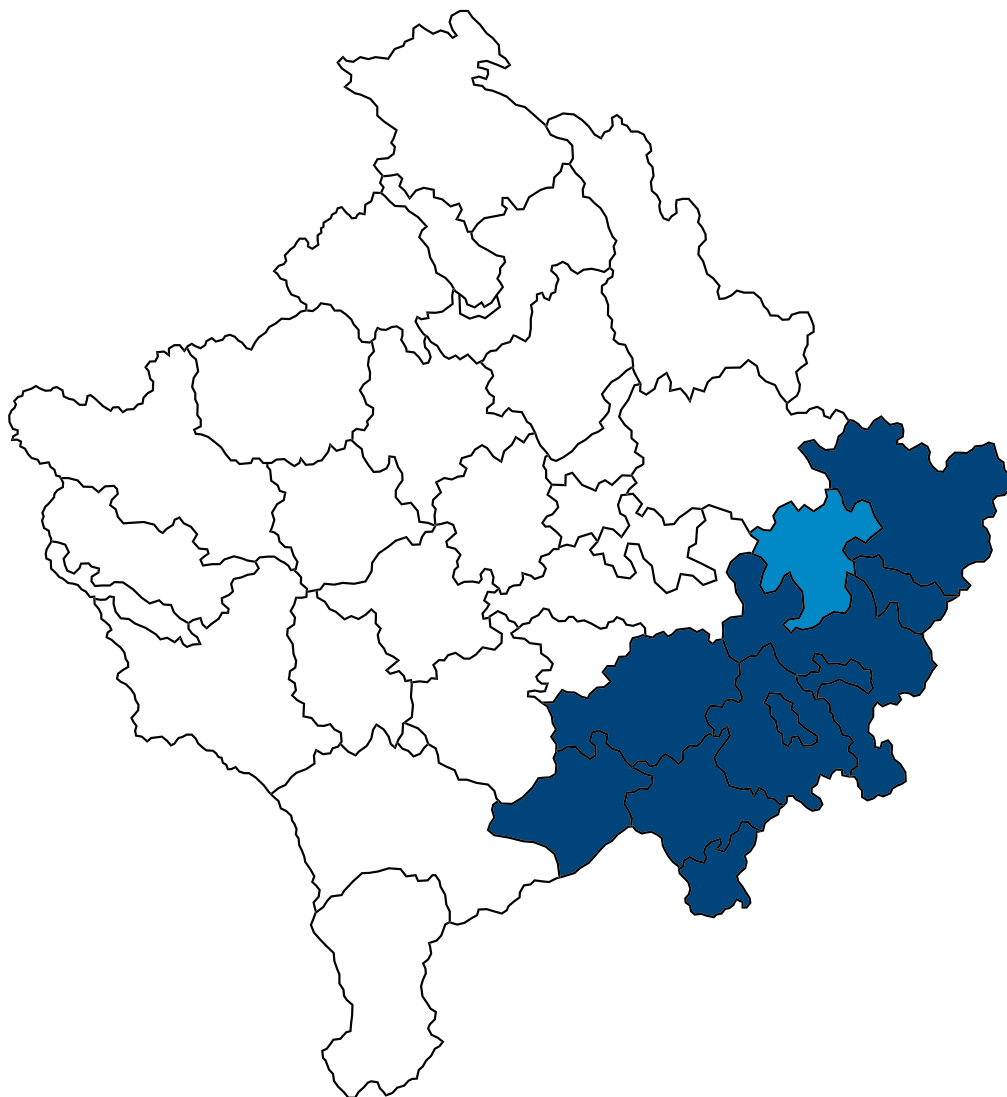


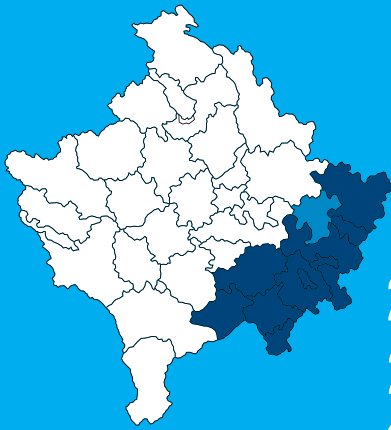
# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

## GJILAN/GNJILANE REGION

### NOVO BRDO/NOVOBËRDË



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204 km<sup>2</sup> area

24 villages

6,729 population

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

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Novo Brdo/Novobërdë is located in central Kosovo covering an area of approximately 204 km<sup>2</sup>. It includes Novo Brdo/Novobërdë town and 24 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 6,729.

## Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	3,524
2. Kosovo Serbs	3,122
3. Kosovo Roma	63
4. Kosovo Turks	7
5. Kosovo Bosniaks	5
6. Kosovo Ashkali	3
7. Other	2
8. Not specified	3

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 1,845 Kosovo Albanians, 2,666 Kosovo Serbs and 14 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. There is no data from the census conducted in 1981, as Novo Brdo/Novobërdë was not a separate municipality at that time.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 814 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 783 Kosovo Serbs, 13 Kosovo Roma and 18 Kosovo Albanians.

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

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 9,848<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 56.61% or 5,575 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

51.15%	SL Serbian List
19.19%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
5.07%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo
4.91%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
4.81%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
4.75%	GIM Citizens Youth Initiative
3.95%	SLS Independent Liberal Party

The current seat distribution is as follows:

7 seats
3 seats
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat
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.

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## LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed among seven (7) political entities, nine (9) are Kosovo Serb and six (6) are Kosovo Albanian; five (5) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Nebojša Arsić (SL). Municipal Assembly Deputy Chairperson for Communities in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë is Ramush Mehmeti (AKR)\*.

\*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 Svetislav Ivanović (SL), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 59.40% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Ivanović won with 57.05% of votes in the second round. Deputy Mayor is Siniša Dimić (SL) and Deputy Mayor for Communities is Bajrush Ymeri (LDK).

There are eight (8) municipal directors. One (1) department is run by a woman director: public services (IQNB Citizens Initiative for Novoberde), five (5) departments are run by men directors: administration and personnel (LDK); budget and finance (SL); inspection (LDK); agriculture, forest and rural development (SL); and health and social welfare (SL), and two (2) are vacant: education, culture youth and sports; and urbanism, cadastre and spatial planning. In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal directors and municipal website).

## JUDICIARY



The Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court has a branch in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality with one (1) judge, a Kosovo Albanian man. The Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality (source: Novo Brdo/Novobërdë branch of Gjilan/Gnjilane Basic Court).

## SECURITY PRESENCE



Kosovo Police station in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality has 34 police officers, 19 are Kosovo Serb, 14 are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is a Kosovo Roma; four (4) are women.

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

## ECONOMY



The economy of Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality is predominantly based on agriculture, rural tourism and small trade businesses. There are approximately 280 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employees in the private sector (source: municipal department of finance, business registration center).

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as poor. Most of the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are still not asphalted. Novo Brdo/Novobërdë town and ten (10) out of 24 villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems, five (5) are connected only to the sewage system, and two (2) only to the water supply. Power supply is still a problem, especially in villages and rural areas (source: draft municipal development plan, municipal inspector for construction).

### Health



The primary health care system currently includes one (1) Kosovo-run municipal family health centre, and nine (9) health houses (one (1) Kosovo-run and eight (8) Serbia-run). The health sector has 36 employees, 12 Kosovo Albanian and 24 Kosovo Serb including doctors, nurses and support staff, 24 women and 12 men. All family health facilities including Serbia-run, are financially and materially supported by Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities, however, many Kosovo Serbs travel to Gračanica/Gračanicë municipality, or outside of Kosovo for secondary health care services (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

### Education



There are three (3) preschool classes, two (2) following Kosovo curriculum, one (1) following Serbian curriculum, with 70 children (40 Kosovo Albanians and 30 Kosovo Serbs), and three (3) preschool teachers (two (2) Kosovo Albanians, one (1) Kosovo Serb), seven (7) primary schools, three (3) following Kosovo curriculum, four (4) following Serbian curriculum, with 1139 pupils (541 Kosovo Albanians, 591 Kosovo Serbs and 7 Kosovo Roma) and 131 teachers (65 Kosovo Albanian and 66 Kosovo Serb) and three (3) secondary schools with 251 students (80 Kosovo Albanian and 171 Kosovo Serb) and 31 teachers (10 Kosovo Albanian and 21 Kosovo Serb) (source: municipal directorate of education, culture, youth and sports).

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## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Novo Brdo/Novobërdë has seven (7) Serbian Orthodox churches, one (1) Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Draganac/Dragancë which is on the list of Special Protective Zones, and two (2) mosques, all of which are in use. In addition there is a cultural heritage site of Medieval Town of Novo Brdo/Novobërdë which is a Special Protective Zone (source: Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, municipal guidebook).

A total of 16 cultural heritage sites (six (6) archaeological and ten (10) architectural) in Novo Brdo/ Novobërdë municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

## KEY FACTS



In Novo Brdo/Novobërdë there are:

- 15 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 7 political entities
- 34 police officers
- 1 judge
- 165 teachers in 7 primary and 3 secondary schools and 3 preschool classes