

Deputy Mayor for Communities

The Deputy Mayor for Communities (DMCs) is a local protection mechanism obligatory in municipalities where communities in a numerical minority make up at least ten per cent of the municipality's population. Upon the decision of the Municipal Assembly (MA), it can also be established in municipalities where the population of communities in a numerical minority does not meet the ten percent threshold. The DMC candidate is proposed by the Mayor and approved by the MA. 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.

Key Documents

- Law on Local Self Government (No. 03/L-040, 2008);
- Administrative Instruction (MLGA) No. 01/2014 on the procedure of appointment of Deputy Mayors in municipalities; *
- DMC Terms of Reference

* Administrative Instruction (MLGA) No. 01/2014 was repealed with the entry into force of Administrative Instruction (MLGA) No. 02/2020, for the procedure of appointing Deputy Mayors in municipalities on 21 September 2020.

Establishment

DMCs are established in 14 municipalities.

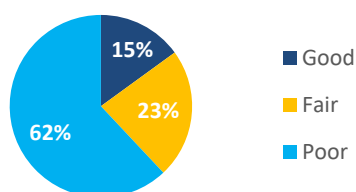
Established DMC posts *

Dragash/Dragaš	Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša
Ferizaj/Uroševac	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Obiliq/Obilić
Gjilan/Gnjilane	Prizren
Kamenicë/Kamenica	Štrpce/Shtërpçë
Klokot/Kllokot	Zubin Potok ¹
Lipjan/Lipljan	Zvečan/Zveçan ¹

¹ Lack of official census data for these municipalities creates ambiguity regarding the establishment of the post. Therefore, population estimates in the 2018 OSCE Mission in Kosovo Municipal Profiles were used for the purpose of this analysis. (Available at <https://www.osce.org/mission-in-kosovo/municipal-profiles>)

* **Bold** denote which DMCs are mandatory according to official census data. In Gračanica/Graçanicë, the DMC post has been vacant during the reporting period despite being mandatory. Therefore, it is not reflected in the pie charts and the performance table.

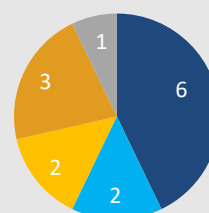
Access to Financial Resources *



* As assessed by DMCs.

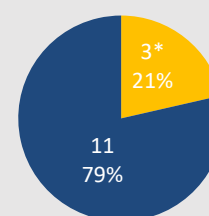
Communities and gender representation

DMCs by community belonging



■ Kosovo Albanian ■ Kosovo Serb ■ Kosovo Bosniak
■ Kosovo Ashkali ■ Kosovo Turk

DMCs by gender



■ Women ■ Men

* The three municipalities with women DMCs are Klokot/Kllokot, Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša and Prizren.

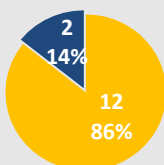
Performance 2020

Selected Performance Indicators

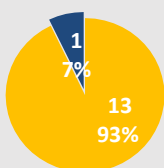
Number of DMCs that undertook key activities and substantive duties outlined in the legal and policy framework, based on OSCE Mission in Kosovo field teams' regular monitoring and periodic specific reviews by the field teams, as well as reports produced by municipalities.

1 – Advice, guidance and oversight

Provide advice and guidance to the Mayor on community issues

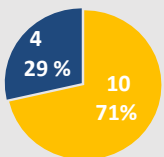


Consult with the Mayor on communities' needs and interests in the preparation of the budget



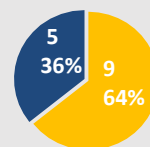
2 – Budget

Ensure sufficient funds were allocated to municipal mechanisms in the interest of communities' rights



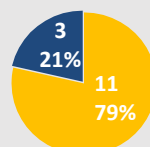
3 – Promotion of inter-community dialogue

Engage in activities promoting inter-community dialogue

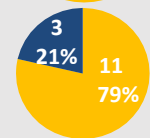


4 – Co-operation

Act as focal point for the implementation of CC recommendations by the MA

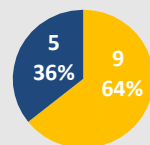


Promote direct involvement of communities in MA activities



5 – Reporting

Report to the Mayor every six months



■ Yes ■ No

Overall Performance

DMCs' performance scores are based on the aggregated results of performance indicators, which reflect key activities and substantive duties provided for in the relevant legal and policy framework. Performance is rated "High", when the aggregated score is above 66 per cent, "Moderate", when it ranges between 66 per cent and 33 per cent, and "Low", when below 33 per cent.

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 Mission in Kosovo 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.

	Advice, guidance and oversight	Budget	Promotion of intercommunity dialogue	Cooperation	Reporting	Overall Performance
Dragash/Dragaš	High	High	Low	Moderate	High	65%
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	High	High	High	High	High	97%
Klokot/Kllokot	High	High	High	High	Low	81%
Novo Brdo/Novobërdë	High	High	High	High	High	100%
Prizren	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	71%
Štrpce/Shtërpcë	High	Low	High	Moderate	High	73%
Ferizaj/Uroševac	High	High	High	High	High	97%
Gjilan/Gnjilane	High	Low	Low	Low	High	46%
Kamenicë/Kamenica	High	High	High	High	High	92%
Lipjan/Lipljan	High	High	High	High	High	97%
Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša	High	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	28%
Obiliq/Obilić	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	65%
Zubin Potok	High	Low	Low	Low	High	40%
Zvečan/Zvečan	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	26%