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NEWSLETTER



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We are pleased to present the 50th jubilee issue of the NGO ACDC's newsletter. Over the past years, the newsletter has become an important part of our organization, allowing us to showcase our activities, achievements, and topics that are important to communities in Kosovo.

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When we launched the newsletter in January 2021, our goal was to improve awareness of our activities and achievements, as well as to strengthen cooperation with the community, partners, and donors. Throughout 50 issues, newsletter has evolved into a key communication channel that reflects the strategic directions of our organization.

In addition to serving as an information tool, the newsletter is also an archive of our work – a reflection of progress and achieved goals over time. We have continuously improved it in order to make our activities more visible to the wider public and to better present the key topics we address.

The 50th jubilee issue of the newsletter further motivates us to continue developing it, as well as to implement activities that contribute to strengthening democracy and human rights in Kosovo.



LANGUAGE CLUB IN GRAČANICA/GRAČANICË AND NORTH MITROVICA

In March, NGO ACDC organized language clubs in Gračanica and North Mitrovica with the aim of promoting multilingualism, improving communication among youth, and encouraging interethnic understanding. On this occasion, our language clubs also welcomed notable visits that further contributed to the promotion of this initiative.



Gračanica/Gračanicë: During his visit to Kosovo, Arthur Erken, IOM Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, together with Laura Lungarotti, Chief of IOM Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Coordinator for the Western Balkans, visited the language club in Gračanica.

North Mitrovica: Ambassadors from several countries, donor partners of the UN Peacebuilding Fund, visited the language club in North Mitrovica, where they met with young people who are fostering dialogue and social cohesion through multilingual activities.



PROMOTION OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLATFORM

In March, ACDC organized two roundtable discussions dedicated to the promotion of the public consultation platform, with the aim of increasing citizen participation in decision-making processes and strengthening the transparency of public institutions.



Roundtable in Gračanica/Graçanicë (March 13) – A meeting was held with the aim of improving the use of the public consultation platform among non-majority communities. It was attended by the Director of the Office for Good Governance, Habit Hajredini, as well as representatives of civil society and activists.

Presentation of the Platform in North Mitrovica (March 20) – The second roundtable took place at ACDC's premises, where representatives of civil society and international organizations discussed ways to improve transparency and public participation in decision-making. ACDC Director Dušan Radaković presented the key features of the platform, while Habit Hajredini provided a detailed explanation of the registration process and the main goals of the platform.



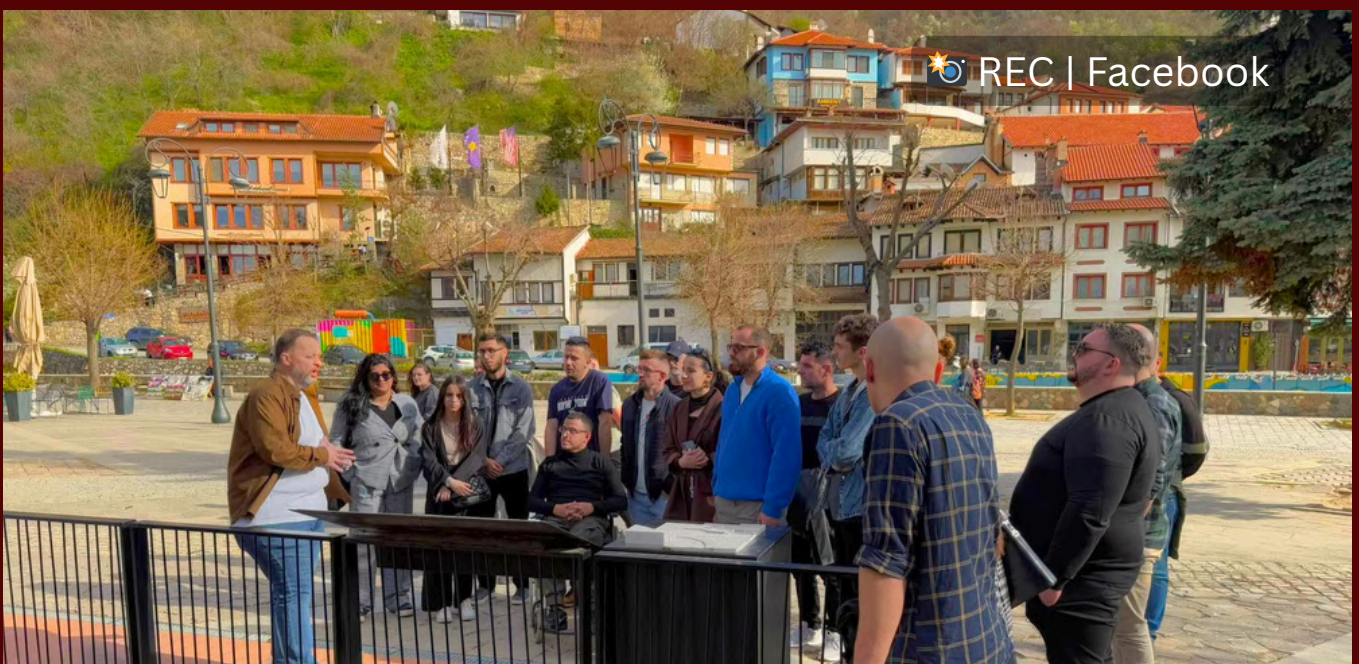
CULTURE AND ART: HOLOPARTIZANKE AT PKC "AKVARIJUS"

On March 6, an innovative dance performance titled Holopartizanke was staged at the Private Cultural Center "Akvarijus" in North Mitrovica. This unique choreographic installation combined four human and four holographic dancers, exploring how historical narratives shape generations. The performance is part of a project supported by the Swiss Cooperation Programme, aiming to encourage cultural exchange and dialogue through art.



ACDC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NGO REC: VISIT TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF PRIZREN

On a warm spring day, youth from Mitrovica visited the cultural heritage of Prizren through a project implemented by ACDC in cooperation with NGO REC and with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The visit included landmarks such as the Gazi Mehmet Pasha Mosque, the Tekke of the Halveti Order, the Church of Saint George, and other monuments, highlighting the rich history and shared cultural heritage.



ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković participated in the discussion “Legal and Administrative Barriers in Property Issues” held in Pristina. During the event, the importance of cooperation between institutions and the civil sector in overcoming obstacles and improving access to justice for the citizens of Kosovo was emphasized.



ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković also participated in a meeting between the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) and Head of UNMIK, Caroline Ziadeh, and representatives of civil society. The meeting focused on recent developments and issues of importance to the community.



Dušan Radaković was a guest on TV Most in a program dedicated to the parliamentary elections in Kosovo.

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ACDC has published three new articles:

“Art as a Political Game” – an analysis of the role of art in social and political change

“Just My Cup of Coffee” – a piece on social norms and cultural differences through the metaphor of coffee

“Culture as a Bridge to Reconciliation” – how intercultural youth activities through art and socializing help overcome prejudice

Read them on our website!

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Press Release:

ACDC, together with several civil society organizations, has issued a public statement regarding the arbitrary detention of minors and the ethnic bias of the Kosovo Police.

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ACDC has published its 2024 Annual Report!

An overview of key activities and achievements in the fields of democracy, human rights, and interethnic cooperation is available in Serbian, Albanian, and English.

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