

# Deputy Mayors for Communities (DMCs) 2018

The Deputy Mayor for Communities is a local protection mechanism obligatory in municipalities where communities in a numerical minority makes up at least 10 % of the municipality's population. It can also be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the 10 % threshold, 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. The 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.

## Establishment

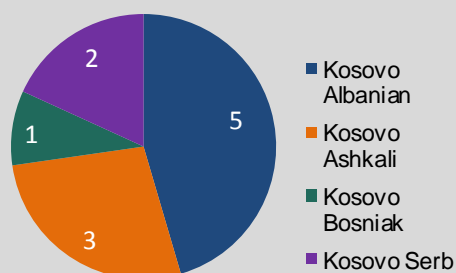
DMCs are now established in 16 of 38 municipalities - **the municipalities where the post is mandatory as they meet the 10% threshold are marked in bold:**

<b>Dragash/Dragaš*</b>	Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša
Ferizaj/Uroševac	Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South**
<b>Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje</b>	<b>Novo Brdo/Novobërdë</b>
<b>Gračanica/Graçanicë**</b>	Obiliq/Obilić
Kamenicë/Kamenica*	<b>Prizren**</b>
<b>Klokot/Kilokot**</b>	<b>Strpce/Shtërpçë</b>
Leposavić/Leposaviq**	Zvečan/Zveçan
Lipjan/Lipljan	Zubin Potok

\* In Dragash/Dragaš the post was newly established on 19 December 2017. In Kamenicë/Kamenica, the mechanism had been dissolved by the Mayor in December 2016 following the then-DMC's resignation. In March 2018, however, the mechanism was re-established.

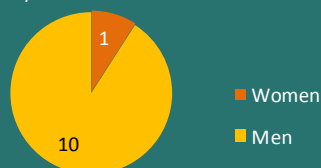
\*\* In Gračanica/Graçanicë, Klokot/Kilokot, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Prizren, the post was established but DMC was not appointed during reporting period.

## Community Affiliation of DMCs



## Gender Distribution of DMCs

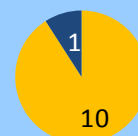
\*Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša



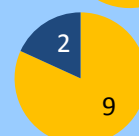
## Number of DMCs undertaking duties as prescribed by legislation

(Based on OSCE field teams' regular monitoring and specific periodic reviews, as well as reports produced by municipalities)

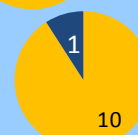
Providing advice and guidance to the mayor on community issues



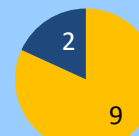
Supporting communities' requests to municipal bodies



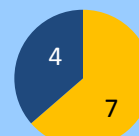
Undertaking outreach to communities and/or promoting outreach activities by the municipality



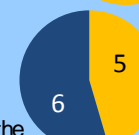
Ensuring that the municipal executive effectively implements projects/activities/policies/regulations related to the protection and promotion of communities' rights



Promoting inter-community dialogue

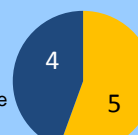


Promoting confidence building between communities and municipal institutions



Ensuring 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\*

\*In Ferizaj/Uroševac and Kamenicë/Kamenica DMCs were not in office 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) 2018

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, DCMAC may submit acts or decisions, considered to be violating a constitutionally guaranteed right, to the Constitutional Court. This position cannot be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the 10 % threshold, 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.

## Establishment

DCMACs are established in 10 of 38 municipalities:

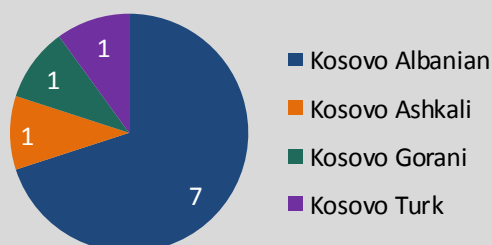
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North**
Shtime/Štimlje	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Štrpce/Shtërpçë	Prizren
Klokot/Kllokot	Zvečan/Zveçan**
Leposavić/Leposaviq*	Zubin Potok**

\* In Leposavić/Leposaviq, the municipality did not appoint anyone to the post.

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

Please note: in Shtime/Štimlje the has been created contrary to the applicable legal and policy framework; In Gračanica/Graçanicë the post has not been established despite the presence of communities meeting the 10% threshold.

## Community Affiliation of DCMACs



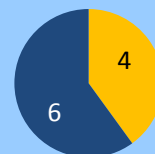
## Gender Distribution of DCMACs

During the reporting period, all DCMACs were men.

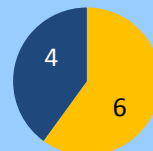
## Number of DCMACs undertaking duties as prescribed by legislation

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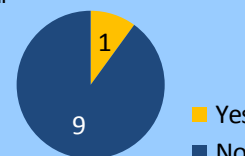
Promoting inter-community dialogue



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



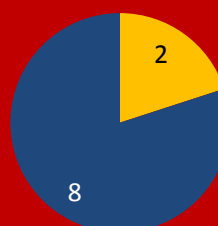
Reviewing claims by communities or their members that the acts or decisions of the municipal assembly violate their constitutionally guaranteed rights \*\*\*



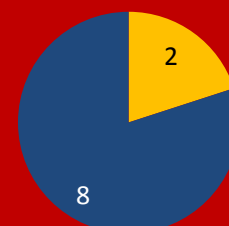
\*\*\*The next step for any of such cases would be for the DCMAC to refer the matter to the municipal assembly for reconsideration of the act or decision. If the municipal assembly chooses not to reconsider its act or decision or the DCMAC deems that, even upon reconsideration, the act or decision presents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

## Functioning & Reporting

Yes No



DCMACs with work plans in 2018



DCMACs who reported on their work to the municipal assembly in 2018