



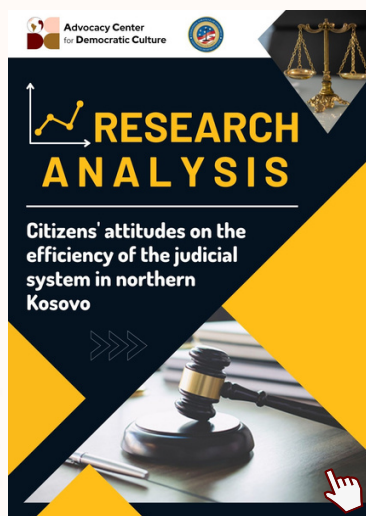
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NEWSLETTER

RESEARCH ANALYSIS - CITIZENS' ATTITUDES ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN NORTHERN KOSOVO

As part of the project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Serb-majority Municipalities", the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) conducted research that aimed to assess citizens' perceptions of the work and functioning of judicial institutions in the north of Kosovo.

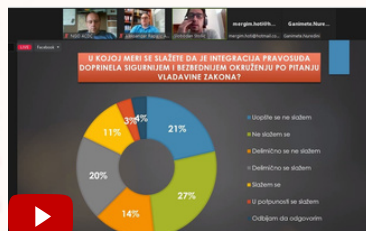


The full research is available on NGO ACDC website in Serbian, English and Albanian language.

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The presentation of the research on the efficiency of the judicial system in the north of Kosovo was held on April 28th.



MEETING INTERNS WITH THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE BASIC COURT IN MITROVICA

On 13.04.2022. in the Basic Court in Mitrovica, 10 chosen interns had a meeting with the Deputy President, Bekim Veliqi, before the start of the internship.

The Deputy President, Veliqi, welcomed the interns and explained what they can expect in the next three months during the internship, and what their roles and tasks in the court will be.

The interns are engaged through the NGO ACDC on the project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Serb-majority Municipalities" funded by INL in cooperation with the NGO AKTIV.



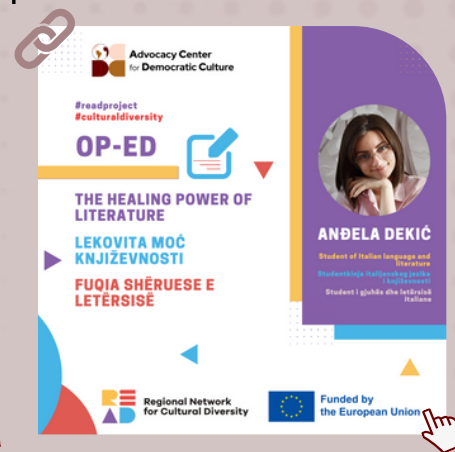
NEW PROJECT

The project Supporting Young Writers in Intercultural Dialogue and Promoting Cultural Diversity is supported by the EU funded project Regional Network for Cultural Diversity - READ implemented by Goethe - Institute Skopje as a lead partner and 5 partners organizations from the region: Association Krokodil (Serbia), Center for Balkan Cooperation- Loja (North Macedonia), Institut i Librit dhe i Promocionit (Albania), Kalem Culture Association (Turkey) and Qendra Multimedia (Kosovo). The overall objective of the project is to support and strengthen the regional cooperation of young writers and promote understanding and respect for diverse cultures.

OP ED S

Two OP EDs were published within the project. Lulzim Hakaj, the co-founder of REC - Reconciliation Empowering Communities, wrote an Op-ed on cultural cooperation and the development of cultural life in Kosovo.

Andjela Dekic, a student of Italian language and literature wrote a text entitled "The Healing Power of Literature", in which she referred to literature in Kosovo and emphasized its importance and pointed out that intercultural cooperation and friendship among young writers in Kosovo are possible.



MOBILE LEGAL CLINIC IN LEPOSAVIC

As part of the project "Initiative for Education against Domestic and Sexual Violence", NGO ACDC organised an activity in Leposavic with the aim to raise citizens' awareness of the problems of gender-based and domestic violence, as well as to provide the necessary information on the use of free legal aid for victims of violence.

The project is implemented by the Center for Legal Aid and Regional Development (CLARD) in cooperation with the Kosovo Institute of Justice and the NGO Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC).

3RD TOWN HALL MEETING

The third public town-hall meeting was held on April 19th and included prominent members of the media (Tatjana Lazarević – Editor of KoSsev portal, Nenad Radosavljevic – Director of RTV MIR and Darko Dimitrijević – Editor in chief of Radio Goraždevac) who gave their insight into the situation in northern Kosovo regarding corruption.



BROCHURE - THE KOSOVO ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCY



As part of the project "Enhancing Institutional Response to Corruption in northern Kosovo" aimed at reducing corruption in northern Kosovo, the NGO ACDC launched a public campaign designed to raise public awareness and knowledge about corruption and anti-corruption mechanisms.

Media reporting on corruption, citizens' engagement and problems with reporting were also discussed during the meeting.

Within the campaign, an information brochures on the work of the Anti-Corruption Agency were published in Serbian, Albanian and English language.

CONTRACT EXTENSION SIGNED WITH 10 TRANSLATORS AND 5 LEGAL ASSOCIATES

In the presence of The Deputy President of the Basic Court in Mitrovica, Bekim Veliqi, and UNMIK representatives, the executive director of the NGO ACDC Dušan Radaković signed a contract extension with ten translators and five legal associates at the Basic Court of Mitrovica for the period of three months.



Translators and legal associates are engaged through the NGO ACDC on the UNMIK-funded project "Facilitating Access to Justice and Promoting Human Rights in the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Region".



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PUBLIC LECTURES ON THE WORK OF OIK

In April 2022, NGO ACDC organized a series of public lectures entitled “The role and the responsibilities of the Ombudsperson Institution of Kosovo”. Public lectures were held in Zvecan, Srbica, North Mitrovica and Skenderaj.



The events brought together students and young people who got the opportunity to learn more about the Ombudsperson Institution of Kosovo. Additionally, information brochures and flyers providing information on the work and contact details of relevant local offices in the Mitrovica region were distributed to the attendees. The lectures are part of a public campaign realized as part of the UNMIK-funded project and aim to increase the visibility of the Ombudsman Institution in Kosovo.



M4Y TRAINING

As part of the project Municipalities for Youth, a series of training were held in April. The training aimed to provide young people with appropriate soft skills and project management and entrepreneurial skills adapted to the subgrants budget and scope.



Young people who have completed the training will have the opportunity to apply for grants within their municipalities.



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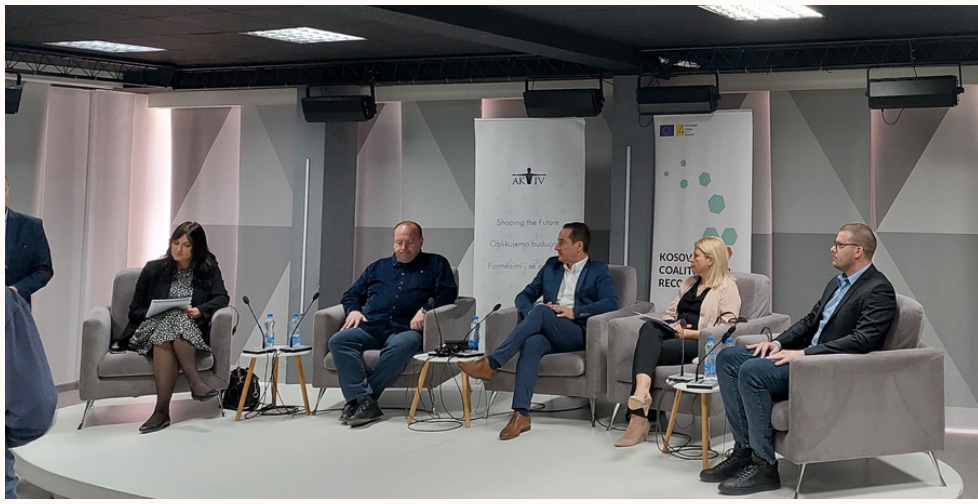


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PAST, PRESENT, FORUM OF THE FUTURE

Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture was a panelist on a conference Past, Present, FORUM OF THE FUTURE - organized by NGO AKTIV.



THE AGENCY FOR FREE LEGAL AID- ROUNDTABLE

On the premises of the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC), the Agency for Free Legal Aid organized a roundtable with NGO representatives in North Mitrovica. The purpose of the roundtable was to strengthen the cooperation between the Agency and NGOs dealing with the protection of vulnerable social categories in order to promote free legal aid and create equal access to justice.



SLOBODNO SRPSKI

The executive director of the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture, Dušan Radaković, was a guest on the talk-show Slobodno Srpski, produced by the New Press and Media Center in Caglavica. In an interview with Budimir Nicić, he stated that even after five and a half years since the beginning of the talks between Belgrade and Pristina in Brussels, there are still no concrete positive changes in the lives of citizens.

The full show can be watch in the video below.



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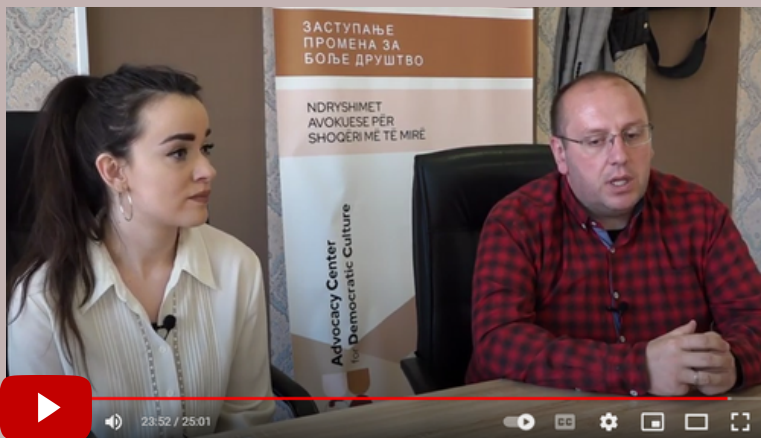
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MEDIA TALKS

In the first media appearance within the project Dealing with the past and reconciliation in Kosovo by raising awareness on the issues of the missing persons, Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture, and Ines Aljović Mihajlović, Project Coordinator, presented the project and upcoming activities.



The importance of the missing persons in Kosovo is once again emphasized in the second media talk, where the guests were Negovan Mavrić, coordinator of the Association of Missing Persons from Velika Hoča and a representative of the Resource Center, and Ines Aljović Mihajlović, project coordinator.

During the discussion, Mr. Mavrić pointed out that the engagement of Washington and Brussels is necessary to resolve the issue of the missing persons.



Organizations gathered in the Open initiative issued press releases on the Kosovo Prime Minister's claim about the ethnic motive for the 2012 attack on Selver Haradinaj's apartment and the armed attacks on the Kosovo Police. The press releases are available only in Serbian.

 [Press release 1](#) 

 [Press release 2](#) 

SURVEY ON POSITION OF WOMEN IN NORTHERN KOSOVO

In April, the NGO ACDC conducted a **survey** on position of women in northern Kosovo. The research is part of the project Women for Women - United in Power supported by Reactor - Research in Action and their partners through the Action "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process".

RESEARCH ON INTERETHNIC RELATIONS

Within the project Promoting Interethnic Dialogue in Local Government, NGO ACDC conducted research on the current state of interethnic relations and the necessity to improve everyday life.

The data was collected through focus groups and questionnaires conducted in three multiethnic settlements in northern Mitrovica and included people from all communities.