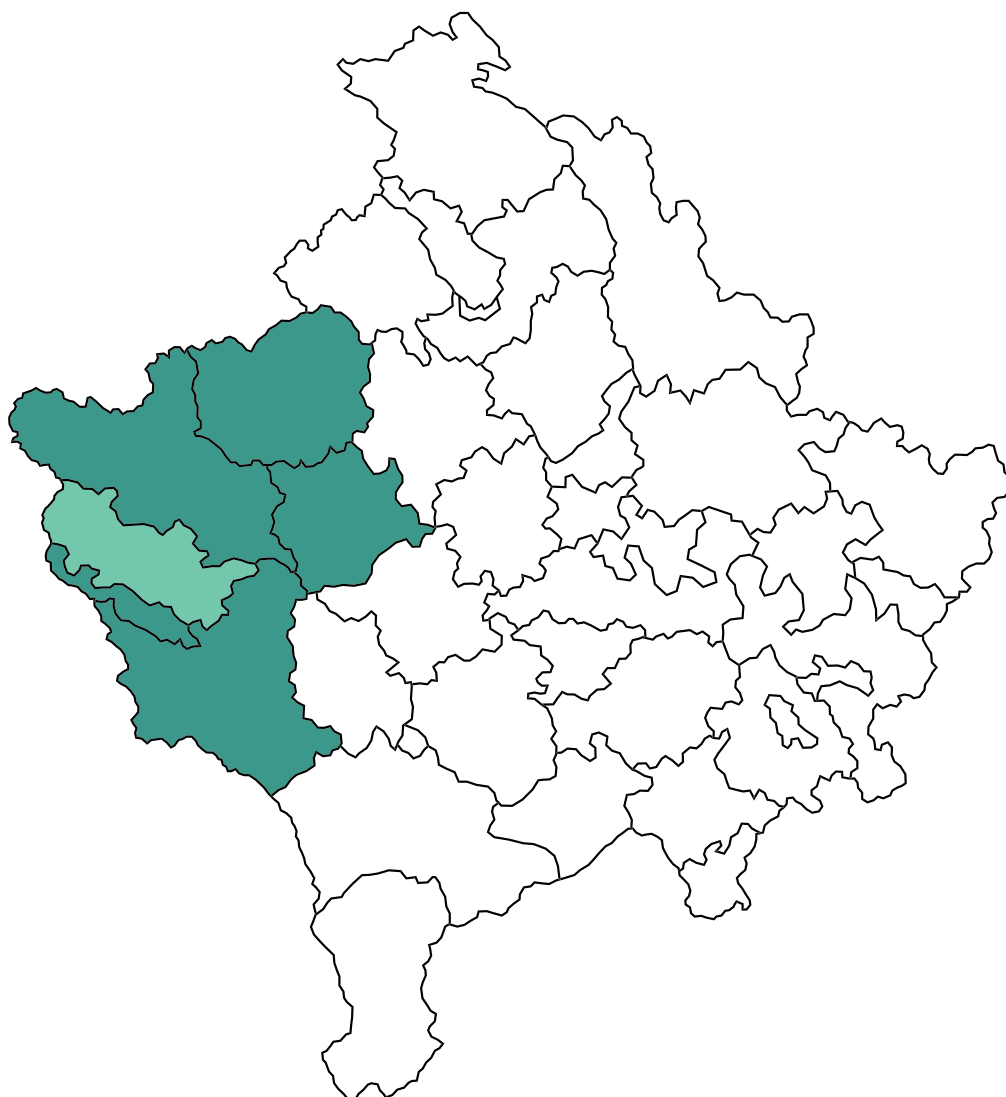


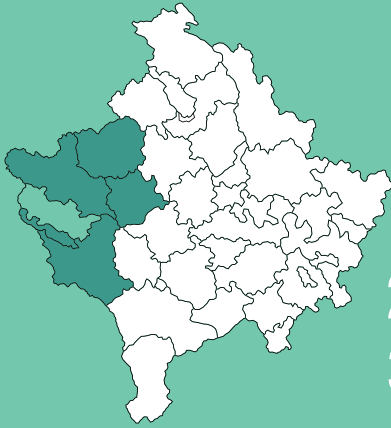
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PEJË/PEĆ REGION

DEÇAN/DEČANE



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297 km² area

36 villages

40,019 population

The OSCE regional centre Pejë/Peć covers six (6) municipalities, including Deçan/Dečane, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Deçan/Dečane is located in south-western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 297 km² and includes Deçan/Dečane town and 36 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 40,019.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	39,402
2. Kosovo Egyptians	393
3. Kosovo Bosniaks	60
4. Kosovo Ashkali	42
5. Kosovo Roma	33
6. Kosovo Serbs	3
7. Kosovo Gorani	1
8. Other	19
9. Not specified	66

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 39,179 Kosovo Albanians, 234 Kosovo Serbs and 898 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 47,669 Kosovo Albanians, 188 Kosovo Serbs and 603 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 55 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them nine (9) Kosovo Serbs, 31 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians, 13 Kosovo Bosniaks and two (2) Kosovo Montenegrins.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The number of voters in Deçan/Dečane municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 42,447¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 39.07% or 16,584 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

59.68%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo 59,68%
17.78%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo 17,78%
10.51%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo 10,51%
9.02%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement*
	PSD – Social Democratic Party

The current seat distribution is as follows:

17 seats
5 seats
3 seats
0* seats
2** seats

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) Vetëvendosje! municipal assembly members resigned from their party and joined 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.

DEÇAN/DEČANE

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed among four (4) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; ten (10) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Haki Shehaj (AAK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Bashkim Ramosaj (AAK), elected for his first term as mayor with 64.3% of votes in the first round of the 2017 elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Rasim Selmanaj (AAK), who was elected in the first round of the 2013 municipal elections with 54.26% of the votes. Deputy Mayor is Sami Cacaj (AAK).

There are 11 municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: economic development (AAK), ten (10) departments are run by men directors: general administration (AAK); budget and finance (AAK); education (AAK); health and social welfare (AAK); urbanism and planning (AAK); inspection (AAK); public services (AAK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (AAK); geodesy and cadastre (AAK); and culture, youth and sport (AAK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal website).

JUDICIARY



Pejë/Peć Basic Court has a branch in Deçan/Dečane with four (4) judges, all are Kosovo Albanian; one (1) is a woman.

Pejë/Peć Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality (source: Basic Court).

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Deçan/Dečane municipality has 57 police officers, 56 Kosovo Albanian and one (1) Kosovo Egyptian; six (6) are women.

As for the international military presence, Italian KFOR covers the area (source: Pejë/Peć Regional Kosovo Police)

ECONOMY



The economy of Deçan/Dečane municipality is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are approximately 2,083 registered private businesses in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of economic development).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads that connect villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Deçan/Dečane town and 27 out of 36 villages are connected to the water supply system. The town and only seven (7) surrounding villages are connected to the sewage system. Power supply is still a problem, especially during the winter (source: municipal directorate of public services).

Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) main municipal family health centre, one (1) mental health care centre, three (3) family health centres and six (6) health houses. The health sector has 120 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 84 women and 36 men.

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

Education



There are 18 primary schools with 4,950 pupils and 352 teachers, two (2) secondary schools with 1,074 students and 90 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 43 pupils and three (3) teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Deçan/Dečani municipality has a total of 20 mosques, four (4) were destroyed and two (2) damaged/burned in the 1999 conflict and reconstructed after the conflict. Two (2) of them are non-functional, one (1) was burned in 2016, and the other one remains closed due to lack of believers. There are two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches in the municipality, the Visoki Dečani Monastery inscribed in UNESCO List of World Heritage and classified as a Special Protective Zone and a church located in the village of Ratish i Ulët/Donji Ratiš, which was destroyed in the aftermath of the 1999 conflict, currently only remains of the church are present at the site. There is one (1) Catholic Church located in Papiq/Papić village (source: religious communities' representatives)

A total of 69 cultural heritage sites (archaeological and architectural) in Deçan/Dečani municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list, as sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Deçan/Dečane there are:

- 27 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 4 political parties
- 57 police officers
- 4 judges
- 445 teachers in 18 primary and 2 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten