

# Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities

The Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities (DCMAC) is a local protection mechanism obligatory when communities comprise at least ten per cent of the municipality's residents. DCMAC's mandate is to review complaints by community members on violations of their rights through acts or decisions of the Municipal Assembly and is responsible for referring such allegations 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 constitutionally guaranteed rights to the Constitutional Court. In municipalities where the non-majority communities meet the ten percent threshold, this position shall be reserved for the non-majority community representative who received the most votes on the open list of candidates for election to the Municipal Assembly.

## Key Documents

- Constitution, Article 62(1) and (2);
- Law on Local Self Government (No.03/L-040, 2008);
- Guidelines for the Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities.

## Establishment

DCMACs are established in 11 municipalities.

### Established DCMAC posts \*

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| Dragash/Dragaš                         | Novo Brdo/Novobërdë        |
| Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje              | Prizren                    |
| Gjilan/Gnjilane                        | Štrpce/Shtërpcë            |
| Gračanica/Gračanicë                    | Zubin Potok <sup>1</sup>   |
| Klokot/Kllokot                         | Zvečan/Zvečan <sup>1</sup> |
| Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North <sup>1</sup> |                            |

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

\* **Bold** denote which DCMACs are mandatory according to official census data.

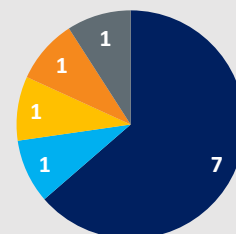
All mandatory DCMACs have been established.

## Access to Financial Resources

All DCMACs (100 per cent) reported challenges in accessing adequate financial resources. In many instances, financial resources are not specifically allocated to their function, or they rely on financial and logistical support by other municipal bodies.

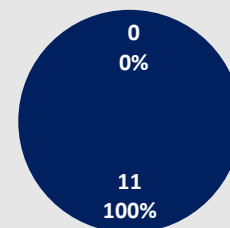
## Communities and Gender Representation

### Community Representation



■ Kosovo Albanian ■ Kosovo Serb ■ Kosovo Turk  
■ Kosovo Gorani ■ Kosovo Egyptian

### Gender Representation



■ Women ■ Men

# Performance 2021

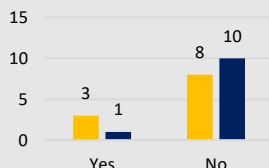
## Selected Performance Indicators

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

Note: the comparison is made between 12 months of 2020 and 10 months of 2021, due to municipal elections in October 2021.

### 1 – Protection of Communities Rights

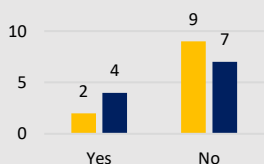
Review claims of acts or decisions of the MA in violation of communities' rights



During the reporting period, no DCMAC referred claims of communities' rights violations to the Constitutional Court for review.

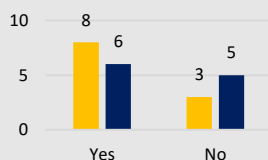
### 2 – Promotion of Inter-community dialogue

Engage in activities for the promotion of inter-community dialogue



### 3 – Reporting

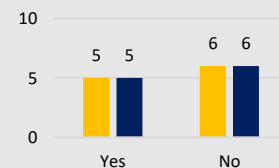
Provide information related to its activities and work to other municipal bodies



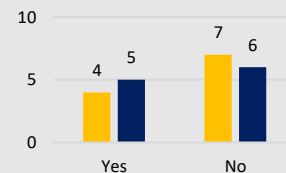
■ 2021 ■ 2020

### 4 – Co-operation

Participate in Communities Committees' meetings

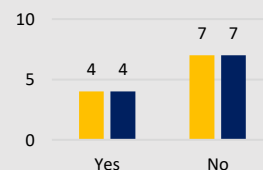


Co-operate in the review of municipal policies affecting the interests of communities



### 5 – Outreach and Consultation

Facilitate the involvement of communities in the Municipal Assembly's work



The performance of DCMACs is moderate and comparable to 2020 in most sectors. DCMACs' engagement in the promotion of inter-community dialogue became weaker in 2021, while communication with other municipal bodies has improved.

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.