

# Deputy Mayors for Communities (DMCs) (January–September 2017)\*

The Deputy Mayor for Communities is a local protection mechanism obligatory in municipalities where a minority community makes up at least 10% of the municipality's population. It can also be established in municipalities with less than 10% communities, upon the decision of the municipal assembly. The DMC is mandated to provide advice and guidance to the Mayor on issues related to communities and should represent all communities residing in the municipality. DMC candidate is proposed by the Mayor and approved by the municipal assembly.

Key documents regulating the establishment and the mandate of the DMCs are the Law on Local Self Government (No. 03/L-040, 2008), the Ministry of Local Government Administration Administrative Instruction No. 01/2014 on the procedure of appointment of deputy mayors in municipalities and the DMC Terms of Reference.

\*The DMC mandate expired following local elections in October 2017.

## Establishment

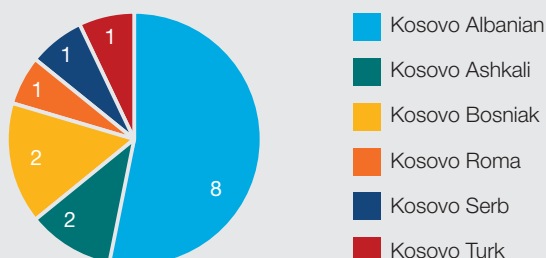
DMCs are established in 14 municipalities\*\*:

Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Ferizaj/Uroševac*
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Leposavić/Leposaviq*
Klokot/Kllokot	Lipjan/Lipljan*
Novo Brdo/Novobërdë	Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša*
Prizren	Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South*
Štrpce/Shtërpcë	Obiliq/Obilić*
	Zubin Potok*
	Zvečan/Zveçan*

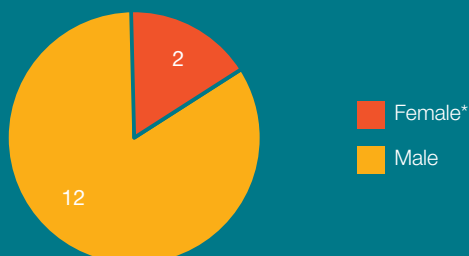
\* DMC post not required but still established.

\*\* In Dragash/Dragaš the post has not been established despite the presence of more than 10% of communities in the municipality.

## Community Affiliation of DMCs



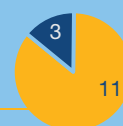
## Gender of DMCs



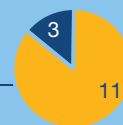
\* Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša and Prizren

## Percentage of DMCs Undertaking Duties as Prescribed by Legislation

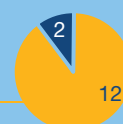
Provide advice and guidance to the mayor on community issues



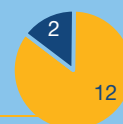
Support communities' requests to municipal bodies



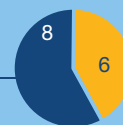
Undertake outreach to communities and/or promote outreach activities by the municipality



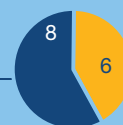
Ensure that the municipal executive effectively implements projects / activities / policies / regulations related to the protection and promotion of communities' rights



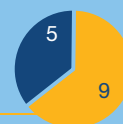
Promote inter-community dialogue



Promote confidence building between communities and municipal institutions



Ensure that sufficient funding is foreseen in the budget for the protection and promotion of community rights and that the needs and interests of communities are taken into consideration during the budget preparation process



Yes No

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo supports improved 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 institutions with indicators that can assist in identifying gaps and improvement in compliance.

# Deputy Chairpersons for the Municipal Assembly for Communities (DCMACs) (January–September 2017)\*

The Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is a local protection mechanism obligatory when communities make up at least 10% of the municipality's population. It is mandated to review all complaints by community members regarding violations of their rights through acts or decisions of the municipal assembly and is responsible for referring such violations to the municipal assembly. The DCMAC can request the reconsideration of the relevant act or decision. In addition, under specific circumstances, he/she may submit acts or decisions considered to violate a constitutionally guaranteed right to the Constitutional Court. This position cannot be established in municipalities with less than 10% communities, and the post is held by the community member who received the most votes from the open list of candidates for the municipal elections.

Key documents regulating the establishment and the mandate of the DCMACs is the Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008) and the DCMAC Guidelines.

\*The DMC mandate expired following local elections in October 2017.

## Establishment

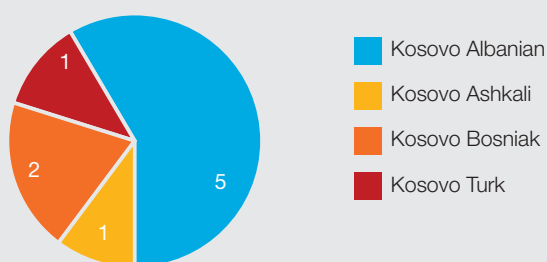
DCMAC were established in 9 municipalities\*:

Dragash/Dragaš	Leposavić/Leposaviq**
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Mitrovicë/Mitrovica North**
Klokot/Kllokot	Zubin Potok**
Novo Brdo/Novobërdë	
Prizren	
Štrpce/Shtërpçë	

\* In Gračanica/Gračanicë the post has not been established despite the presence of communities meeting 10% threshold.

\*\* Ambiguity regarding the establishment of the post due to lack of census results for these municipalities.

## Community Affiliation of DCMACs



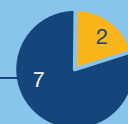
## Gender of DCMACs



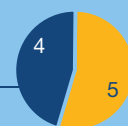
\* Klokot/Kllokot

## Percentage of DCMACs Undertaking Duties as Prescribed by Legislation

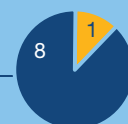
Promote inter-community dialogue



Address concerns and issues related to the needs of communities in the meetings of the municipal assembly and its work



Review claims by communities or their members that the acts or decisions of the municipal assembly violate their constitutionally guaranteed rights \*\*\*

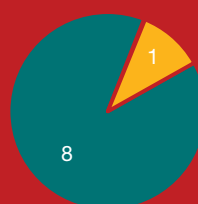


\*\*\*The next step for any such cases would be for the DCMAC to refer the matter to the municipal assembly for its reconsideration of the act or decision. If the municipal assembly chooses not to reconsider its act or decision or the DCMAC deems that, even upon reconsideration, the act or decision presents a violation of a constitutionally-guaranteed right, then the DCMAC refers the matter directly to the Constitutional Court.

Yes No

## Functioning & Reporting

DCMACs with work plans in 2017



DCMACs who reported on their work to the municipal assembly in 2017

