

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.

This analysis uses final data from the 2024 Kosovo Population and Housing Census and resident estimates from the 2018 OSCE Mission in Kosovo Municipal Profiles for northern municipalities.

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

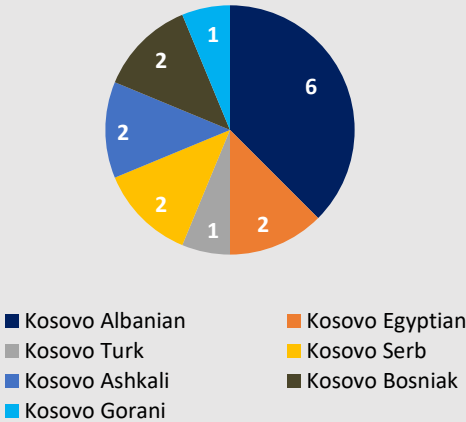
Established DMC posts *	
Dragash/Dragaš	Lipjan/Lipljan
Ferizaj/Uroševac	Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	Novo Brdo/Novobërdë
Gjilan/Gnjilane	Obiliq/Obilić
Gračanica/Gračanicë	Pejë/Peć
Istog/Istok	Ranilug/Ranillug
Kamenicë/Kamenica	Štrpce/Shtërpçë
Klokot/Kllokot	Zvečan/Zveçan

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

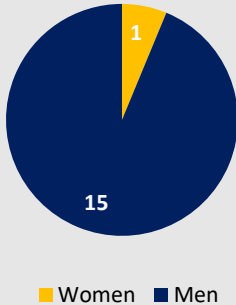
Note: In the municipalities of Prizren and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North the DMC is mandatory, but the posts have been vacant during the reporting period.

Communities and Gender Representation

Community Representation

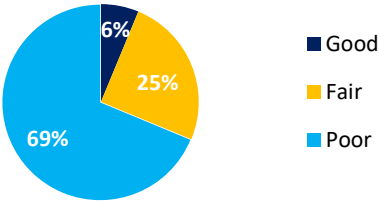


Gender Representation



*A woman has been appointed as DMC only in the municipality of Kamenicë/Kamenica (Kosovo Serb)

Access to Financial Resources*



* As assessed by DMCs

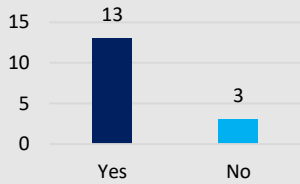
Performance 2025

Selected Performance Indicators

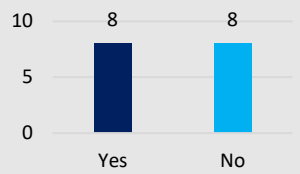
Figures illustrating DMCs that undertook key activities and substantive duties outlined in the legal and policy framework are presented below. Information is based on OSCE Mission in Kosovo field teams’ regular monitoring and periodic specific reviews, as well as reports produced by municipalities, covering the period January to October 2025 prior to municipal elections.

1 - Advice, guidance and oversight

Provide advice and guidance to the Mayor on community issues

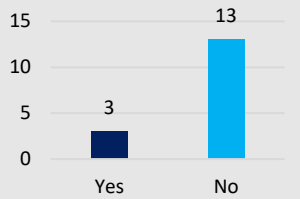


Consult with the Mayor on communities’ needs and interests in the preparation of the budget



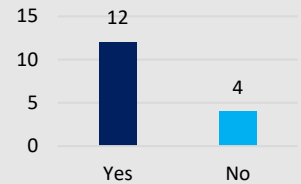
2 - Budget

Ensure sufficient funds are allocated to municipal mechanisms in the interest of communities’ rights



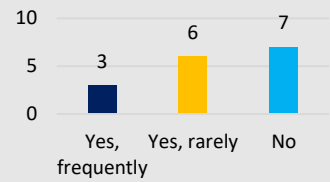
3 - Promotion of Inter-community dialogue

Engage in activities promoting inter-community dialogue

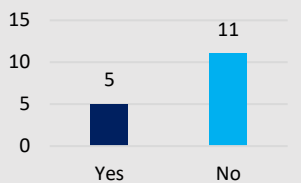


4 - Co-operation

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

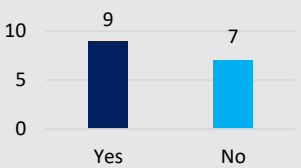


Promote direct involvement of communities in MA activities



5 - Reporting

Report to the Mayor every six months



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 intercommunity dialogue	Cooperation	Reporting	Overall Performance 2025
Dragash/Dragaš	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	High	49%
Ferizaj/Uroševac	High	Low	Moderate	Low	High	54%
Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje	High	Low	Moderate	High	Low	50%
Gjilan/Gnjilane	High	Low	Low	Low	High	52%
Gračanica/Gračanice	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low	38%
Istog/Istok	High	Low	High	Low	High	56%
Kamenicë/Kamenica	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	3%
Klokot/Kllokot	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	24%
Lipjan/Lipljan	High	Low	High	High	High	75%
Mamuša/Mamushë/Mamuša	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	6%
Novo Brdo/Novobërdë	High	Low	Moderate	Low	High	49%
Obiliq/Obilić	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	26%
Pejë/Peć	High	High	High	High	High	95%
Ranilug/Ranilug	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	50%
Štrpcë/Shtërpçë	High	High	High	Moderate	High	87%
Zvečan/Zveçan	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	3%
AVERAGE 2025	66%	14%	53%	35%	56%	45%