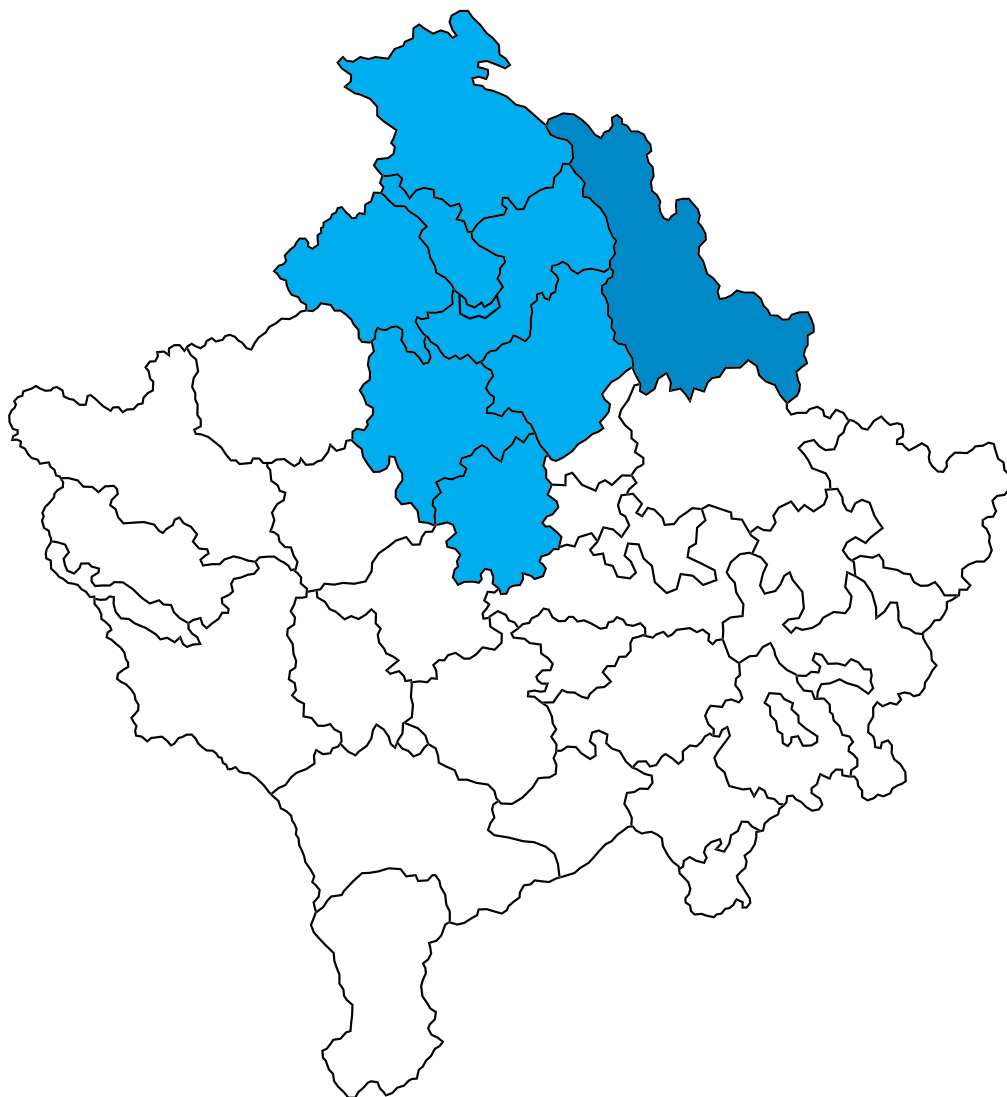


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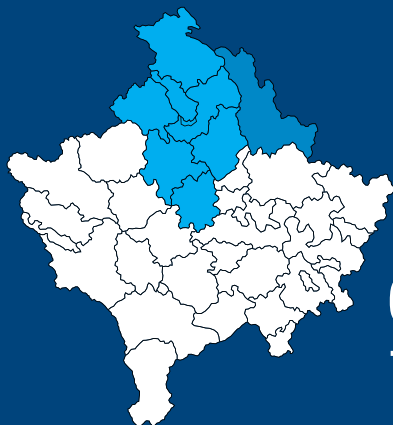
MITROVICË/MITROVICA REGION

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The OSCE regional centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers nine (9) municipalities, including Podujevë/Podujevo, and has teams working in all of them.



663 km² area

77 villages

88,499 population

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Podujevë/Podujevo is located in north-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 663 km² and includes Podujevë/Podujevo town as well as 77 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 88,499.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	87,523
2. Kosovo Ashkali	680
3. Kosovo Roma	74
4. Kosovo Bosniaks	33
5. Kosovo Serbs	12
6. Kosovo Turks	5
7. Kosovo Egyptians	2
8. Other	43
9. Not specified	127

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 72,092 Kosovo Albanians, 2,242 Kosovo Serbs and 615 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 91,005 Kosovo Albanians, 1,118 Kosovo Serbs and 320 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 82 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since, all of them 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 Podujevë/Podujevo municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 84,088¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 47.75% or 40,155 voters and in 2nd round it was 38.04% or 31,991 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

42.07%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
24.41%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
20.14%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
6.19%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
1.92%	OBKD Organization of Democratic National Front
1.37%	PD Justice Party

The current seat distribution is as follows:

15 seats
9 seats
7 seats
2 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.

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LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 35 seats distributed among six (6) political parties. All members are Kosovo Albanian; 12 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Fatmir Gashi (LDK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Agim Veliu (LDK), was re-elected for his third term as a mayor with 63.78% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Veliu won with 50.16% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Nexhmi Rudari (LDK). There are 11 municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: culture, youth and sport (LDK), ten (10) departments are run by men directors: general administration (LDK); health and social welfare (LDK); education (LDK); budget and finance (LDK); cadastre, geodesy and property (LDK); public services and emergency (LDK); municipal inspection (LDK); urban planning and environmental protection (LDK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (LDK); and planning and economic development (LDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: municipal information office).

JUDICIARY



Prishtinë/Priština Basic Court has a branch in Podujevë/Podujevo with six (6) judges, all Kosovo Albanian men (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Prishtinë/Priština Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Podujevë/Podujevo municipality has 81 police officers, 79 Kosovo are Albanian and two (2) are Kosovo Ashkali; ten (10) are women. Of them, 65 police officers are stationed in Podujevë/Podujevo police station and 16 in Orllan/Orlane police sub-station (source: Kosovo Police).

As for the international military presence, US KFOR and Hungarian LMT cover the area (source: KFOR).

ECONOMY



The economy of Podujevë/Podujevo municipality is predominantly based on trade, food processing, agriculture, bricks and metal parts production, and small businesses. There are some 4,600 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. The estimated number of persons employed in the private sector is 6,000 (source: municipal directorate of economic development and planning).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Most of the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Podujevë/Podujevo town and 55 out of 77 villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems. Power supply is still a problem especially in the villages and in the wintertime (source: municipal directorate of public services and emergency).

Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) main municipal family health centre, four (4) family health centres and 19 primary health care stations. Health sector has 246 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 160 women and 86 men. Kosovo Serbs predominantly receive primary medical care in the family medicine centre in Orllan/Orlane village, for secondary care they mostly go to larger Serbia-run healthcare facilities elsewhere in Kosovo.

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

Education



There are 37 primary schools with 14,520 pupils and 1,162 teachers and technical staff, three (3) secondary schools with 4,775 students and 287 teachers and technical staff and one (1) kindergarten with 65 pupils and 15 teachers and technical staff (source: municipal directorate of education).

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Podujevë/Podujevo has 40 mosques, four (4) were destroyed in the 1999 conflict and reconstructed afterwards, 18 new mosques have been built after the conflict. There is one (1) Serbian Orthodox church, damaged during the March 2004 riots and reconstructed in 2010, currently not in use, but guarded by the Kosovo Police. There are also one (1) tekke and one (1) Catholic church in the municipality, both not functional (source: Islamic community representative and head of municipal office for communities and return).

A total of 31 cultural heritage sites in Podujevë/Podujevo municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Podujevë/Podujevo there are:

- 35 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 6 political entities
- 81 police officers
- 6 judges
- 1,464 teachers and technical staff in 37 primary and 3 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten