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RESEARCH ANALYSIS

"ENHANCING INTER-ETHNIC COOPERATION IN NORTH MITROVICA"

As part of the project "Promoting inter-ethnic dialogue in local self-government", financed by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), and implemented by the ACDC, an analysis entitled **"Enhancing inter-ethnic cooperation in North Mitrovica"** was published. This comprehensive research aimed to investigate the views of citizens of all nationalities about living conditions in these settlements and the possibilities to improve the situation and cooperation of citizens. In addition, the analysis seeks to contribute to increasing the level of inter-ethnic collaboration and support inter-ethnic cooperation and initiatives which will bring together communities in multi-ethnic zones in North Mitrovica.

The complete analysis is available on the NGO ACDC website in all three languages:

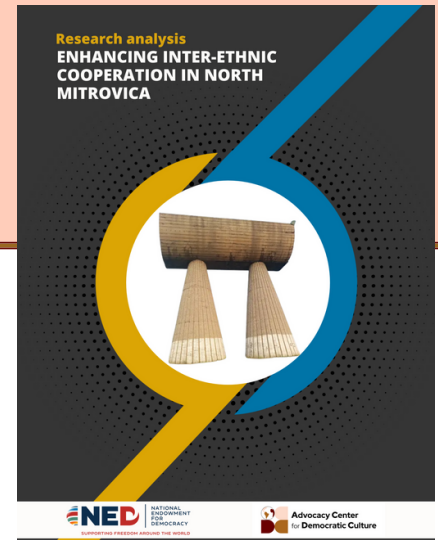


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During August, meetings with representatives of all communities continued. These meetings will result in specific community needs and will support the development of small project ideas. The goal of the project "Promoting inter-ethnic dialogue in local self-government" is to effectively work with all communities in North Mitrovica through the community committee in order to determine their needs and develop projects.

Advocacy meetings

As part of the project "Women for Women - United in Power", three meetings were held in August with women from the north of Kosovo who joined the creation of a women's network aimed at strengthening the position of women as well as promoting cooperation with existing networks in Kosovo. As part of the same project, an advocacy meeting was also held with the aim of better inclusion of women from non-majority communities in the EU accession process and better inclusion of their needs and priorities in Kosovo's Progress Reports.



"Women for women - united in power" project, implemented by Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC), has been supported by Reactor - Research in Action and their partners through the Action "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process". This Action is funded by the European Union and co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

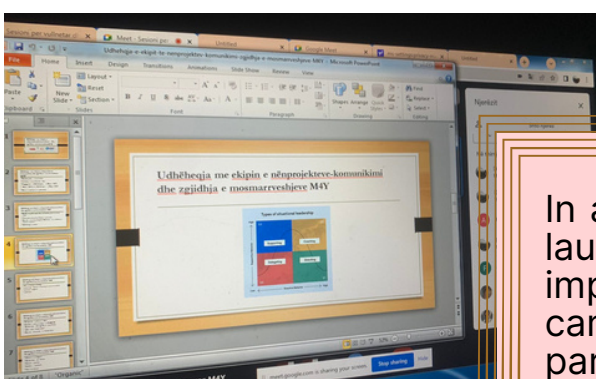
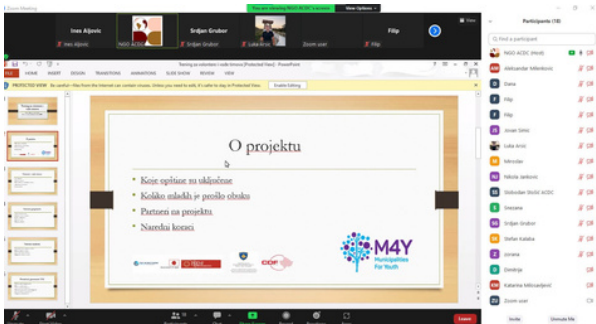
Contracts extension with translators and legal associates

On August 25th, in the presence of The President of the Basic Court in Mitrovica, Ljiljana Stevanović, the executive director of the NGO ACDC Dušan Radaković signed a contract extension with six translators and two legal associates at the Basic Court of Mitrovica, and one legal associate who will be engaged in the department of the Appellate Court in North Mitrovica, for the period of ten months. Translators and legal associates are engaged through the NGO ACDC on the UNMIK-funded project "Further Support to Access to Justice and Human Rights in the Mitrovica Region".



From August 2022, the NGO Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture will continue to provide free legal aid services on its premises to support the Free Legal Aid Agency Mobile Office in northern Kosovo. On this note, NGO ACDC calls on all those who have problems in exercising their rights in Kosovo to visit our office and contact the legal associates who will provide free legal services, information, and advice.

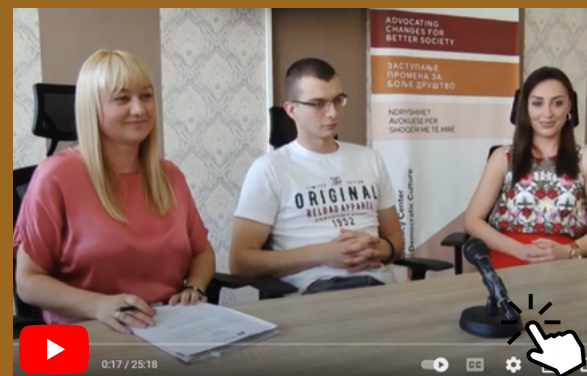
M4Y Training



During August, as part of the M4Y (Municipality for Youth) project, NGO ACDC conducted training sessions with volunteers and monitors who will assist informal groups of young people in implementing socially responsible projects. The training were conducted in all four municipalities where the NGO ACDC implements the project, Zvecan, Vucitrn/Vushtrri, Srbica/Skenderaj, and Ranilug. Volunteers and monitors are also young people who are willing to invest their time and knowledge to help society and will assist in the implementation of 36 projects that were approved in the first round of the M4Y project in these four municipalities.

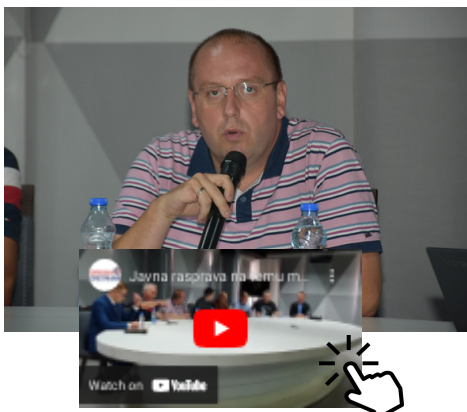
In addition to these activities, the NGO ACDC team launched a new round of M4Y project implementation through the process of an outreach campaign and youth mobilization to encourage participation in M4Y training.

As part of the project "Enhancing Transparency and Rule of Law in Kosovo-Serb Majority Communities", financed by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and implemented by NGO ACDC in cooperation with the NGO Aktiv, a media show was broadcast in which the guests were interns engaged in this project, Bojana Sribljak, Milena Mitrović, and Veliša Vučurović, who had the opportunity to talk about their experiences related to work in judicial institutions.



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PUBLIC DISCUSSION



A public discussion on the reciprocity measures of the Kosovo government and related topics was held in North Mitrovica. The participants of this debate were representatives of non-governmental organizations that have been dealing with similar topics for years, as well as the media in order to discuss potential solutions. The public debate was organized by the Serb Survival Civic Initiative and the Civic Initiative for Zubin Potok. Dušan Radaković, executive director of NGO ACDC, took part in this meeting as one of the panelists.

NGO ACDC's executive director, Dušan Radaković, gave a statement for N1 and explained his view on how the agreement between Belgrade and Pristina looks in practice, what precisely can be done with a Serbian ID in Kosovo, and whether the institutions are actually trying to preserve the presence of Serbia in Kosovo.



PRESS RELEASE

CSOs from the Serbian community in Kosovo organized within the [OPEN initiative](#), including Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture, issued a joint press release demanding from the Government of Kosovo to establish the Community/Association of Serb majority Municipalities.

Representatives of the civil society organizations and the media from the Serbian community in Kosovo, members of the Empirika platform, including ACDC, issued a press release at the beginning of August calling all parties to peacefully resolve the crisis in the north of Kosovo that arose due to the announcement of the start of the implementation of the decision on the re-registration of Serbian license plates (with signs of cities in Kosovo) on the RKS and the establishment of reciprocity on identity cards issued by the Republic of Serbia.

