



Advocacy Center
for **Democratic Culture**

Portfolio



The Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) is a civil society organisation based in North Mitrovica, established in 2011. The organisation began its work in the specific political, institutional and social environment of the north of Kosovo, with the aim of contributing to the protection of human rights, the improvement of the rule of law, the development of democratic culture, and the building of an open, tolerant and peaceful society in Kosovo.

The organisation's headquarters in North Mitrovica and its long-standing work in the municipalities in the north of Kosovo have determined ACDC's particular focus on the needs and position of the Serb community, the functioning of institutions, the provision of public services, and access to justice in Serb-majority areas in Kosovo. However, the organisation's work is not limited to the north of Kosovo. ACDC cooperates with institutions at the local and central levels, as well as with organisations and representatives of different communities throughout Kosovo.

The rule of law represents one of the organisation's most fundamental and recognisable areas of work. ACDC has monitored the reform and functioning of the judiciary in the north of Kosovo, access to justice, the implementation of laws, transparency in the work of institutions, and the exercise of linguistic and other rights of non-majority communities.

An important part of the organisation's work also concerns relations between citizens and the police and other security institutions. ACDC has created space for direct dialogue between citizens and civil society organisations, on the one hand, and police representatives, on the other, concerning security problems, trust, and the transparency of police work in the north of Kosovo.

In addition to its work on the rule of law, over the previous fifteen years ACDC has developed programmes in the areas of human rights, the fight against corruption, electoral processes, civic participation and activism, cooperation between communities, youth work, cultural creativity and, more recently, environmental protection and sustainable development. The organisation conducts research, prepares expert analyses and develops public policy recommendations, while also organising training sessions, public discussions, local initiatives, and other forms of community-based work.

VISION

ACDC's vision is an open and inclusive society in Kosovo where everyone enjoys equal rights, institutions are accountable to citizens, diversity is appreciated, and relations among communities are based on cooperation, understanding, and mutual respect, with a responsible approach to the environment.

MISSION

ACDC works with citizens and institutions in Kosovo, with a particular focus on the north of Kosovo and non-majority communities, to improve the rule of law, active citizenship, dialogue and cooperation between communities, social inclusion, and sustainable development through research, advocacy, education, and local initiatives.