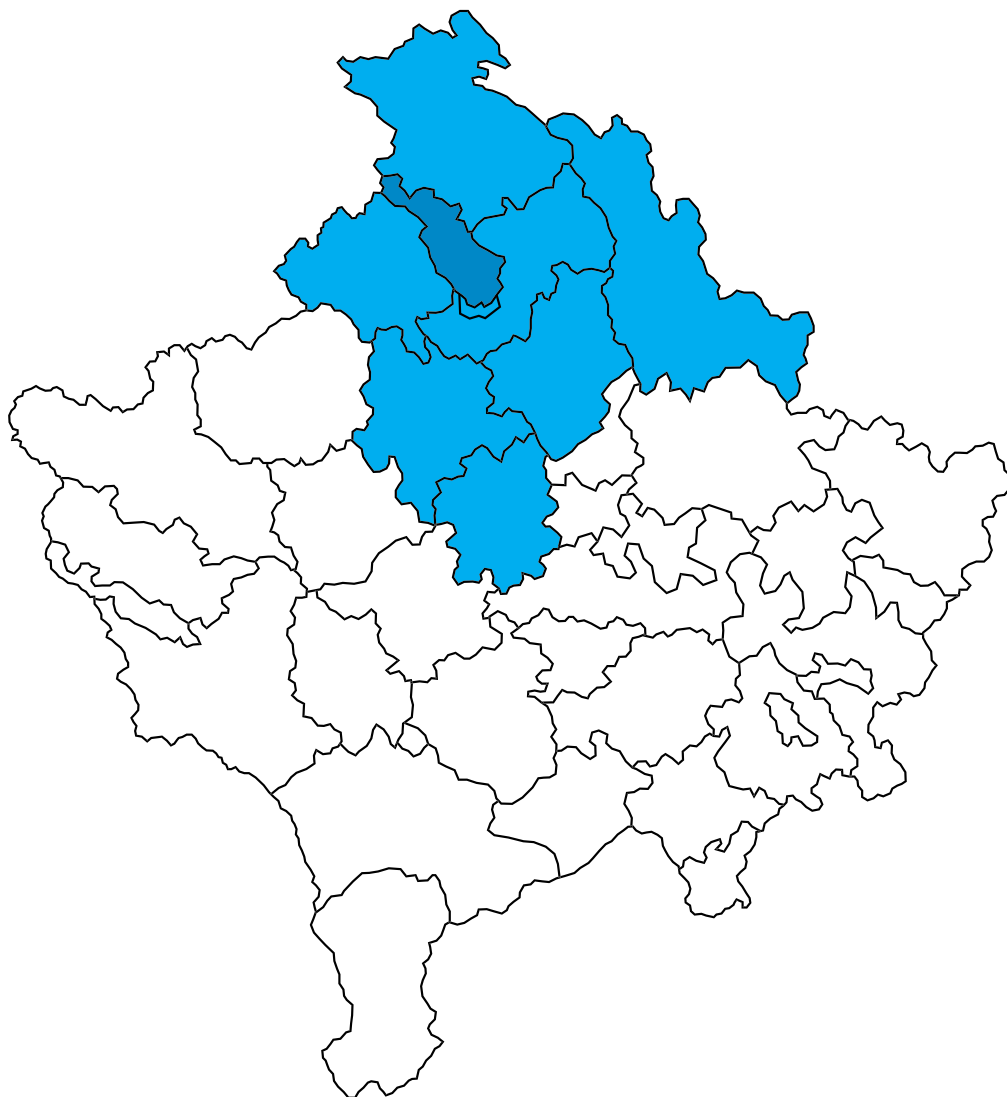


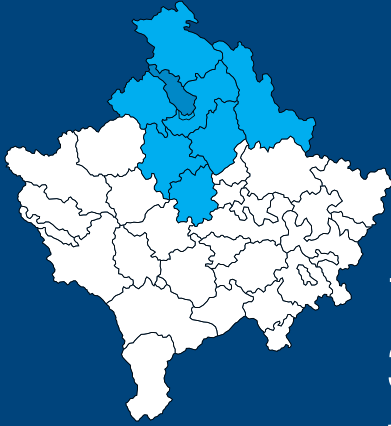
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

MITROVIČĚ/MITROVICA REGION

ZVEČAN/ZVEÇAN



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122 km² area

35 villages

16,800 population

The OSCE regional center Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers nine (9) municipalities, including Zvečan/Zveçan, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Zvečan/Zveçan is located in northern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 122 km² and includes Zvečan/Zveçan town and 35 villages. No official data on population is available as the 2011 census was not conducted in the northern municipalities.

According to the latest unofficial information, the total population is estimated at 16,800 (source: www.eopstinazvecan.com)

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Serbs
2. Kosovo Albanians
3. Kosovo Bosniak
Kosovo Roma
Kosovo Gorani

over 16,000
approximately 500
approximately 300

(source: municipal return and community officer)

After the conflict, the municipality received 3,750 displaced persons including 250 refugees from Croatia living in private accommodation and collective centres.

According to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 1,934 Kosovo Albanians, 7,591 Kosovo Serbs and 291 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. The municipality was not featured in the 1981 census.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 34 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them seven (7) Kosovo Serbs and 27 Kosovo Albanians.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Zvečan/Zveçan municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in October 2017 was 9,069¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 47.34% or 4,293 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

13 seats
5 seats
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.

ZVEČAN/ZVEÇAN

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 19 seats distributed among three (3) political entities, 18 members are Kosovo Serb, one (1) is Kosovo Albanian; six (6) are female. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Biljana Jaredić (SL) and the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is Lavdim Peci (Vetëvendosje!).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Vučina Janković (SL), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 70.59% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Janković won with 57.55% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor has not been yet appointed, while Deputy Mayor for Communities is Florim Kelmendi (Democratic League of Dardania – LDD)*.

The adopted municipal statute foresees the establishment of 13 municipal departments, however only three (3) departments have been partially established by September 2018: general administration; agriculture and inspection; and department of urbanism and cadastre, the latter two (2) are run by women directors, all officially not politically affiliated. In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) municipal departments were established, one (1) was run by a woman director.

*LDD was created in January 2007 by former members of LDK.

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 (1) 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 Mitrovca/Mitrovicë has total of 32 judges, 15 Kosovo Albanian and 17 Kosovo Serb integrated judges; 17 men and 15 women. There is no court branch of the Basic Court Mitrovca/Mitrovicë in Zvečan/Zveçan.

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Basic Prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Zvečan/Zveçan municipality has 60 police officers, 56 are Kosovo Serb and four (4) Kosovo Albanian; five (5) are women.

As for the international military presence, the multinational KFOR Joint Regional Detachment-North and Greek Liaison Monitoring Team - LMT cover the area (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY



The economy of Zvečan/Zveçan municipality is predominantly based on the public sector and related assistance, production of batteries and battery recycling, agriculture and small trade businesses. Trepča/Trepça mining complex, the largest employer and the key economic contributor before 1999, has continued to operate in the territory of the municipality in a limited capacity under the management of a Serbia-run body. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Zvečan/Zveçan.

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. Zvečan/Zveçan town and three (3) out of 35 villages are connected to the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica regional water supply and sewage systems, other villages have their own water supply and sewage systems. All villages are connected to power supply system. Electricity supply is fairly stable (source: municipal department of general administration).

Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) health house and four (4) village 'ambulantas' under Serbia-run system. The health sector has about 155 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Additionally, two (2) village 'ambulantas' financed by the Kosovo government are currently operating in two (2) Kosovo Albanian villages, with two (2) employees (source: municipal community officer).

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities in areas they inhabit (source: municipal department of general administration).

ZVEČAN/ZVEÇAN

Education



There are three (3) primary schools with 706 pupils and 94 teachers, one (1) secondary school with 221 students and 43 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 313 children and 24 teachers which follow the Serbian curriculum (source: Open-data Portal of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, last update in October 2017).

In addition, there is one (1) primary school and two (2) satellite schools with 62 Kosovo Albanian pupils and 18 teachers following the Kosovo curriculum in the three villages inhabited by this community (source: school director).

After the 1999 conflict, the Serbian-language faculty of arts and music was relocated from Prishtinë/Priština to Zvečan/Zveçan, and the college for technical sciences and traffic engineering was relocated from Ferizaj/Uroševac. Both institutions are under jurisdiction of the University in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North.

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Zvečan/Zveçan municipality has five (5) Serbian Orthodox churches and (3) monasteries, two (2) of them are classified as Special Protective Zones (SPZ). One (1) of those two SPZs is a joint special protective zone, classified as such due to territorial reasons, consisting of the Serbian Orthodox Sokolica Monastery and the Kosovo Albanian heritage site Isa Boletini Memorial Complex. Zvečan/Zveçan medieval fortress also has status of SPZ. All five (5) Serbian Orthodox churches have been built after the conflict. There are two (2) mosques in the municipality built after the conflict (source: clergy of Banjska Monastery, Islamic Community's representatives).

A total of five (5) cultural heritage sites in Zvečan/Zveçan municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Zvečan/Zveçan there are:

- 19 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 3 political entities
- 60 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 179 teachers in 4 primary and 1 secondary school and 1 kindergarten