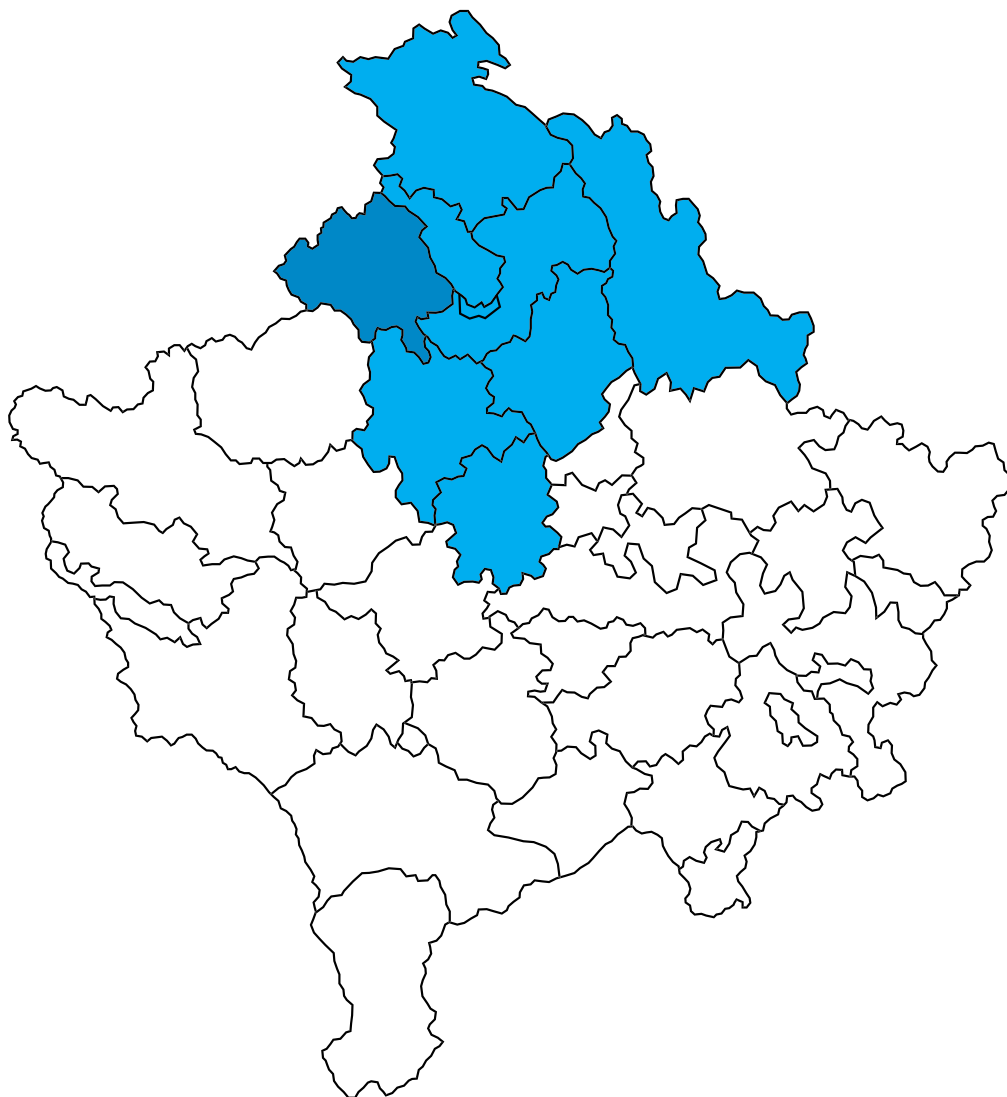


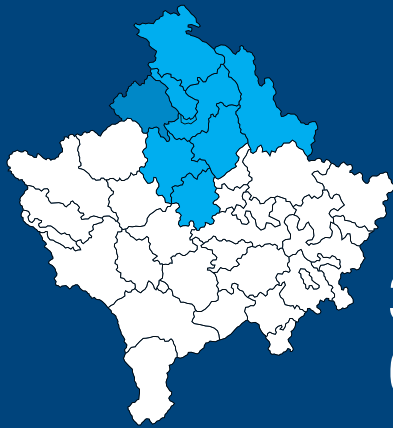
# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

## MITROVICË/MITROVICA REGION

ZUBIN POTOK



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333 km<sup>2</sup> area

63 villages

15,200 population

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

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Zubin Potok is located in northern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 333 km<sup>2</sup> and includes Zubin Potok town and 63 villages. No official data on population is available as the 2011 census was not conducted in the northern municipalities.

According to the head of the general administration, the total population is estimated at 15,200.

## Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Serbs
2. Kosovo Albanians

approximately  
13,900  
1,300

(source: deputy mayor for communities)

The municipality has 650 internally displaced persons, 80 refugees from Croatia from the 90' (source: municipal office for communities and return).

According to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 2,079 Kosovo Albanians, 6,282 Kosovo Serbs and 44 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. The municipality was not featured in the 1981 census.

According to the UNHCR statistics, there are no registered returns in the municipality.

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

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Zubin Potok municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 8,400<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 47.20% or 3,965 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

13 seats  
2 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 19 seats distributed among five (5) political entities, 15 members are Kosovo Serb, four (4) Kosovo Albanian; six (6) are female. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Nemanja Jakšić (SL) and the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is Sefer Veseli (PDK).

## EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Stevan Vulović (SL), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 79.85% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Vulović won with 78.74% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Latinka Utvić (SL) and Deputy Mayor for Communities is Agim Hasani (LDK).

There are 15 departments, and five (5) departmental directors appointed by September 2018, of them one (1) woman director: finance and budget (SL), four (4) departments are run by men: administration (SL); sport (SL); agriculture, forestry and hunting (SL); social protection (LDK); investments (vacant); health (vacant); education (vacant); culture and youth (vacant); local services, safety and extraordinary situations (vacant); economic development (vacant); cadaster and geodesy (vacant); urbanism, environmental protection, planning and property (vacant); information technology (vacant); and European integration (vacant). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman.

## JUDICIARY



In February 2015, the parties engaged in the EU-facilitated Dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtinë/Priština reached an agreement on judiciary structures in northern Kosovo. The process of the integration of the Serbia-run judiciary into the legal system in Kosovo started on 24 October 2017.

There is one Basic Court Mitrovicë/Mitrovica with jurisdiction over seven (7) municipalities in the region, i.e. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South, Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, Skenderaj/Srbica, Zvečan/Zveçan, Vushtrri/Vučitrn.

The Basic Court Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Branch in Zubin Potok has two (2) Kosovo Serb judges dealing with civil cases; both men. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

## SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Zubin Potok municipality has 61 police officers, 56 Kosovo Serb and five (5) Kosovo Albanian deployed to the police sub-station in Çabër/Čabra village; five (5) are women.

As for the international military presence, Swiss KFOR Liaison Monitoring Team covers the area (source: Kosovo Police).

## ECONOMY



The economy of Zubin Potok municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There is no reliable data available on the number of registered private businesses and people employed in the private sector (source: economy, local development, and environmental protection).

The 24-km-long artificial Gazivode Lake built in 1977 represents one of the main resources and touristic attractions in the municipality. The hydro power plant was also constructed to utilize water from the lake to produce electricity power that is then distributed throughout Kosovo.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the town are asphalted. Zubin Potok town and villages are connected to water and sewage systems. Power supply is problematic in remote villages (source: municipal development plan).

### Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) health centre (health house) and seven (7) village 'ambulantas' under Serbia-run system. The health sector has 77 employees including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Kosovo Albanian inhabited village Çabër/Čabra has one (1) health house with two (2) employees, one (1) doctor and one (1) nurse, run by Kosovo institutions.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities in areas they inhabit (source: general administration, assembly and common affairs).

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## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Zubin Potok municipality has 16 Serbian Orthodox churches, mostly from 14th and 15th century, and one (1) Serbian Orthodox monastery from 14th century, which was renovated in 2003 and classified as a Special Protective Zone. There is one (1) mosque in Čabër/Čabra village that was destroyed during the conflict and was reconstructed in 2003 (source: municipal development plan).

A total of three (3) cultural heritage sites in Zubin Potok municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

## KEY FACTS



In Zubin Potok there are:

- 19 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 5 political entities
- 61 police officers
- 2 judges
- 148 teachers in 4 primary and 1 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten