



NEWSLETTER

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ROUNDTABLE ON CIVIL STATUS REGISTRATION IN NORTH MITROVICA (FEBRUARY 26, 2025)

ACDC hosted a roundtable to discuss the challenges surrounding civil registration following the recent decision by the Kosovo Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA). This policy allows Kosovo citizens who have only Serbian documents to register in the Kosovo system by April 30, 2025. However, participants raised concerns about bureaucratic obstacles, unclear procedures, and inconsistencies in implementation. The discussion underscored the importance of transparent procedures and improved public awareness to ensure all citizens can exercise their civil rights.

The video from the roundtable on the civil status registration process, as well as the details from the discussion, are available online at the following links.



ROUNDTABLE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN PEJA/PEĆ (FEBRUARY 19, 2025)

In collaboration with the Ombudsperson institution, ACDC facilitated a discussion with the Ombudsperson, civil society organizations, and citizens on human rights, focusing on access to justice and institutional accountability.



NEW CYCLE OF YOUTH CAMPS KICK OFF IN PRIZREN (FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025)

Our first youth camp of 2025 gathered young people from diverse communities to strengthen language skills, cultural exchange, and mutual understanding. Through interactive VOCUP methodology, participants engaged in teamwork exercises and social games while also exploring Prizren's rich cultural heritage. This initiative is part of the YESS project, implemented by IOM Kosovo and UNICEF.



SEMINAR ON MINORITY RIGHTS AND INCLUSION

ACDC organized a working seminar from February 25-27 in Durrës/Albania, focusing on strengthening the rights of non-majority communities through legislative and policy development. The seminar brought together representatives from institutions, including the Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry for Return and Communities, Prime Minister's Adviser for Communities, Office for Communities, Office for Good Governance, Ombudsperson Institution, and civil society representing the Serbian community to analyze legal frameworks and develop recommendations to improve inclusion and equal rights.



NEW PROJECTS LAUNCHED

Stage of Integrity – Theater Against Corruption: This project will use performing arts as a tool to raise awareness and spark discussions on corruption in Kosovo, fostering civic engagement through creative expression.

Youth in the Legal Sector: ACDC is launching a career-building initiative for young legal professionals, providing mentorship, training, and networking opportunities to strengthen the legal sector.

PRESS RELEASE

The NGO Coalition Democracy in Action published a statement after the elections, highlighting concerns about the delays in vote counting and their impact on public trust. ACDC, as part of this coalition, actively monitored the elections and remains committed to promoting transparency and electoral integrity. See the full statement on our website.



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NEW RESEARCH ON CULTURAL INITIATIVES AND INTERETHNIC RECONCILIATION

ACDC conducted research on the impact of cultural initiatives on interethnic reconciliation, analyzing how art, music, and joint activities reduce prejudice and strengthen cooperation. The full research study is available on our website in three languages: Serbian, Albanian, and English.



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THIS MONTH, ACDC PUBLISHED THREE OP-EDS

- Unforgettable Experiences and Friendships – By Dino Redžepi, reflecting on the personal and social impact of youth camps.



- Environmental Challenges and Recycling – By Nevena Vulović, exploring the role of recycling in sustainable development.



- Protecting Gazivode Lake – By Anđelija Vućinić, advocating for environmental preservation and responsible water management.



ACDC IN MEDIA

Dušan Radaković, executive director of ACDC, made several statements during the parliamentary elections in Kosovo in February 2025.



Aleksandar Rapajić, program director of ACDC, for Kosovo Online and Nova S on political uncertainty in Kosovo after the elections.



New Member of the ACDC Team

As of February 2025, Stefan Kalaba has joined the ACDC team as a Project Manager.

Stefan holds a degree in forestry engineering. Throughout his professional career, he has gained extensive experience in managing projects related to environmental protection, interethnic dialogue and youth activism.