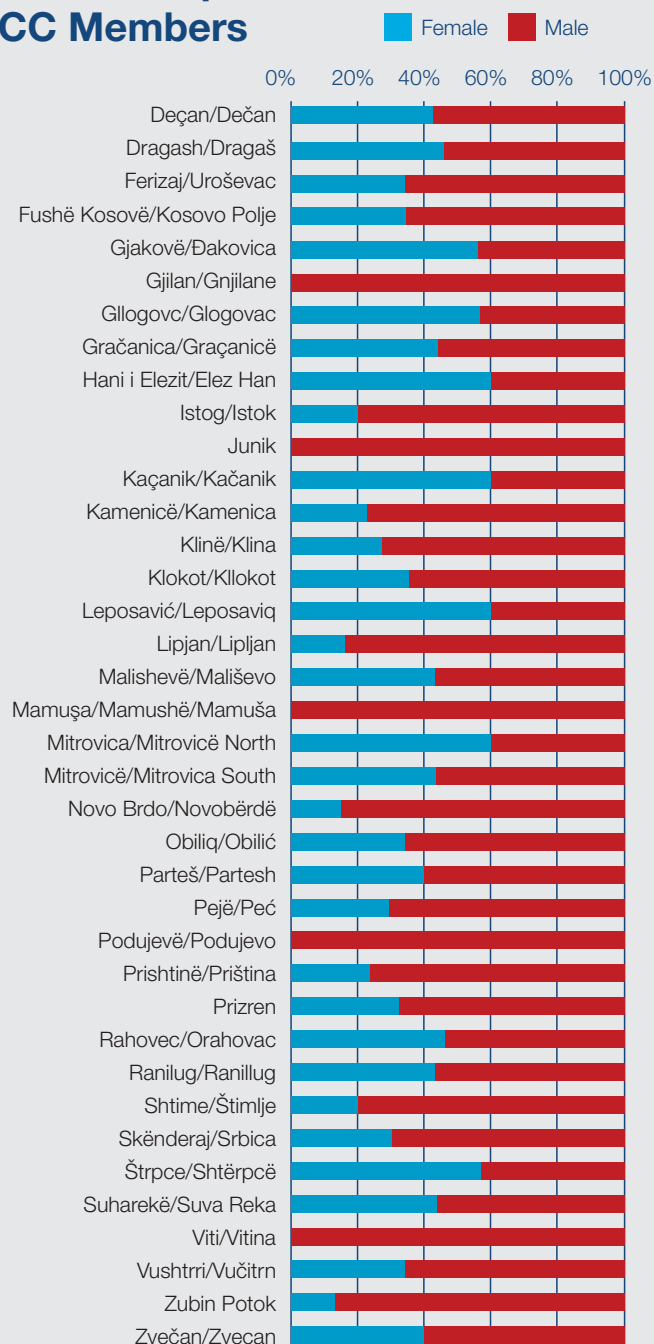
Although each community residing in a municipality should be represented in the CC, this is not the case in many CCs. The communities most often unrepresented are Kosovo Bosniaks and Kosovo Turks.

Access to Adequate Resources*



*As assessed by CC chairs, (e.g. transport, computers, office space, phones)

Gender Representation of CC Members



Performance 2016

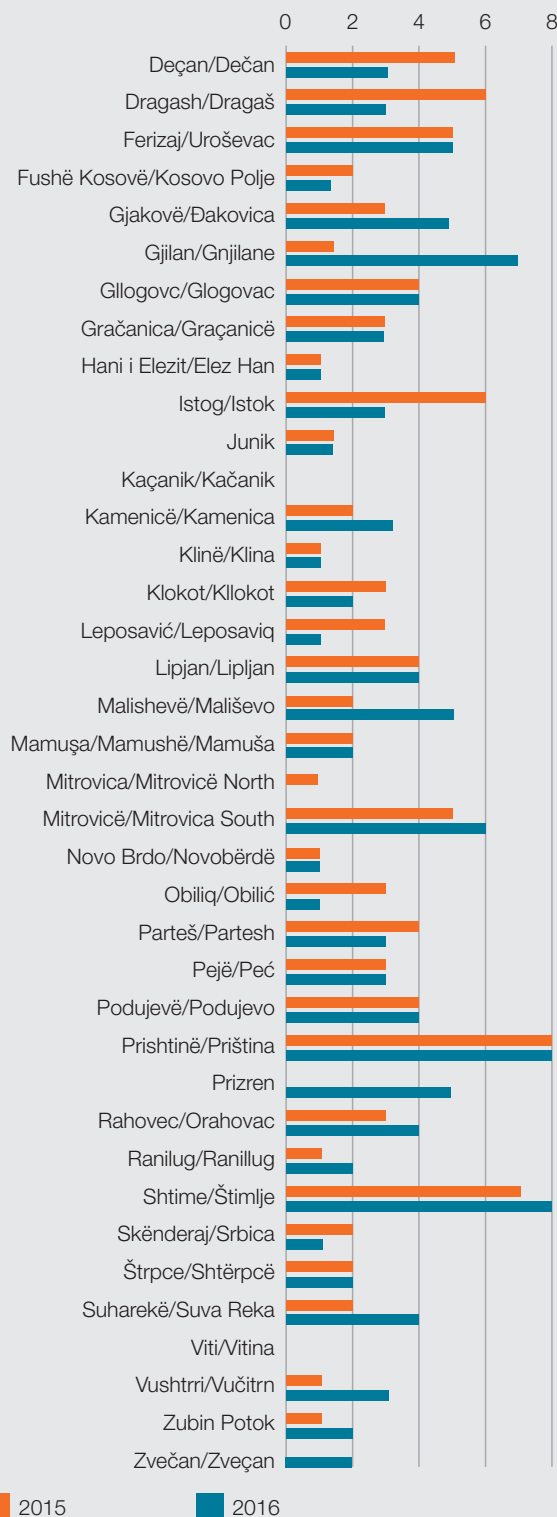
Percentage of CCs Undertaking Substantive Duties*



*Duties outlined in the legal and policy framework that are regularly monitored by OSCE

Yes No

Number of Substantive Duties Undertaken



2015

2016

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