

Deputy Mayor for Communities

The appointment of a Deputy Mayor for Communities (DMCs) is obligatory in municipalities where non-majority communities constitute at least ten per cent of the municipality's residents. Upon the decision of the Municipal Assembly (MA), a DMC can also be appointed in municipalities where the non-majority communities do 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. 03/2023 for the procedure of appointing Deputy Mayors in municipalities;
- DMC Terms of Reference.

Establishment

DMCs are established in 16 municipalities.

Established DMC posts *	
Dragash/Dragaš	Lipjan/Lipljan
Ferizaj/Uroševac	Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Gjilan/Gnjilane	Obiliq/Obilić
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Pejë/Peć
Istog/Istok	Ranilug/Ranillug
Kamenicë/Kamenica	Štrpce/Shtërpçë
Klokot/Kllokot	Zvečan/Zvečan ¹

¹ Lack of official census data for northern municipalities creates ambiguity regarding the establishment of the post. Therefore, resident estimates in the 2018 OSCE Mission in Kosovo Municipal Profiles were used for the purpose of this analysis. (Available at [Municipal Profiles 2018.pdf](#))

* **Bold** indicates mandatory DMCs according to official census data.

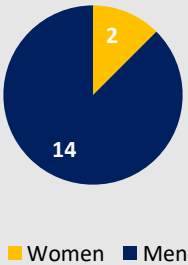
Note: In Prizren and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, the DMC is mandatory, but the posts have been vacant during the reporting period.

Communities and Gender Representation

Community Representation

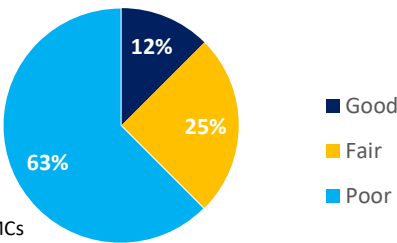


Gender Representation



* Women have been appointed as DMC in the municipalities of Dragash/Dragaš and Kamenicë/Kamenica, respectively Kosovo Gorani and Kosovo Serb.

Access to Financial Resources*



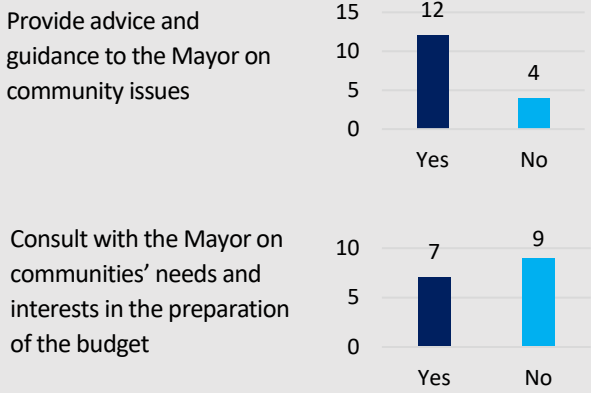
* As assessed by DMCs

Performance 2024

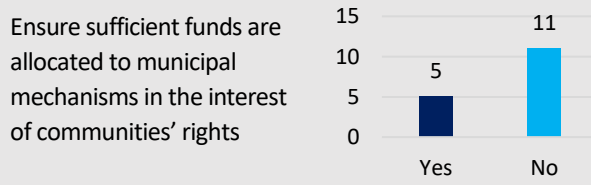
Selected Performance Indicators

Figures illustrating DMCs that undertook key activities and substantive duties outlined in the legal and policy framework are presented below. Information is based on OSCE Mission in Kosovo field teams’ regular monitoring and periodic specific reviews, as well as reports produced by municipalities, covering the year 2024.

1 – Advice, guidance and oversight



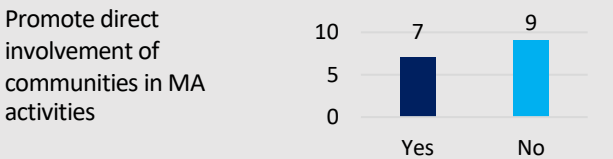
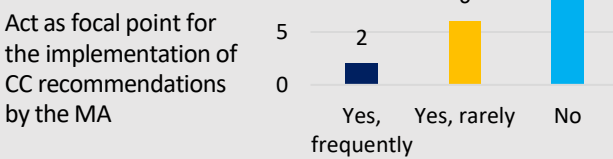
2 – Budget



3 – Promotion of Inter-community dialogue



4 – Co-operation



5 – Reporting



Overall Performance

DMCs’ performance scores are based on the aggregated results of performance indicators, which reflect key activities and substantive duties outlined 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 and 33 per cent, and “Low” when it is below 33 per cent.

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo supports communities’ improved participation in public decision-making and governance processes and institutions. To assist in this effort the Mission regularly monitors the performance of municipal communities’ protection mechanisms. The information sheets aim to provide the relevant institutions with indicators that can help identify gaps and areas for improvement in compliance.

	Advice, guidance and oversight	Budget	Promotion of inter-community dialogue	Cooperation	Reporting	Overall Performance 2024
Dragash/Dragaš	High	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low	49%
Ferizaj/Uroševac	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	High	47%
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	3%
Gjilan/Gnjilane	High	Low	Low	Moderate	High	58%
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	28%
Istog/Istok	High	Low	High	Low	High	57%
Kamenicë/Kamenica	High	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	69%
Klokot/Klllokot	High	Low	Moderate	High	Low	42%
Lipjan/Lipljan	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	32%
Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	5%
Novo Brdo/Novobërdë	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	86%
Obiliq/Obilić	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low	34%
Pejë/Peć	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	77%
Ranilug/Ranillug	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	47%
Štrpce/Shtërpçë	High	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	72%
Zvečan/Zvečan	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	10%
AVERAGE 2024	68%	18%	48%	39%	50%	45%