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Final Conference of the Project “Bringing Pride To The North”

On December 15, ACDC organized the final conference of the project “Bringing Pride To The North,” where the results of research on the position of the LGBTQI+ community in northern Kosovo were presented. It was concluded that invisibility, fear, and stigma remain key challenges, and that safety, education, and trust in institutions are prerequisites for real visibility and equality.

The project “Bringing Pride To The North” was implemented by NGO ACDC with the support of the European Union, within the broader regional project “Together for LGBTQI+ Equality.”

The research analysis is available on the ACDC website in three languages.



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Marking the International Anti-Corruption Day



On the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day, ACDC, in cooperation with EU House in Mitrovica, organized a panel discussion dedicated to transparency, accountability, and good governance.

The panel participants were Aleksandar Rapajić (ACDC) and Andrija Lazarević, editor of the Zubin Potok Info portal, while the event was moderated by Ines Aljović Mihajlović. During the discussion, the important role of the media and civil society in combating corruption was emphasized.



As part of Integrity Week, on December 11, Dušan Radaković participated in the panel discussion "Media and Civil Society Against Corruption – Accountability, Trust, and Public Interest," organized by NGO ACDC and NGO Aktiv in cooperation with the Anti-Corruption Agency.

The speakers came from local media and civil society organizations, with many years of experience in monitoring integrity and public accountability.



International Human Rights Day

On December 10, ACDC marked International Human Rights Day by setting up an information stand in the center of North Mitrovica, where promotional materials on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights were distributed to citizens.

This year's theme, "Our Everyday Essentials," emphasized that human rights are an integral part of everyday life. The activity was implemented with the support of UNMIK.



Final Conference of the IOM YESS Program

On December 3, IOM organized the final conference of the YESS – Youth Empowered through Schools and Societies program, marking the conclusion of a project aimed at empowering youth across Kosovo.

The event gathered more than 200 young people from different communities, including youth from ACDC camps. Through their participation, they shared experiences emphasizing the importance of intercultural dialogue, language learning, and trust-building. ACDC extends its sincere gratitude to all young participants whose engagement reflected the outcomes of our work within the YESS program.

From Waste to Art – Ecological Sculpture on the Ibar River

Within the framework of Kosovo Sustainable Development Week, ACDC, together with youth, partners, and artist Miljana Đundjerin, presented an ecological sculpture made from waste collected during river clean-up actions along the Ibar River.



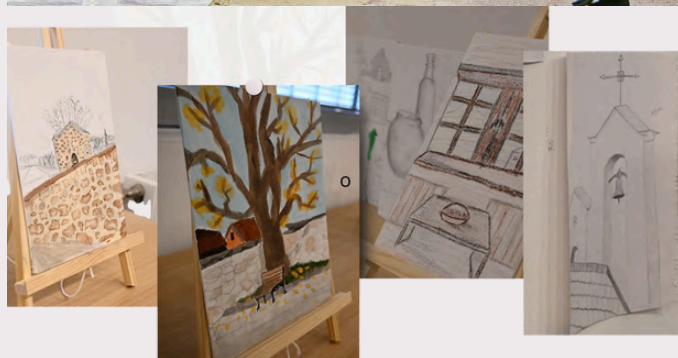
The sculpture is the result of weeks of activities that included environmental training for youth and joint clean-up actions along the riverbanks.

Through the short video “Silence,” the process of transforming waste into an artwork symbolically reflecting society’s relationship with nature is presented.



Velika Hoča – Promotion of Cultural Heritage

In the previous period, ACDC implemented activities aimed at promoting the cultural heritage of Velika Hoča through youth visits to the village, social media posts, and a public exhibition of artworks. The posts focused on the cultural and historical significance and traditional architecture of Velika Hoča, while the exhibited works by youth depicted motifs and the ambiance of the village, contributing to the visibility and preservation of its cultural identity.



Campaign Against Sexual Harassment and Gender-Based Violence

During December, ACDC implemented an informational and educational campaign dedicated to combating sexual harassment and gender-based violence. The posts focused on debunking common myths and misconceptions, explaining what constitutes sexual harassment under the law, and emphasizing the importance of reporting and the role of institutions in protecting victims. The campaign was implemented with the support of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI).

Campaign on Labor Rights

In December, ACDC also implemented a campaign aimed at informing citizens about basic labor rights and protection against discrimination at work. The campaign was supported by the CDF through the Human Rightivism Program. In the coming period, ACDC will continue working on this topic through the development of a labor rights guide.

Press Release

Together with other civil society organizations, ACDC issued a joint press release pointing to the non-compliance with legal obligations regarding the use of official languages and the need to ensure equal access to information for all citizens.



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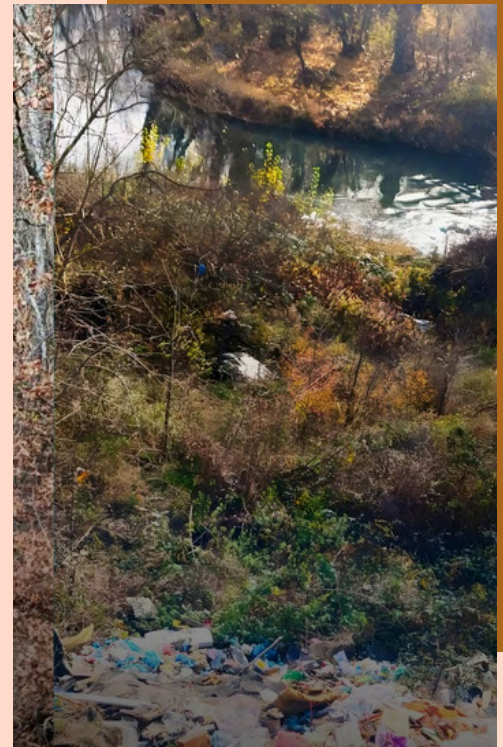


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Mapping Pollution of the Ibar River

In the previous period, ACDC conducted field mapping of point-source pollution of the Ibar River and its tributaries in five municipalities in northern Kosovo. At the beginning of next year, an analysis will be prepared containing a pollution cadastre and recommendations for improving the protection and revitalization of river flows.

The project is implemented by ACDC and REC within the IWRM-K program, supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Government of Kosovo, and implemented by SKAT (Switzerland) in consortium with the Austrian Environment Agency (EAA).



Launch of New Environmental Projects

Together with the organization Education Code, ACDC has launched the implementation of a new project within the BOOST program – “Green Neighbors – Youth for Environment and Coexistence.”

The project aims to strengthen inter-community cooperation among youth, their active involvement in environmental protection, and the promotion of shared values through local initiatives.



Green Spaces and Multiethnic Cooperation

ACDC announced the launch of the project “Seeds of Cooperation – Building Multiethnic Green Spaces in Mitrovica,” which aims to improve green areas, promote environmental awareness, and strengthen mutual trust among youth from different communities.

This project is supported through the program “Financial Support to Small Climate-Smart Economic Initiatives of Local CSOs” within the initiative “Green Horizons – Youth- and Community-Led Green Transition in Western Kosovo,” implemented by CARE Deutschland e.V. – Kosovo Office, with co-financing from the European Union.



Training and Deployment of Election Observers

Within the coalition “Democracy in Action,” ACDC was involved in monitoring parliamentary elections in Kosovo through a multi-phase process of preparation and training of observers, with a special focus on northern Kosovo. ACDC organized training for short-term election observers, who were deployed in four municipalities in northern Kosovo with the aim of ensuring professional and impartial monitoring of the electoral process.

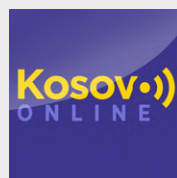
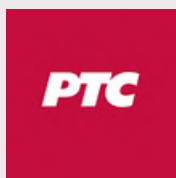
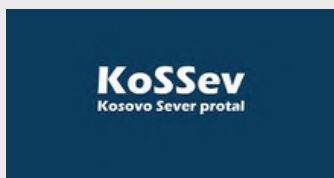
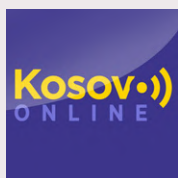


Meeting with the U.S. Chargé d’Affaires

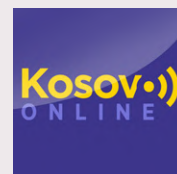
Aleksandar Rapajić, Program Director of ACDC, participated in a meeting with U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Anu Prattipati, together with other civil society representatives, during which U.S. expectations regarding transparent governance, equal service delivery, and cooperation with public safety institutions were highlighted.

ACDC in the Media

Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of ACDC, monitored the elections as coordinator for northern Kosovo and, during election day, gave statements to the media on the course of the electoral process, observed challenges, and the importance of respecting language rights in the electoral process.



In addition, Aleksandar Rapajić, Program Director of ACDC, gave a statement to Kosovo Online, in which he spoke about the broader political and European context.





ACDC Marks 14 Years of Work

On December 29, the NGO Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) marked 14 years of existence.

Since its establishment in 2011, ACDC has continuously worked on strengthening human rights, the rule of law, interethnic cooperation, and active civic participation, especially among youth.

We thank all partners, donors, and citizens who have supported our work over the years – we continue forward with the same energy and commitment.

Don't miss our 2025 Recap

