



# NEWSLETTER



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## **Project “Canvas of Culture in Northern Kosovo” – Focusing on Art, Culture, and Dialogue**

In July 2025, NGO ACDC successfully completed the implementation of the project “Canvas of Culture in Northern Kosovo,” supported by the Swiss Cooperation Program. The project was dedicated to promoting art, intercultural dialogue, and interethnic cooperation through a series of cultural and educational activities that brought together artists, youth, and citizens from various communities



### Exhibition “Silence Is Not the Answer” by Artist Jelena Milićević

On July 23, the exhibition “Silence Is Not the Answer” by artist Jelena Milićević was held at the PKC Aquarium in North Mitrovica. Through powerful portraiture and artistic reflection, the exhibition explores themes of violence, social injustice, and the role of art as a space for resistance against silence and indifference.

On the occasion of the exhibition, a text titled “Where the Souls of Creators Meet” was published, reflecting on art as a space of encounter, resistance, and the creation of shared meaning.



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### Exhibition “Mitrovica – Colors of My Soul” by Artist Shyqri Çeliku

On July 29, the final exhibition of the project – “Mitrovica – Colors of My Soul” by artist Shyqri Çeliku – was held at the “Kadri Kadriu” Cultural Center in Mitrovica. The exhibition presents a personal experience of Mitrovica – through memories, emotions, and the identity the artist carries with this city.

In the lead-up to the exhibition, we also published an original text by the artist, in which he reflects on his relationship with Mitrovica – as a place that shapes him, inspires him, and remains ever-present in his artistic expression.



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### **Educational Visit of Youth to Historical and Cultural Sites**

On July 14, an educational visit was organized for youth to explore the industrial and cultural heritage of Mitrovica, in cooperation with NGO REC. Participants visited the Trepča mining zone, underground galleries on levels X and XI, as well as the National Museum of Minerals. This activity was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Italy.



### **ACDC and Sustainable Water Resource Management**

ACDC's Program Director, Aleksandar Rapajić, attended the official grant award ceremony for civil society organizations within the IWRM-K Program.

Through this grant scheme, selected organizations will implement innovative, locally driven initiatives focused on raising awareness, preserving water, and promoting sustainable practices in the use of natural resources.

## Book Promotion: “A Stranger’s Journey into the World” by Slobodan Mašić



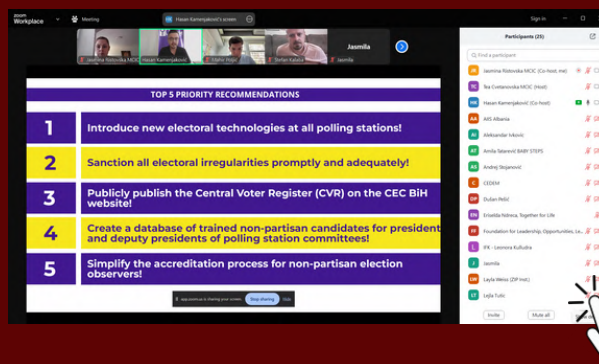
As part of the project activities, the book “A Stranger’s Journey into the World” by Slobodan Mašić was presented. The book authentically portrays the reality faced by many young people in Kosovo – their everyday life, struggles, and search for meaning and a better future.

The author takes readers on both a personal and universal journey: growing up in isolation, yearning for normalcy, and finding the courage to step into the unknown.

The publication is available in Serbian only:

## Strengthening Civil Society Capacities for Fair Elections

On July 23, 2025, ACDC Project Manager Stefan Kalaba participated in an online training on electoral integrity, organized by the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC) as part of the SELDI initiative.



The training focused on identifying and preventing electoral irregularities — including voter intimidation, misuse of public resources, early campaigning, irregularities in the work of polling station committees, and media manipulation.

## ACDC Explores Attitudes Toward the LGBTQI+ Community

In July, ACDC conducted an online quiz aimed at examining public attitudes toward the LGBTQI+ community. The quiz was designed to help citizens reflect on their own values, biases, and perspectives on diversity through introspective questions.

The goal of this activity is to encourage dialogue on tolerance, acceptance, and respect for differences. A publication analyzing the results will be released in the coming months.



## Analyses on Access to Legal Professions and Employment in Institutions

In July, we presented two analytical publications focusing on the access of the Serbian community to legal professions and employment in Kosovo institutions.

### Representation of the Serbian Community in Legal Professions

The analysis reveals a concerning underrepresentation of members of the Serbian community among lawyers, notaries, and enforcement agents in Kosovo — only 2.33% of lawyers, 0.73% of notaries, and no enforcement agents.

The publication identifies key barriers to entering these professions and offers concrete recommendations to improve access. The publication is available at:

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### Report: “Between Distance and Opportunity”

This analysis explores the reasons why young Serbs rarely apply for jobs in Kosovo institutions — including political tensions, a sense of exclusion, lack of motivation, and lack of trust. The full publication is available on our website.

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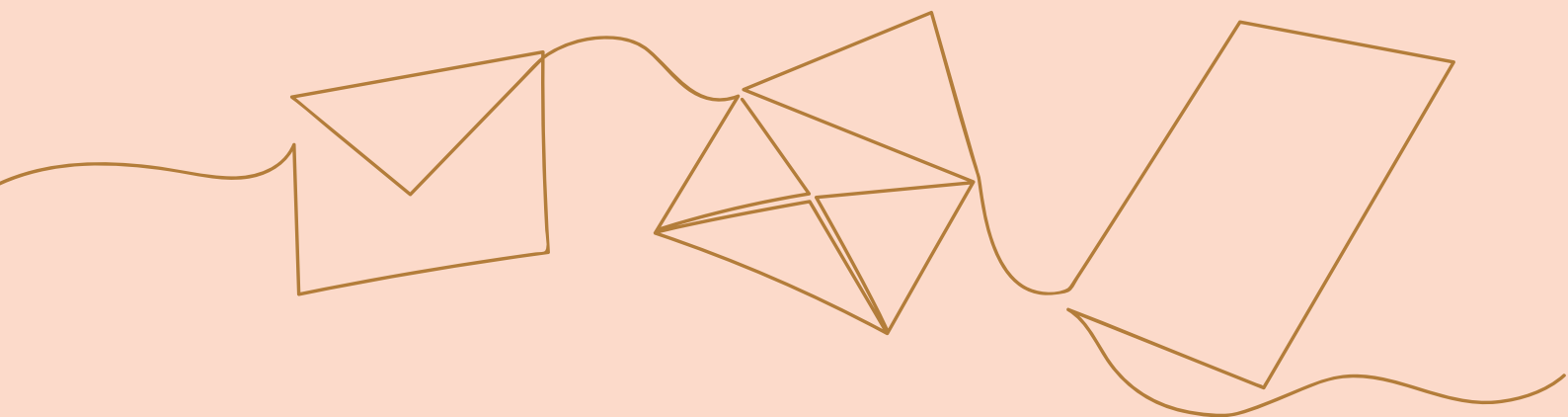
### ACDC in the Media:

Ahead of the upcoming local elections in Kosovo this October, ACDC’s Executive Director, Dušan Radaković, stated in the media that Serbian political parties are actively organizing both in the north and south of Kosovo. Additionally,



ACDC’s Program Director, Aleksandar Rapajić, for Kosovo Online: the President may consider legal options for organizing both snap and local elections on the same date.





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