Deputy Mayors for Communities (DMCs) 2018

The Deputy Mayor for Communities is a local protection mechanism obligatory in municipalities where communities in a numerical minority makes up at least 10% of the municipality’s population. It can also be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the 10% threshold, upon the decision of the municipal assembly. The DMC is mandated to provide advice and guidance to the Mayor on issues related to communities and should represent all communities residing in the municipality. The DMC candidate is proposed by the Mayor and approved by the municipal assembly. Key documents regulating the establishment and the mandate of the DMCs are the Law on Local Self Government (No. 03/L-040, 2008), the Ministry of Local Government Administration Administrative Instruction No. 01/2014 on the procedure of appointment of deputy mayors in municipalities and the DMC Terms of Reference.

**Establishment**
DMCs are now established in 16 of 38 municipalities - the municipalities where the post is mandatory as they meet the 10% threshold are marked in bold:

- Dragash/Dragaš*
- Ferizaj/Uroševac
- Fushë/Kosovo Polje
- Gračanica/Graçanicë
- Kamenicë/Kamenica*
- Klokot/Kllokot**
- Leposavić/Leposaviq**
- Lipjan/Lipštan
- Mamuşa/Mamushë/Mamuša
- Mitrovica/Mitrovica South**
- Obiliq/Oblitić
- Prizren**
- Štrpce/Shtërpcë
- Zvečan/Zveçan
- Zubin Potok

* In Dragash/Dragaš the post was newly established on 19 December 2017. In Kamenicë/Kamenica, the mechanism had been dissolved by the Mayor in December 2016 following the then-DMC’s resignation. In March 2018, however, the mechanism was re-established.
** In Gračanica/Graçanicë, Klokot/Kllokot, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Prizren, the post was established but DMC was not appointed during reporting period.

**Community Affiliation of DMCs**

- Kosovo Albanian
- Kosovo Ashkali
- Kosovo Bosniak
- Kosovo Serb

**Number of DMCs undertaking duties as prescribed by legislation**
(Based on OSCE field teams’ regular monitoring and specific periodic reviews, as well as reports produced by municipalities)

- Providing advice and guidance to the mayor on community issues
  - Yes: 10
  - No: 1

- Supporting communities’ requests to municipal bodies
  - Yes: 9
  - No: 2

- Undertaking outreach to communities and/or promoting outreach activities by the municipality
  - Yes: 10
  - No: 2

- Ensuring that the municipal executive effectively implements projects/activities/policies/regulations related to the protection and promotion of communities’ rights
  - Yes: 7
  - No: 4

- Promoting inter-community dialogue
  - Yes: 6
  - No: 5

- Promoting confidence building between communities and municipal institutions
  - Yes: 5
  - No: 4

- Ensuring that sufficient funding is foreseen in the budget for the protection and promotion of community rights and that the needs and interests of communities are taken into consideration during the budget preparation process*
  - Yes: 4
  - No: 5

* In Ferizaj/Uroševac and Kamenicë/Kamenica DMCs were not in office during the budget preparation process

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo supports improved communities’ participation in public decision-making and governance processes and institutions. To assist in this effort, the OSCE regularly monitors the performance of municipal communities’ protection mechanisms. These information sheets aim to provide the relevant institutions with indicators that can assist in identifying gaps and improvement in compliance.
Deputy Chairpersons for the Municipal Assembly for Communities (DCMACs) 2018

The Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is a local protection mechanism obligatory when communities make up at least 10% of the municipality’s population. It is mandated to review all complaints by community members regarding violations of their rights through acts or decisions of the municipal assembly and is responsible for referring such violations to the municipal assembly. The DCMAC can request the reconsideration of the relevant act or decision. In addition, under specific circumstances, DCMAC may submit acts or decisions, considered to be violating a constitutionally guaranteed right, to the Constitutional Court. This position cannot be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the 10% threshold, and the post is held by the community member who received the most votes from the open list of candidates for the municipal elections. Key documents regulating the establishment and the mandate of the DCMACs is the Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008) and the DCMAC Guidelines.

Establishment
DCMACs are established in 10 of 38 municipalities:

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* In Leposavići/Leposaviq, the municipality did not appoint anyone to the post.
** Ambiguity regarding the establishment of the post due to lack of official census data for these municipalities. Please note: in Shtime/Shitërë the has been created contrary to the applicable legal and policy framework; In Graçanica/Graçanice the post has not been established despite the presence of communities meeting the 10% threshold.

Community Affiliation of DCMACs

- Kosovo Albanian: 7
- Kosovo Ashkali: 1
- Kosovo Gorani: 1
- Kosovo Turk: 1

Functioning & Reporting

- DCMACs with work plans in 2018: 8
- DCMACs who reported on their work to the municipal assembly in 2018: 8

Gender Distribution of DCMACs
During the reporting period, all DCMACs were men.