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The project Serbian-Albanian Media Mirror, implemented by BIRODI and ACDC, was designed to improve media relations and mutual understanding between Albanians from southern Serbia and Serbs from northern Kosovo, regions where relations between these communities are often strained by political and media narratives.

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MONITORING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NGO ACDC, as part of the "Democracy in Action" coalition, is monitoring the election campaign for the parliamentary elections in Kosovo, scheduled for February 9. Two press releases have already been published and are available on our website.







According to DiA's findings so far, the campaign has been marked by intense activities of political entities but also by challenges such as hate speech and provocative rhetoric. For a detailed analysis of the first three weeks of the election campaign, read press releases on our website.

In addition to monitoring election activities in the north of Kosovo, a key part of our engagement is the training and deployment of election observers, who will contribute to the integrity of the electoral process.





CALL FOR YOUTH CAMP APPLICATIONS

In January, NGO ACDC published a call inviting young people (ages 13–18) from Kosovo's diverse communities to apply for the next round of YESS Project camps. These camps, funded by the UN Peacebuilding Fund, and implemented by IOM Kosovo and UNICEF, promote language skills, teamwork, and intercultural exchange.









My experience at the "Youth Camp" left me with a profound sense of hope and faith in the power of cooperation and communication.

Read the experience of one of our past participants!

In her article, Drenisha Zeqiri, a former youth camp participant, shares how these camps help build bridges between cultures. She reflects on how interactive activities, such as quizzes and communication exercises, encouraged participants from different ethnic backgrounds to overcome language and cultural barriers.



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MASTER'S STUDENTS VISIT NGO ACDC IN NORTH MITROVICA

On January 22, a group of students from the European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation in Venice and the Master of Applied Human Rights in Vienna visited NGO ACDC in North Mitrovica as part of their academic and research activities.

During the visit, they had the opportunity to learn more about ACDC's work, ongoing projects, and the organization's role in promoting democracy, human rights, and interethnic dialogue. The discussion also covered the position of Kosovo Serbs, interethnic relations, and current social and political issues in Kosovo.



ETHNICIZATION OF THE OP-ED ON ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN MITROVICA



Gentijana Zeqiri, a civil activist, wrote an article examining key environmental issues in the Mitrovica region, including land degradation due to industrial activities and water pollution caused by chemicals and heavy metals.

This article is part of UNDP's "Inter-community Dialogue" project implemented with the financial support of UNDP Funding Windows. The Environmental Justice activities in the north were conducted in partnership with CSO partners Education Code and ACDC.







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PRESS PRESENTATION OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION HANDBOOK

Within the project jointly implemented by NGO Aktiv and ACDC, and funded by INL and the U.S. Embassy in Pristina, Aktiv organized and event on January 16 in North Mitrovica to present the Anti-Corruption Handbook, developed in collaboration with the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption.



One of the panelists, Dušan Radaković, emphasized the importance of citizen involvement in strengthening transparency and institutional integrity, noting the potential of advanced mechanisms on Kosovo to support anti-corruption efforts.

DUŠAN RADAKOVIĆ AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE EVENT

ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković participated in the Council of Europe's Steering Committee Meeting on national minorities, contributing to discussions on inclusion and anti-discrimination policies.

More details available <u>here</u>.



ACDC IN MEDIA

Dušan Radaković, ACDC's executive director and the regional coordinator of the NGO Coalition "Democracy in Action" (DnD), emphasized that the upcoming elections on February 9 are of particular significance for the Serbian community in Kosovo, as they are the first elections in the past two years that have not been boycotted.





Aleksandar Rapajić, ACDC's Program Director, and Aleksandar Šljuka (NSI) appeared on TV Most's show to discuss the impact of the abolition of the dinar on the local community, economic stability, and daily life, one year after the decision was made. Watch the full interview:

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