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## Conclusion of the Green Neighbors project

The closing event of “Green Neighbors – Youth for Environment and Coexistence” marked the end of a year-long initiative that brought together young people from the Serbian and Albanian communities in North and South Mitrovica. The project combined environmental protection, interethnic cooperation and active youth participation in local communities.

The event presented the main results and the contributions of young people who had worked together over the preceding months to create a cleaner and better-maintained environment. Activities included clean-up campaigns, the creation of “Green Corners” in both parts of Mitrovica and an environmental awareness campaign.

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Two podcasts were also released as part of the “Green Neighbors Talks” series. Young people discussed environmental challenges, the importance of well-maintained public spaces and opportunities to contribute to change in their communities through their own engagement.

The project was jointly implemented by Education Code and ACDC under the BOOST programme, with support from ALDA and AFD.

Watch Podcast 1

Watch Podcast 2

**Cooperation with IMPAKT**

The training “Youth Initiatives in the Community” took place on 9 October at ACDC’s premises, as part of a project implemented by the NGO IMPAKT from Skenderaj in cooperation with ACDC.

Trainer Kenan Beqiri worked with around 20 young people from different communities on their engagement and contribution to positive change in the places where they live.

Cooperation between the two organisations also included planting flowers and cleaning public spaces in North Mitrovica. Through their joint efforts, young people helped improve spaces used daily by the local community.

**LGBTQI+ rights and community support**

In October, ACDC published three opinion pieces as part of the “Bringing Pride to the North 2.0” project. The articles address solidarity, prejudice and individuals’ responsibility to support people facing discrimination.

- Drawing on personal experiences and questioning social norms, Aulona Peci writes about accepting diversity and the courage to take a stand, even when this means challenging those closest to us.

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- In “Being an Ally: Because No One Should Have to Hide Who They Are”, Živkica Jancić discusses the importance of support and solidarity with the LGBTQI+ community.

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- Starting from the experience of the Serbian community in Kosovo, Ognjen Gogić examines attitudes towards people who also belong to a minority within their own community, including people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

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**Call for applications for training on LGBTQI+ rights**

A call for applications has been published for a three-day training on LGBTQI+ rights, combating discrimination and inclusion, intended for activists, youth workers, civil society representatives and interested community members. Particular attention will be paid to barriers to employment and practical ways to create a more inclusive working environment, with a focus on northern Kosovo.

The training will take place from 20 to 22 November 2026 in Vrbnica / Vërmica, Prizren, in English. The application deadline is 13 November 2026.

Apply Now

*ACDC implements “Bringing Pride to the North 2.0” as part of the regional project “Together for LGBTQI+ Equality”, led by the Centre for Civic Education (CCE), in partnership with ERA, Queer Montenegro, Queer Center from Skopje, Tuzla Open Centre, OMSA from Albania and the Center for Social Group Development from Kosovo. The project is funded by the European Union.*

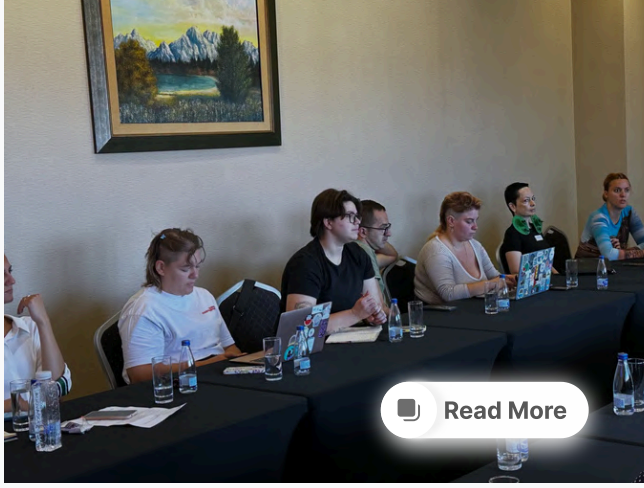
**Meeting with the Ambassador of Switzerland**

ACDC Executive Director Dušan Radaković and Programme Director Aleksandar Rapajić attended a meeting between civil society representatives and the Ambassador of Switzerland, Anne-Lise Cattin Hennin, during her visit to northern Kosovo.

The discussion focused on local developments and community perspectives.

**ACDC at the Regional Meeting for LGBTIQ+ Equality**

Andrea Todić, a representative of NGO ACDC, participated in a two-day regional meeting of civil society organizations in Podgorica, organized within the programme “Together for LGBTIQ+ Equality”. The meeting focused on exchanging experiences, strengthening cooperation and taking joint action to support the rights of the LGBTIQ+ community.




**ACDC presents its new strategic framework**

ACDC presented its Strategy 2026–2031, Communication Strategy and Fundraising Plan for 2027. The documents set the organisation’s direction for the coming period, focusing on the rule of law, civic and youth participation, cooperation between communities, environmental protection and the organisation’s long-term sustainability.

All three documents are available on ACDC’s website.

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**Joint Civil Society Call for the Election of the President**

In early October, civil society organizations, including ACDC, issued a joint statement calling on parliamentary parties to reach an agreement on the election of the President of Kosovo and ensure the functioning of institutions.

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## ACDC in the media

- Dušan Radaković commented on the UNMIK report presented to the United Nations Security Council, describing it as comprehensive and specific in its account of problems affecting community rights.
- Radaković also discussed Kosovo–US relations, the conditions for resuming the strategic dialogue and the importance of respecting the rights of the Serbian community.
- Aleksandar Rapajić analysed political negotiations on the election of Kosovo’s president, party positions and the possible consequences of a failure to reach agreement.

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