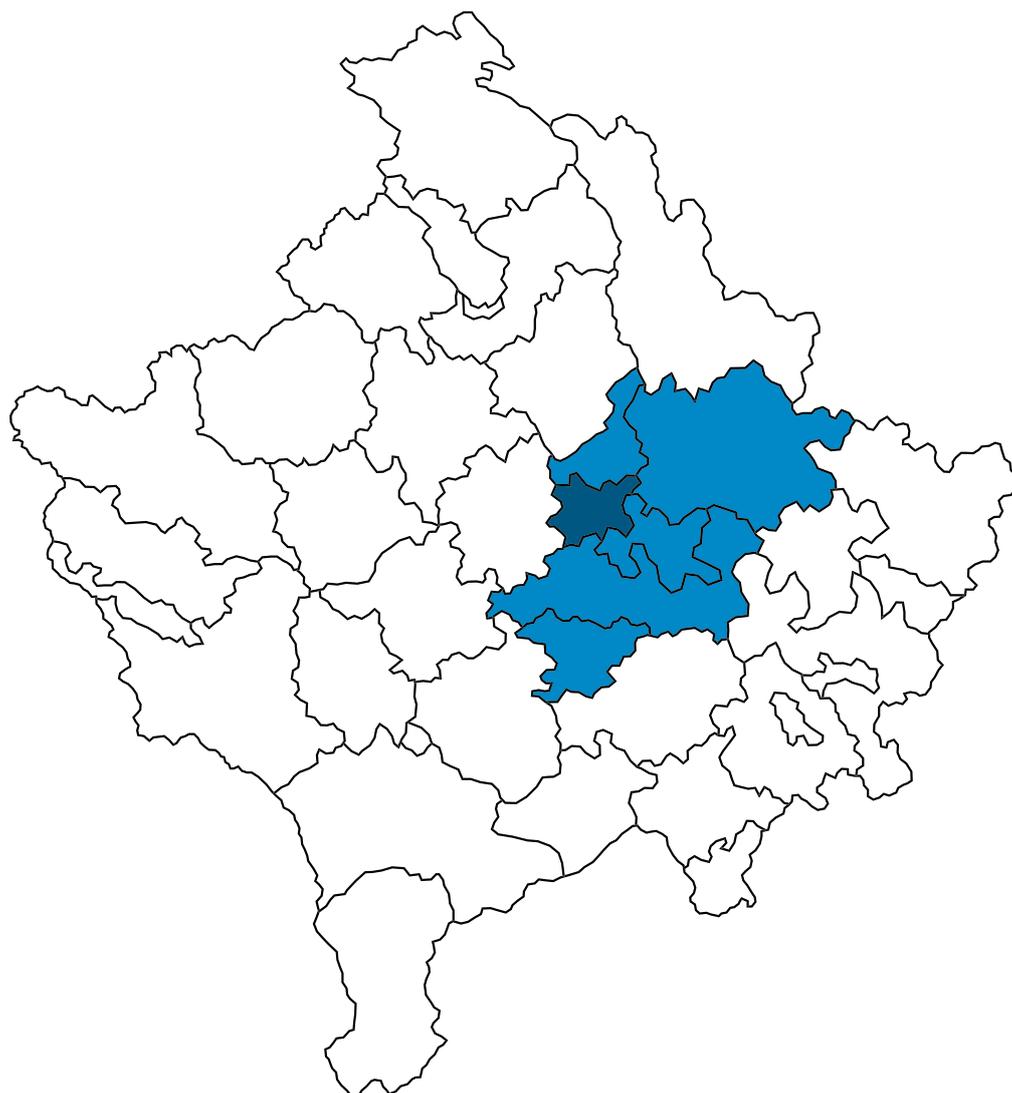


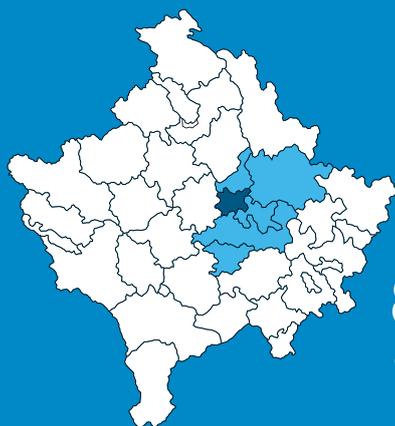
# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

## PRISHTINË/PRIŠTINA REGION

FUSHË KOSOVË/KOSOVO POLJE



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83 km<sup>2</sup> area  
15 villages  
34,827 population

The OSCE regional centre Prishtinë/Priština covers six (6) municipalities, including Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, and has teams working in all of them.

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 83 km<sup>2</sup> and includes Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje town and 15 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 34,827.

## Ethnic composition

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Kosovo Albanians | 30,275 |
| 2. Kosovo Ashkali   | 3,230  |
| 3. Kosovo Roma      | 436    |
| 4. Kosovo Serbs     | 321    |
| 5. Kosovo Egyptians | 282    |
| 6. Kosovo Turks     | 62     |
| 7. Kosovo Bosniaks  | 34     |
| 8. Kosovo Gorani    | 15     |
| 9. Other            | 131    |
| 10. Not specified   | 41     |

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 20,142 Kosovo Albanians, 8,445 Kosovo Serbs and 1,033 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. There is no data from the census conducted in 1981, as Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje was not a separate municipality at that time.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 2,130 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 407 Kosovo Serbs, 313 Kosovo Roma and 1,410 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians.

\*The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 36,361<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 43.77% or 15,917 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal election results were as follows:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 45.38% | LDK Democratic League of Kosovo             |
| 16.58% | PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo              |
| 14.64% | Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement |
| 5.00%  | PDAK Democratic Ashkali Party of Kosovo     |
| 4.06%  | PLE Liberal Egyptian Party                  |
| 3.53%  | NISMA Social Democratic Initiative          |
| 3.24%  | AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo           |
| 2.51%  | PD Justice Party                            |
| 2.44%  | AKR Alliance New Kosovo                     |
| 2.30%  | SL Serbian List                             |
|        | Independent members                         |
|        | PSD Social Democratic Party                 |

The current seat distribution is as follows:

|          |
|----------|
| 12 seats |
| 2* seats |
| 3* seats |
| 1 seat   |
| 2*       |
| 1**      |

1. The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

\* Following the elections, two (2) PDK municipal assembly members resigned from their party and remained to hold their seats as independent members. In addition, one (1) Vetëvendosje! member resigned from the party and joined the Social Democratic Party (PSD).

\*\* In May 2018, members who previously resigned from Vetëvendosje! joined the Social Democratic Party (PSD) and assumed its leadership. This occurred after the 2017 municipal elections and for that reason PSD is not reflected in the election results chart, but only in the municipal assembly seat distribution category above.

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## LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed among 13 political entities, 24 members are Kosovo Albanian, one (1) is Kosovo Ashkali, one (1) is Kosovo Egyptian and one (1) is Kosovo Serb; eight (8) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Vjollca Konjusha (LDK) and the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje is Qerim Gara (PDAK)\*.

\*According to the Law on Local Self-Government, a municipality with more than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities in numerical minority position in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy mayor for communities and a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities.

## EXECUTIVE



### Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Burim Berisha (LDK), re-elected for his fourth term as mayor with 63.8% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Berisha won with 64.33% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Fadil Krasniqi (LDK) and Deputy Mayor for Communities is Halil Qerimi (PDAK).

There are 11 municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: general administration (LDK) and culture, youth and sport (LDK), nine (9) departments are run by men directors: budget and finance (LDK); economic development (LDK); urban planning (LDK); geodesy, cadastre and property (LDK); health and social welfare (LDK); education (LDK); public services and environment (LDK); agriculture and rural development (LDK); and inspection (not affiliated). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: municipal regulation on 'organisation, competences and responsibilities of the municipal bodies' and municipal information officer).

## JUDICIARY



There are no courts in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje. Prishtinë/Priština Basic Court covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

## SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje municipality has 68 police officers, 64 are Kosovo Albanian, two (2) are Kosovo Serb and two (2) are Kosovo Bosniak; ten (10) are women.

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

## ECONOMY



The economy of Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are approximately 900 registered private businesses operating in the municipality with around 5,200 employees (source: municipal directorate of finance and economy).

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Infrastructure



The overall status of the infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. However, heavy traffic jams are common, since the main road from Prishtinë/Priština to the airport leads through the town of Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje. The main Kosovo railway station is located in the municipality, which leads to Skopje and other Kosovo towns (source: municipal development plan).

### Health



The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre and 11 health houses in the surrounding villages. Kosovo Serbs and Kosovo Roma use the Serbia-run healthcare facility in Kuzmin, as well as the Serbia-run healthcare facility in Ugljare/Uglar (Gračanica/Gračanicë municipality). The health sector has 104 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff, 93 Kosovo Albanian, nine (9) Kosovo Serb, one (1) Kosovo Bosniak and one (1) Kosovo Ashkali; 69 women and 35 men.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

### Education



There are eight (8) primary schools attended by Kosovo Albanian, Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptian pupils with 5,995 pupils and 288 teachers, three (3) secondary schools with 1,603 students and 71 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 164 children and 19 teachers. There is one (1) school providing primary and secondary education in Bresje that follows the Serbian curriculum, with a satellite school in Kuzmin village. The school in Bresje has 25 pupils and 17 teachers, and Kuzmin satellite school has 23 pupils and two (2) teachers. The school in Bresje hosts both Serbian and Kosovo curriculum classes (source: education statistics in Kosovo 2016/2017 publication of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology).

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## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are 13 mosques in the municipality, six (6) were destroyed/damaged during the 1999 conflict and were reconstructed, and six (6) new mosques have been built after the conflict. There are two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches, both are in use. One (1) church, Saint Nicholas, was slightly damaged in the March 2004 riots and was reconstructed in 2005 by the Reconstruction Implementation Commission (source: municipal development plan, Islamic Council of Kosovo).

A total of eight (8) cultural (archaeological and architectural) heritage sites in Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

## KEY FACTS



In Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje there are:

- 27 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 13 political entities
- 68 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 397 teachers in 9 primary and 4 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten