

NEWSLETTER

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLATFORM - PROMOTION CAMPAIGN

Last month, a campaign was launched to promote an online platform for commenting on laws and participating in the making of new ones. This platform allows citizens, civil society organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders to participate in the decision-making process by providing feedback on proposed policies, laws, regulations, and administrative acts.

On December 23rd, NGO ACDC organized a roundtable in Štrpce, aiming to promote this platform, with a special focus on including minority communities and protecting the rights of vulnerable groups. This event was part of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) program supported by the British and Swiss embassies in Kosovo.



Additionally, NGO ACDC, in collaboration with Kallxo, released a podcast on December 31st in which Habit Hajredini, Director of the Office for Good Governance of the Office of the Prime Minister, presented the Public Consultation Platform and explained how the public consultation process on laws and other legal acts works. Listen to the entire podcast and learn how you can become part of this important process.



OP-ED BY YESS CAMP PARTICIPANTS

This month, the first in a series of OP-ED texts written by participants of YESS camps was published. Nikolina Jovanović wrote about her experience at the camps and how they allowed her to make new friends, break down prejudices, and build bridges among different communities. Read her text on our website.

NIKOLINA JOVANOVIĆ

YOUTH Empowered
Through Inclusive Schools and Societies (YESS)

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YOUTH CAMPS: FROM LANGUAGE LEARNING TO BREAKING PREJUDICES

Each camp provided us with a unique experience, combining fun and learning in a welcoming atmosphere.



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LANGUAGE CLUBS FOR YOUTH

The first in a series of language clubs was held on December 3rd in Prizren, aimed at promoting multicultural understanding among youth through interlingual games, quizzes, and various activities. NGOs ACDC and CSI continue to implement activities within the YESS project, with language clubs also held at other locations across Kosovo, supported by the Peacebuilding Fund, in partnership with UNICEF and IOM in Kosovo.



ETHNICIZATION OF THE KOSOVO POLICE

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A publication titled "Ethnicization of Kosovo Police: Undermining Ahtisaari's Foundations" was released on December 13th by five organizations from northern Kosovo, including the non-governmental organization ACDC. The report pointed out a concerning trend of ethnonationalism among members of the Kosovo Police, with over 14,000 posts on TikTok and more than 300 officers using illegal symbols. The report is available on our website in Serbian and English.

LAUNCHING A NEW PROJECT

In December, NGO ACDC started a new project in collaboration with NGO REC titled "Connecting Today, Shaping Tomorrow." The project aims to foster interethnic cooperation among youth in Mitrovica. The project is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Italy.



PRESS RELEASES

NGO ACDC, along with four other NGOs, issued a press release on December 2nd regarding an event that occurred on November 30th. The press release strongly condemned the violation of human rights by the police during the raid on Gzim Jahirovic, the vice president of the Romani Initiative party.

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Another press release was issued on December 20th. Five civil society organizations, including ACDC, welcomed the acknowledgment by the Ministry of Interior of challenges related to the promotion of nationalism by Kosovan police officers. In further statements, they highlighted their expectation for an investigation by the Kosovo Police Inspectorate and appropriate sanctions against officers who violated procedures.

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PARTICIPATION IN PANELS

The executive director of NGO ACDC, Dušan Radaković, participated as a panelist at the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the newly launched Council of Europe project, discussing the position of minority communities and language rights in Kosovo.



Additionally, Dušan Radaković was part of the panel during "Human Rights Week," organized by YIHR, on the topic "Understanding Human Rights Violations: Past and Present." The panel focused on how historical injustices still shape interethnic relations, emphasizing the need for honest dialogue and systemic changes.

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THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NGO ACDC

On December 29th, NGO ACDC celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of its establishment. Since its founding in 2011, the organization has been committed to strengthening the foundations of a democratic society, promoting interethnic cooperation and transparency, as well as supporting the rights and freedoms of all citizens.

Thank you to all partners, donors, and collaborators who have enabled our work and helped us make a significant impact on society.



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