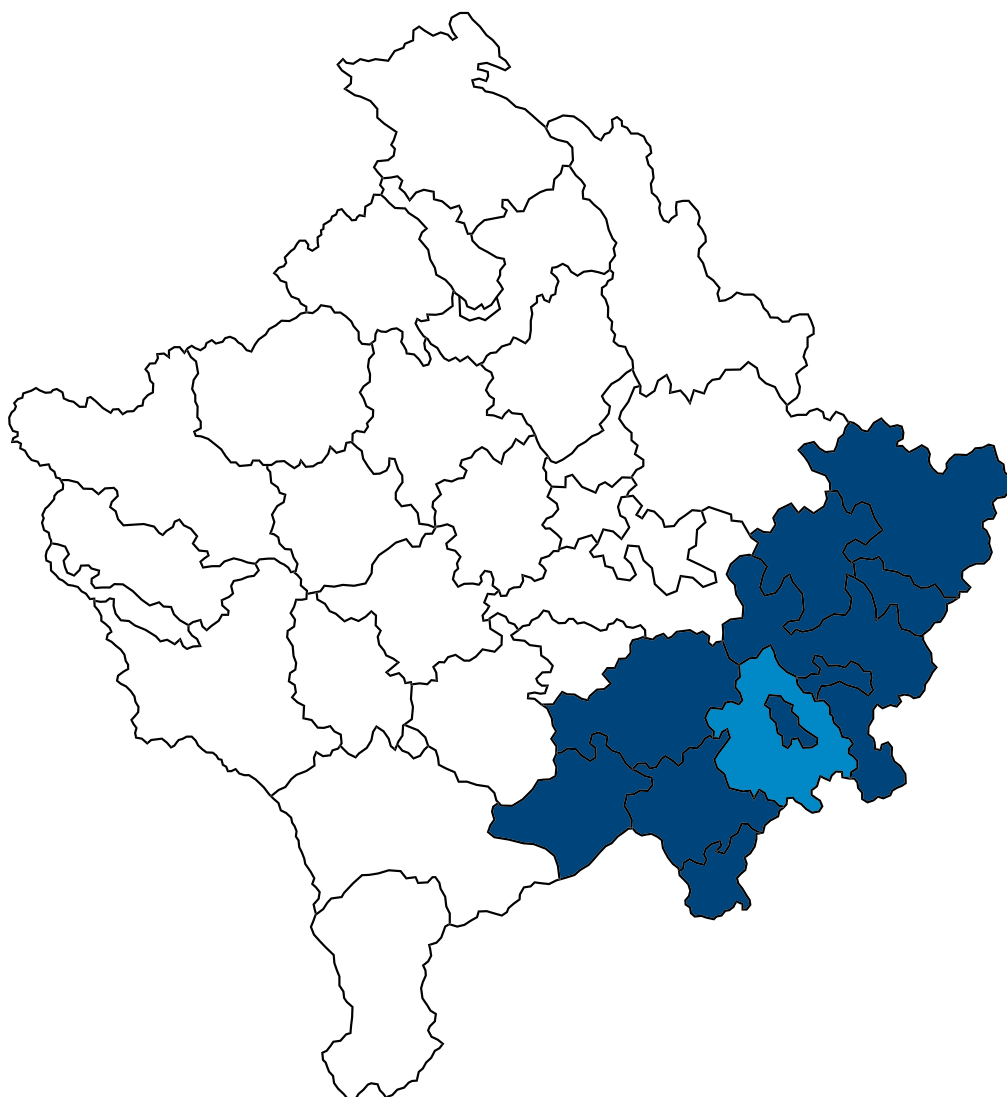


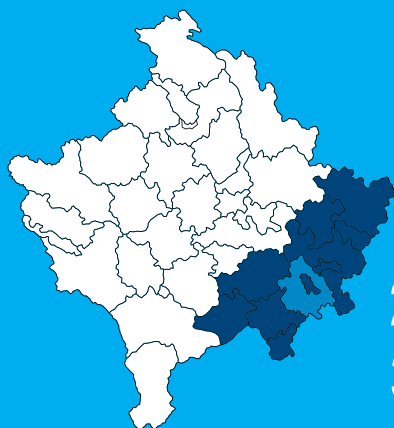
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

GJILAN/GNJILANE REGION

VITI/VITINA



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276 km² area

38 villages

46,987 population

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

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Viti/Vitina is located in south-eastern Kosovo and covers an area of approximately 276 km² and includes Viti/Vitina town and 38 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 46,987.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	46,669
2. Kosovo Serbs	113
3. Kosovo Bosniaks	25
4. Kosovo Ashkali	14
5. Kosovo Roma	12
6. Kosovo Gorani	7
7. Kosovo Turks	4
8. Other	83
9. Not specified	60

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 35,105 Kosovo Albanians, 8,369 Kosovo Serbs and 179 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 45,078 Kosovo Albanians, 7,002 Kosovo Serbs and 178 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 412 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 381 Kosovo Serbs, 20 Kosovo Roma, nine (9) Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians and two (2) Kosovo Croats.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Viti/Vitina municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in October 2017 was 49,317¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 43.18% or 21,295 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

37.39%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
22.60%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
20.71%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
10.56%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
4.01%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative
3.37%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo

The current seat distribution is as follows:

11* seats
6 seats
5* seats
3 seats
1 seat
1 seat

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, one (1) PDK member joined LDK.

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LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed among six (6) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; nine (9) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Naim Pira (LDK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Sokol Haliti (LDK), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 51.65% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Haliti won with 58.88% of votes in the second round. Deputy Mayor is Hasan Aliu (LDK).

There are (10) municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: education (LDK), nine (9) departments are run by men directors: health and social welfare (LDK); youth, culture and sports (LDK); finance, economy and development (LDK); public services and emergencies (LDK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (LDK); urban planning and environmental protection (LDK); administration (LDK); inspection (LDK); and cadastre, geodesy and property (LDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: municipal website).

JUDICIARY



The Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court has a branch in Viti/Vitina with seven (7) judges, six (6) are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is Kosovo Serb; six (6) men and one (1) woman.

The Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Prosecutor's office covers the municipality (source: Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court).

SECURITY PRESENCE



Kosovo Police station in Viti/Vitina municipality has 64 police officers, 57 are Kosovo Albanian, six (6) are Kosovo Serb and one (1) is Kosovo Croat stationed in the main police station and in the sub-station in Pozhoran/Požaranje; seven (7) are women.

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

ECONOMY



The economy of Viti/Vitina municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are approximately 1,695 registered businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employees in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of finance, economy and development).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as average. Most of the roads connecting villages with the urban centre are not asphalted. Viti/Vitina town is connected to both water supply and sewage system. In addition, 23 villages are connected to water supply system, 30 are connected to sewage system. Power supply is still a problem, especially in the villages (source: municipal development plan).

Health



The primary health care system currently includes one (1) main family medicine centre, five (5) family medicine centres and seven (7) health houses. The health sector has 129 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 88 are women.

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

Education



There are 17 primary and lower secondary schools with 7,438 pupils and 524 teachers, three (3) secondary schools with 2,464 students and 796 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 80 children and eight (8) teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Viti/Vitina has 30 mosques. They were not damaged in the 1999 conflict and continued to function throughout this time. Five (5) new mosques have been built since 2003. There are six (6) Serbian Orthodox churches and one (1) Serbian Orthodox monastery. Out of the six (6) Serbian Orthodox churches, two (2) are in use, one (1) in Binçë/Binaç village and one (1) in Viti/Vitina town. The Orthodox Monastery in Buzovik/Buzovik village, a Special Protective Zone, the Orthodox Church Sveta Petka in Binaç/Binçë as well as Orthodox churches in Gërmovë/Grmovo, Podgorcë/Podgorce and Zhiti/Žitinje villages, were destroyed/desecrated in the aftermath of the 1999 conflict and were not reconstructed. There are six (6) Catholic churches, located in Viti/Vitina town and the villages of Letnicë/Letnica, Vërnez/Vrnez, Kabash/Kabaš, Binçë/Binaç and Stublla e Epërme/Gornja Stubla, all are in use (source: municipal development plan, religious representatives).

A total of 30 cultural heritage sites, eight (8) archaeological and 22 architectural, in Viti/Vitina municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Viti/Vitina there are:

- 27 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 6 political entities
- 64 police officers
- 7 judges
- 1,328 teachers in 17 primary and 3 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten