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European Agenda for the period January-December 2021**



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Abbreviations

EU	European Union
SAT	Safety Action Teams
EC	European Commission
MCSC	Municipal Community Safety Council
LPSC	Local Public Safety Councils
MLGA	Ministry of Local Government Administration
SAA	Stabilization and Association Agreement
MoH	Ministry of Health
NGO	Non-Governmental Organizations
NPISAA	National Program for the Implementation of the SAA

Introduction

This report presents the implementation of the obligations of municipalities, arising from the European Agenda during the period January-December 2021. Given that the National Program for the Implementation of the SAA is a legally binding document for all Kosovo Institutions, the Ministry of Local Government Administration is committed in fulfilling the obligations of municipalities arising from the European Agenda.

In order to coordinate activities, MLGA has developed several ways of addressing issues at the local level to push the European agenda, including: coordination of the planning process, drafting a general plan for the obligations of municipalities in the European integration process, drafting individual plans of municipalities as well as drafting the report on the fulfilment of municipal obligations arising from the European Agenda for two periods within the year January-June and January-December.

The report has an important and significant role in the development of local level activities in the field of European integration, given the responsibility that municipalities have in relation to citizens and public institutions. The purpose of this report is to present and provide data of municipalities to citizens, local and international institutions, non-governmental organizations and any other interest group, based on the criteria set by the European Union.

Executive overview

During the period January - December 2021, 38 Municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo have reported on the fulfillment of the obligations of the municipalities, for the fulfillment of the European agenda. The report is based on 55 actions/measures and 177 questions/indicators that fall under the responsibility and competence of municipalities, for which the Ministry of Local Government Administration has requested concrete actions from municipalities. MLGA in municipalities has addressed all issues arising from the NPISAA, the conclusions of sectoral subcommittees and the challenges of the EC report on Kosovo. In terms of overall structure, the report focuses on the main areas of activities which are related to political criteria, economic criteria, European standards and the report reflects the real situation of the achievements of municipalities, but also the challenges for the coming years. Given the development of the COVID-19 pandemic and the contribution of municipalities at this stage, the report also includes the COVID-19 pandemic chapter.

Within **the political criteria**, the achievement of the local level is presented in the following fields:

- Public administration,
- Ombudsperson,
- Civil society,
- Fight against terrorism,
- Protection and cultural heritage.

Based on the data provided by the municipalities, during the period January-December 2021, the municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo have managed to meet approximately 56% of the planned activities for implementation in the field of political criteria.

Within **the economic criteria**, the achievement of the local level is presented in the following fields:

- Existence of a functioning market economy,
- Taxes,
- Enterprises, industry policies and the internal market.

Based on the data provided by the municipalities, during the period January-December 2021, the municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo have managed to meet approximately 74% of the planned activities for implementation in the field of economic criteria.

Within **European standards**, the achievement of the local level is presented in the following fields:

- Agriculture and rural development,
- Energy,
- Judiciary and fundamental rights, protection of minorities,

- Justice,
- Freedom and safety,
- Border management and migration,
- Education and culture,
- Environment and consumer protection and public health.

Based on the data provided by the municipalities, during the period January-December 2021, the municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo have managed to meet approximately 56% of the planned activities for implementation in the field of European standards. In total, the municipalities have managed to fulfil 62% of the obligations of the municipalities deriving from the European Agenda, which fall under the responsibility of implementation by local government.

Given the situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic where it was necessary to take measures to protect public health, during this period there were temporary suspensions of activities, which have resulted in significant reductions in the fulfilment of these obligations. The COVID-19 pandemic chapter presents the management of the COVID-19 situation at the local level, including measures taken by municipalities in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo.

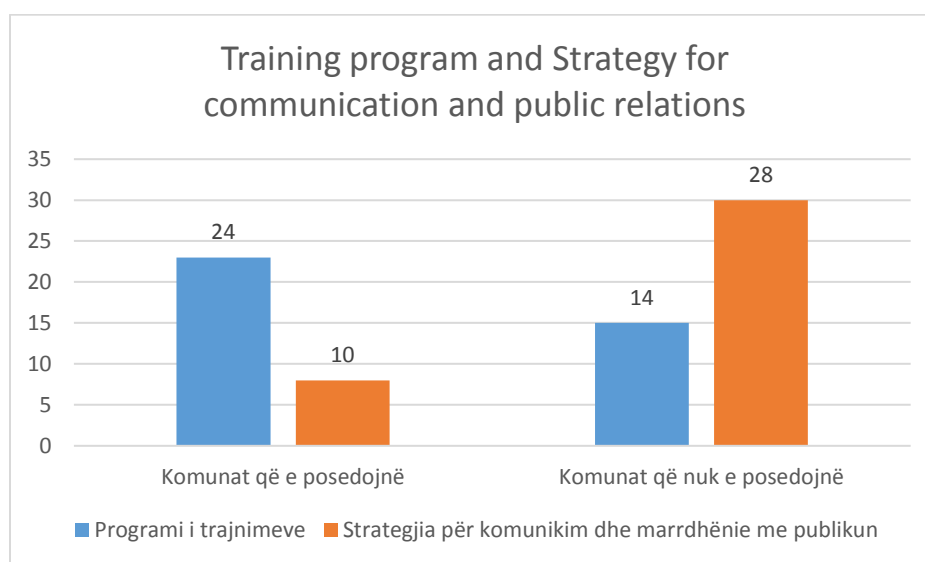
1. POLITICAL CRITERIA

1.1 Public administration

One of the main areas that are part of the political criteria is the functioning of the local public administration. In this area, the municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo have undertaken activities related to providing the necessary capacity for local administration, increasing the quality of public services for citizens, increasing efficiency and transparency, as well as building more efficient accountability mechanisms in relationship with citizens.

As part of the measures for capacity building of human resources, 24 municipalities have drafted the training program, while in 14 municipalities (*Ranillug, Decan, Leposavic, Strpce, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Prishtina, Gjakova, Ferizaj, Mamusha, Malisheva, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok*) no training program has been drafted for the reporting period.

In order to further improve the policy framework in the field of administration, in the overview of municipal data we see that out of 38 reporting municipalities 10 municipalities (*Gjakova, Vushtrri, Malisheva, Lipjan, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Rahovec, Peja, Hani Elezit, Klinë*) have drafted Strategy for Communication and Public Relations, while in 28 municipalities (*Gjilan, Shtime, Ranillug, Suhareka, Obiliq, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Kacanik, Junik, Gllogoc, Leposavic, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Istog, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Prishtina, Partesh, Fushe Kosova*) this strategy has not been drafted yet. From the data, it can be seen that a large part of the municipalities have not yet drafted the Strategy for Communication and Public Relations as a result of reduced staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of professional staff for drafting strategies especially the sector for public communication etc.



Graph 1: Training program and Strategy for communication and public relations

Also, a low level of drafting the Annual Plan on Communication was seen, where so far only 10 municipalities have drafted the Annual Plan on Communication, while 28 municipalities (*Gjilan, Shtime, Ranillug, Suhareka, Obiliq, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Kacanik, Peja, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Klllokot, Istog, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Prishtina, Partesh, Fushe Kosova, Malisheva, Gjakova, Vushtrri*) do not have an Annual Plan on Communication.

Regarding the implementation of Administrative Instruction (MLGA) No. 06/2018 on minimum standards of public consultation, there are 31 municipalities which have reported that this instruction is being implemented, in 3 municipalities (*Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Viti*) it is reported that it is being implemented partially and in 4 municipalities (*Ferizaj, Gracanica, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok*) it is reported that this instruction is not being implemented.

However, if we look at the data presented below we can see that the implementation of the administrative instruction is still not at the proper level, as the results of the public consultation with the report of all proposals provided by citizens with the necessary explanations regarding the reasons for refusal of requests of citizens or other interest groups are published only in 16 municipalities, while in 22 municipalities (*Gjakova, Gjilan, Suhareka, Klina, Junik, Kacanik, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Partesh, Zvecan, Kamenica, Viti, Obiliq, Lipjan, Malisheva, Ranillug, Shtime, Vushtrri, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Zubin Potok*) are not published.

Administrative Instruction (MLGA) No. 06/2018 on minimum consultation standards stipulates that in each municipality, responsible for coordinating the public consultation process is the unit/ official for public communication, in accordance with this so far only 19 municipalities have appointed the responsible official, in 15 municipalities (*Gjilan, Shtime, Ranillug, Mamushë, Zubin Potok, Podujevë, Viti, Istog, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Fushë Kosovë, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Mitrovicë e Veriut*) such an official is not assigned and in 4 municipalities (*Ferizaj, Vushtrri, Novo Brdo, Hani Elezit*) such an official has been appointed in charge of the office for communication with the public.

According to the reported data, from the four northern municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo, 3 municipalities (*Leposaviq, Zubin Potok and North Mitrovica*) have established municipal directorates and have appointed directors of directorates, while in 1 municipality (*Zvecan*) from 13 municipal directorates provided by the statute of the municipality, only 3 municipal directorates have been appointed. Regarding the establishment of citizen service centres in 3 municipalities (*Leposaviq, Zvecan, Zubin Potok*) such centres have not been established while in 1 municipality (*North Mitrovica*) it has been established.

The intranet system within the administrative services provided by the municipality and according to the reports made by the municipalities, is functioning in 4 municipalities (*Zubin Potok, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Zvecan*).

According to the data received from the municipalities, the number of employees of non-majority communities, in 30 municipalities is 462 employees from non-majority communities, in 1 municipality (*Kacanik*) there are no employees of non-majority communities, 3 municipalities (*Glllogoc, Junik, Hani Elezit*) do not have non-majority communities and 4 municipalities (*Ranillug, Mamusha, Gracanica, Peja*) did not provide information.

1.2 Ombudsperson

Increasing the responsibility of the local government towards the requests/recommendations from the Ombudsperson for undertaking concrete actions for the local government remains a priority during 2021, where out of 38 municipalities, there are 12 municipalities (*Gjilan, Lipjan, Ferizaj, Obiliq, Vushtrri, Viti, Zvecan, Partesh, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Skenderaj, North Mitrovica*) which have received 22 requests/recommendations from the Ombudsperson Institution, of which 13 positive responses have been returned and 6 requests are in the process of review.

1.3 Civil society

From the data provided during the reporting we see that the municipalities have continuously supported civil society by providing support and cooperation. From the data received, a significant number of municipalities have provided financial support for NGO projects. A budget in the amount of 2,191,156.34 euros has been allocated in 29 municipalities. while 9 municipalities (*Ranillug, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Strpce, Klllokot, Partesh*) did not allocate a budget. 1027 NGOs with 3405 projects were supported with this financial support.

In order to promote and stimulate the application of civil society in municipal projects, there are 28 municipalities that have undertaken the following actions: *information through local radios, social networks and calls on the municipal website, organization of information meetings on application procedures, providing assistance in completing application documents, equal treatment and non-discrimination of applicants, facilities have been created respectively in providing appropriate infrastructure for project development, close cooperation with NGOs, support for multi-ethnic projects, etc.* Whereas 10 municipalities (*Mamusha, Zubin Potok, Decan, Rahovec, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, Klllokot, Hani Elezit, Partesh*) have not taken any action.

1.4 Fight against corruption and terrorism

One of the objectives which stems from the strategy for the prevention of violent extremism and radicalism that leads to terrorism is to build the capacity of institutions to identify the factors and processes of radicalization early, with the aim of organizing trainings for municipal education officials, teachers, and school management to identify young people who are at risk for extremism in 8 municipalities (*Gjilan, Suhareka, Obiliq, Mamusha, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Prishtina, Prizren*) whereas in 30 municipalities (*Gjakova, Malisheva, Ranillug, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Vushtrri,*

Shtime, Ferizaj, Decan, Dragash, Klina, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Rahovec, Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Istog, Klllokot, Podujeva, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Kamenica, Viti) no training was organized.

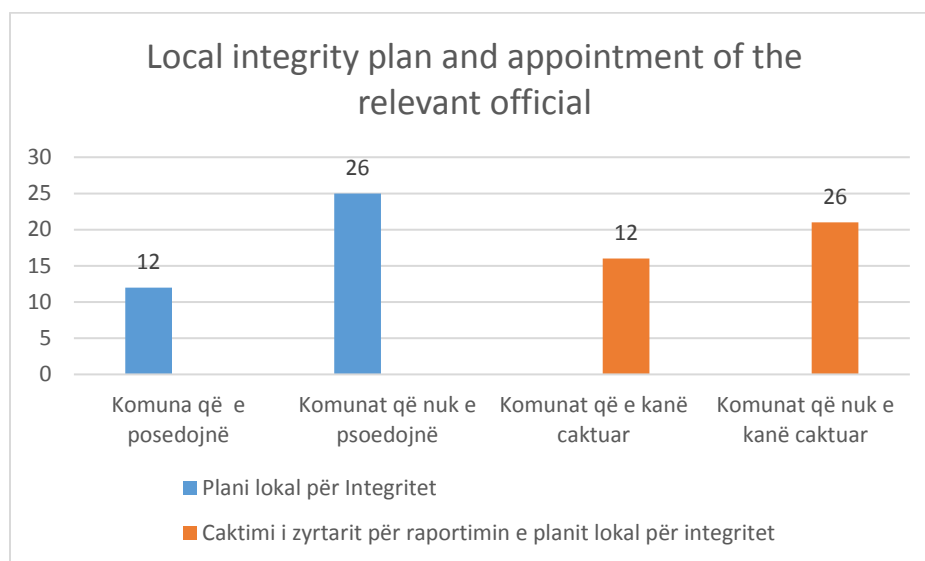
To support and prevent the fight against terrorism, radicalism and violent extremism, there are 7 municipalities (*Gjilan, Ferizaj, Decan, Istog, South Mitrovica, Kamenica, Viti*) which have taken concrete actions to raise public awareness against radicalism such as: *meetings were held with youth, women and educational structures in order to identify the factors that influence the increase of extremism, discussions were also held in the Municipal Community Safety Councils, in some municipalities a Municipal Strategy for the Prevention of Violent Action was drafted, held regular meetings through local councils and imams of local mosques, etc.*, whereas in 31 municipalities (*Gjakova, Malisheva, Ranillug, Suhareka, Mamusha, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Vushtrri, Shtime, Obiliq, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Klina, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Rahovec, Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Klllokot, Podujeva, Prizren, Hani Elezit, Partesh, Podujeva, Viti*) no action has been taken. In 38 municipalities there were no cases reported to the Municipal Community Safety Councils regarding violent extremism and terrorism.

In cooperation with the central level, in 15 municipalities, safe spaces are created in schools for students to ask questions privately about socially sensitive issues or identity with trained practitioners (pedagogue, psychologist, sociologist, etc.) in particular paying attention to the areas most targeted by radicalism while in 23 municipalities (*Gjakovë, Gjilan, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok Vushtrri, Shtime, Mamushë, Pejë, Junik, Rahovec, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Fushë Kosovë, Klllokot, Mitrovicë Jugore, Prishtinë, Prizren, Zveçan, Hani Elezit*) there are no such spaces.

In order to fight corruption, municipalities have consistently reported cases of conflict of interest by municipal officials. During 2021, in 32 municipalities there was no case of conflict of interest by municipal officials and in 6 municipalities (*Gjakova, Shtime, Ferizaj, Glllogoc, South Mitrovica, Prizren*) 7 cases were reported. Regarding the members of the assembly, who have declared a conflict of interest before making decisions in the municipal assembly, there are 3 municipalities (*Podujeva, Fushe Kosova, Laposaviq*) that have declared 4 cases which have presented a conflict of interest.

The Local Integrity Plan has been drafted in 12 municipalities and in 26 municipalities (*Shtime, Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Klina, Gracanica, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Istog, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Prishtina, Partesh, Fushe Kosova, Gjilan, Malisheva*) such plan has not been drafted yet. Most municipalities have not appointed an official reporting on the Local Integrity Plan, out of 38 reporting municipalities only 12 municipalities have appointed the relevant official, while in 26 municipalities (*Gjilan, Shtime, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Junik, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Podujevë, Kamenicë,*

Klllokot, Mitrovicë Jugore, Istog, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Fushë Kosovë) have not yet appointed the relevant official.



Graph 2: Training program and Strategy for communication and public relations

Regarding the implementation of the Law on the Use of Languages, to create access to the service in official languages, there are 33 municipalities which have undertaken actions such as: *organization of trainings, while for Serbian and Albanian language, translation officers have been hired, simulation services are provided through all the official meetings, the materials of the municipal bodies are all translated into the official language, various brochures are distributed for the promotion of language rights for all communities, etc.*, while 5 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Malisheva, Obiliq, Podujeva, Hani Elezit*) have not taken action. As provided in the Law on the Use of Languages as well as in the municipal regulations for official languages, in 33 municipalities the publication of municipal acts in the official languages is done, while in 4 municipalities (*Malisheva, Suhareka, Podujeva, Viti*) the publication of acts is done in part and 1 municipality (*Zubin Potok*) did not provide information.

1.5 Protection and cultural heritage

In the field of cultural heritage, the challenge of municipalities still remains the drafting of municipal plans for the protection of cultural heritage, as according to the data of municipalities are only 6 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Rahovec, Peja, Junik, Skenderaj, Prizren*) that have drafted the plan for cultural heritage.

To raise awareness and promote the protection of cultural heritage 27 municipalities have undertaken the following activities: *awareness campaigns, distribution of various brochures on cultural heritage, organization of museum visits for high school and university students, promotional shows in local media, organization of promotional roundtables of cultural heritage, subsidizing projects for the promotion of cultural heritage by NGOs and individuals, organizing collective painting exhibitions, cooperation with donors in support of the restoration of cultural heritage sites, marking of Cultural Heritage assets, guides,*

renovation of monuments, maps of cultural heritage sites, digital maps, all tourist information panels have been redesigned, books have been published by experts in this field. While in 11 municipalities (Ranillug, Novo Brdo, Mamusha, Klina, Kacanik, Strpce, North Mitrovica, South Mitrovica, Podujeva, Hani Elezit, Viti) there were no activities.

During this period 4 cases of illegal constructions are identified in 3 municipalities (Gjilan, Obiliq, Istog) for which the following measures have been taken: *the Inspectorate for Cultural Heritage has been notified, the works have been stopped until the permission is obtained from the competent bodies where there have been such cases.*

Also, in 17 municipalities, equipment for monitoring the security of cultural heritage sites/Orthodox churches has been installed in 5 municipalities (Suhareka, Obiliq, Novo Brdo, Istog, Kamenica) are partially provided and 16 municipalities (Gjilan, Malisheva, Ranillug, Ferizaj, Vushtrri, Shtime, Rahovec, Junik, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Prishtina, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Viti) do not have the monitoring equipment provided.

4 municipalities (Gjakova, Rahovec, Klina, Strpce) have been signed Memoranda of Understanding on the Duties and Responsibilities for the Maintenance of the Orthodox Churches, 30 municipalities have not signed Memoranda, as well as 4 municipalities (Mamusha, Junik, Dragash, Gllogoc) do not have Orthodox Churches.

For the functioning of the Village Council for Hoca e Madhe, the municipality of Rahovec has provided an office in the municipality for holding meetings and other activities, also for this period a budget has been allocated in the amount of 25,028.00 euros.

For the implementation of the Law on the Historic Centre of Prizren, for the period January-December 2021, the municipality of Prizren has not allocated a budget. There was no illegal construction within the Special Protected Areas in the Municipality of Prizren. The process of legalization of illegally constructed buildings has started and municipal inspectors have been appointed to inspect illegal constructions in the Protected Area of the city. Also, the municipality of Prizren in order to rehabilitate the Lumbardhi riverbed has undertaken activities such as: *protection of the river bed, rehabilitation of city bridges, protection from sewage, cleaning of the river, etc.*

In the Municipality of Fushe Kosova, a feasibility study was conducted for the establishment of the Museum of Nature, which is being built in cooperation with the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.

2. ECONOMIC CRITERIA

2.1 Existence of a functioning market economy

In order to provide the best services to the citizens, it is foreseen the creation of business registration centres (one stop shops) which facilitate the provision of services for businesses

including their registrations, therefore there are 31 municipalities which have functionalized these centres while 7 municipalities (*Malisheva, Mamusha, Zubin Potok, Klllokot, Zvecan, Prishtina, Junik*) have not operationalized these centres.

The number of market inspectors in 30 municipalities is 53, while there are 8 municipalities (*Prishtina, Zvecan, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Obiliq, Zubin Potok, Mamusha*) that do not have a market inspector.

Regarding public hearings on budget planning, in 29 municipalities, 188 public hearings were held, while in 9 municipalities (*Obiliq, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Gracanica, Peja, Kamenica, Klllokot, Partesh, Prishtina*) no public hearing was held.

2.2 Taxes

In order to combat the informal economy 33 municipalities have taken measures such as: *written reprimands, continuous controls, providing the necessary advice to act legally, taking measures against entities that have exercised their activity without being registered, mandatory fines, temporary closure of economic entities, exemption from municipal taxes, etc.* In 5 municipalities (*Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Zvecan*) no action has been taken.

During the period January-December 2021 out of 38 reporting municipalities, 31 municipalities received 348 recommendations from the National Audit Office, of which 188 recommendations are addressed, 67 recommendations are not addressed and the rest of the recommendations are in process. Of these recommendations, 124 are financial recommendations and 30 performance recommendations. To improve local financial management, in 33 municipalities, measures have been taken such as: *written reprimands, continuous controls, provision of necessary advice to act legally, taking measures against entities that have exercised their activity without being registered, mandatory fines, temporary closure of economic entities, exemption from municipal taxes, etc.* In 5 municipalities (*Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Zvecan*) no action has been taken.

The Internal Audit Unit is operational in 30 municipalities, while there are 8 municipalities (*Mamusha, Zubin Potok, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Klllokot, Zvecan, Partesh, Hani Elezit*) which do not yet have this unit functional, in these municipalities the rules and procedures set out in the audit processes have been respected. Regarding the planning of municipal property for local economic development, there are 14 municipalities which have published the register of municipal property, while in 24 municipalities (*Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Malisheva, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Peja, Gracanica, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Klllokot, Partesh, Podujeva, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Kamenica, Viti, Vushtrri, Obiliq, Shtime, Ranillug, Ferizaj, Suhareka, Lipjan*) the municipal register has not been published.

2.3 Enterprises and industry policies

In 9 municipalities, the functionalization of economic zones has been done, while in 24 municipalities (*Gjakova, Gjilan, Vushtrri, Ranillug Malisheva, Obiliq, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Zubin Potok, Decan, Klina, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Laposaviq, North Mitrovica, Klllokot, Podujeva, Zvecan, Kamenica, Viti, Partesh, Prishtina*) economic zones have not been functionalized yet, in 1 municipality (*Suhareka*) it has been partially done and in 4 municipalities (*Novo Brdo, Fushe Kosova, Istog, Hani Elezit*) there are no economic zones.

3 EUROPEAN STANDARDS

3.1 Agriculture and rural development

In the agricultural sector, the drafting of documents for further regulation of agricultural lands remains a significant challenge as only 7 municipalities (*Lipjan, Gjakova, Kamenica, Prizren, Prishtina, Junik, Glllogoc*) have drafted the Curriculum for Agriculture and Rural Development, while the Plan for Rural Land Management is drafted in only 3 municipalities (*Kamenica, Istog, Podujeva*).

During the period January-December 2021, in 21 municipalities, 481 requests for change of land use were submitted, while in 17 municipalities (*Gjilan, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Suhareka, Mamusha, Klina, Rahovec, Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Zvecan, Partesh, Prishtina*) there were no requests submitted, in addition to these requests, 361 decisions were issued.

Regarding the further consolidation of municipal information advisory centres for agriculture and rural development, in 29 municipalities, information centres are operational, while in 9 municipalities (*Zubin Potok, Kacanik, Peja, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan*) have not yet been functionalized. To support farmers in the cultivation of agriculture, there are 23 municipalities which have provided support to 4466 farmers in sectors such as: *livestock, horticulture, vegetables, poultry etc.*, while 15 municipalities (*Shtime, Malisheva, Mamusha, Vushtrri, Ranillug, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Klina, Junik, Rahovec, Laposaviq, North Mitrovica, Klllokot*) have not provided support to farmers.

For the protection of agricultural lands and the promotion of the importance of agricultural lands, 10 municipalities (*Lipjan, South Mitrovica, Glllogoc, Gracanice, Strpce, Peja, Junik, Suhareka, Obiliq, Ferizaj*) have undertaken awareness campaigns/trainings, while 28 municipalities have not held any campaigns.

There are 8 municipalities which have agricultural inspectors, while there are 30 municipalities (*Gjilan, Vushtrri, Malisheva, Ranillug, Suhareka, Obiliq, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Glogoc, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Istog, Kllokot, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Podujeva, Prishtina, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Kamenica, Viti*) which do not yet have agricultural inspectors. In most municipalities where there is no agricultural inspector in these cases the inspections are performed by the sanitary inspector, regional inspector, veterinary inspector, construction inspector, inspectors from the KVFA Regional Office, from the central level and the agricultural coordinator. The number of agricultural inspections in 12 municipalities is 1921 while in 26 municipalities (*Gjilan Ferizaj Obiliq, Ranillug, Zubin Potok Suhareka, Malisheva, Mamusha, Dragash, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Glogoc, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Istog, Zvecan, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Hani Elezit, Lipjan, Vushtrri*) there were no inspections. In 10 municipalities the number of submitted applications is 294, in 28 municipalities (*Obiliq, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Suhareka, Malisheva, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Decan, Dragash, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Glogoc, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Kllokot, Zvecan, Podujeva, Partesh, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Hani Elezit*) there was no application submitted.

3.2 Energy

In order to implement the obligations arising from the SAA, municipalities have continuously made further developments in policies in the field of energy efficiency. The drafting of municipal energy efficiency plans is one of the progress which is also specified in the EC report on Kosovo because so far there are 30 municipalities that have drafted the energy efficiency plan, while only 8 municipalities (*Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Peja, Gracanica, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Malisheva*) still do not have this plan. In order to implement this plan, municipalities have developed a large number of projects mainly in school facilities and in the Main Family Medicine Centres as well as in other public facilities of the municipality.

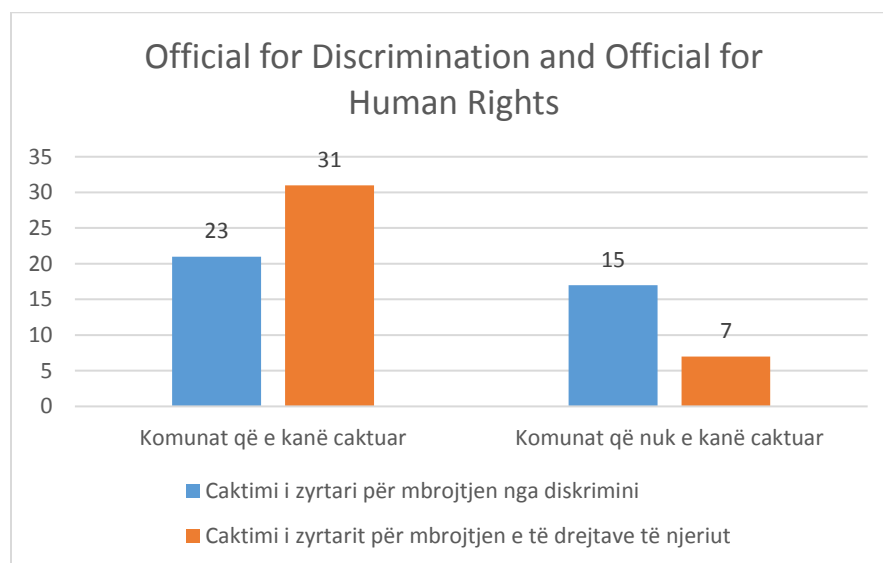
3.3 Statistics

According to Law no. 03/L-237 on population and housing census, 9 municipalities have started preparations for the population census, while in 29 municipalities (*Shtime, Malisheva, Suhareka, Mamusha, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Gjakova, Vushtrri, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Kacanik, Peja, Rahovec, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kllokot, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Kamenica, Viti, Ranillug*) preparations have not yet begun.

3.4 Judiciary and fundamental rights

In the framework of the law on protection against discrimination, municipalities are obliged to appoint the relevant unit or official to coordinate and report the implementation of this law and according to official data we can see that so far 23 municipalities have appointed the officer for

protection against discrimination, while 15 municipalities (*Ranillug, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Klinë, Kaçanik, Deçan, Junik, Glogoc, Leposaviq, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Fushë Kosovë*) have not yet appointed. As for the relevant officer for the protection of human rights, there are 31 municipalities that have appointed these officials, while in 7 municipalities (*Shtime, Malisheva, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Glogoc, Leposaviq, Decan*) have not been assigned yet.



Graph 3: Appointment of an official for protection from discrimination and an official for protection of human rights

Municipalities have continued their activities in the field of protection of human rights, where in 19 municipalities have been developed activities for the promotion and protection of human rights such as: *lectures in schools, information and counselling sessions, awareness campaigns, meetings with society, brochures and information on the prevention of this phenomenon were distributed, etc*, while in 19 municipalities (*Suhareka, Vushtrri, Ranillug, Novo Brdo, Decan, Klinë, Peja, Junik, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok, Klllokot, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Zvecan, Hani Elezi, Viti*) there were no activities. Budget funds in the amount of 48,500.00 Euros have been allocated in 10 municipalities for the development of activities in the field of human rights.

Regarding the publications for informing the citizens about their rights which they can exercise in the competent institutions, there are 15 municipalities which have published the announcements on the website of the municipalities, while in 23 municipalities (*Gjakova, Gjiçan, Vushtrri, Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Malisheva, Shtime, Ranillug, Obiliq, Ferizaj, Suhareka, Istog, Klllokot, Prizren, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Viti, Fushe Kosova*) have not been published.

Another finding from the EC report on Kosovo was the drafting of the Strategy and Action Plan against domestic violence, which strategy was drafted only in 3 municipalities (*Dragash, Viti, Mitrovicë Jugore*). In 21 municipalities 1010 cases of violence were reported, while in 17 municipalities (*Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Klllokot, Partesh, Podujeva, Kamenica, Decan,*

Dragash, Junik, Gracanica, Strpce, Vushtrri, Shtime, North Mitrovica, Peja) there have been no reported cases of violence. Municipalities have reported that they have taken action and provided support to the reported cases. In order to increase public awareness about domestic violence, there are 29 municipalities which have taken measures / actions against victims of domestic violence in accordance with the law on protection from domestic violence, such as: *raising of citizens' awareness on the consequences of domestic violence, social counselling, awareness campaigns, trainings, distributed brochures, etc.* whereas in 9 municipalities (*Novobërdë, Shtime, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Klllokot*) no action was taken.

Regarding the establishment of the municipal council for the protection of victims of domestic violence on the basis of gender, in 20 municipalities this council has been established, while in 18 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Ranillug, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Klina, Peja, Junik, Skenderaj, Gracanica, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, Klllokot, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan*) have not yet been established.

Continuous efforts have been made by municipalities to support the implementation of gender policies, according to data in 37 municipalities the number of women in managerial positions is 2250, while for 1 municipality (*North Mitrovica*) no data has been provided. In the local public administration, including the municipal assembly in 36 municipalities, 4002 women are included, while 2 municipalities (*Peja and North Mitrovica*) did not provide data. Regarding the statistical (gender) report of the directors of municipal directorates, in 28 municipalities out of 297 municipal directorates functionalized by them, there are 84 municipal directorates headed by women and 213 municipal directorates headed by men, while 10 municipalities (*Ranillug, Podujeva, Partesh, Decani, Dragash, Rahovec, Peja, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Strpce*) have not provided information.

Regarding the implementation of women's property rights, 26 municipalities have taken actions in order to raise awareness and improve women's property rights: *activities have been conducted with women in rural areas, exemption of women from municipal taxes for property registration, joint meetings with women groups and workshops, posters and leaflets were distributed, posters were placed in places frequented, awareness campaigns were organized regarding the Administrative Instruction (GRK) no. 02/2020 on special measures for the registration of joint immovable property in the name of both spouses* and in 12 municipalities (*Gjakova, Zubin Potok, Shtime, Suhareka, Obiliq, Strpce, Peja, North Mitrovica, Istog, South Mitrovica, Zvecan, Hani Elezit*) no action has been taken. 3380 properties are registered in the name of both spouses in 25 municipalities, while in 13 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Ranillug, Decan, Peja, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Zubin Potok, Gracanica*) no information was provided.

Another challenge identified by the European Commission report on the local level of government is the implementation of the law on child protection, a significant number of municipalities have shown their challenges and difficulties in implementing this law as: *lack of financial means, lack of professional staff, low number of public hearings, etc.* Awareness raising campaigns were organized in 19 municipalities to raise awareness of this law, while 19

municipalities (*Shtime, Ranillug, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Kacanik, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, Rahovec, Peja, North Mitrovica, Istog, Klllokot, Partesh, Zvecan, Hani Elezit*) have not conducted any campaign. There are only 3 municipalities (*Lipjan, Klina, Glllogoc*) which have allocated funds for the development and maintenance of child protection services. Relevant child protection officers have been appointed in 19 municipalities, while in 19 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Suhareka, Ferizaj, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Leposaviq, Peja, Klina, North Mitrovica, South Mitrovica, Istog, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Prishtina, Partesh, Fushe Kosova*) have not yet been appointed.

To strengthen the local level in the fight against trafficking in human beings, in 2 municipalities (*Novo Brdo, Prizren*) have opened and operationalized shelters for victims of trafficking in human beings and in 3 municipalities (*Suhareka, Malisheva, Shtime*) shelters are open in regional level. Budget support was provided from 12 municipalities to support the shelters (*Shtime, Malisheva, Suhareka, Obiliq, Ferizaj, Fushe Kosova, Hani Elezit, Viti, Dragash, Klina, Kacanik, Peja*).

During the period January-December 2021, in 4 municipalities (*Shtime, Fushe Kosova, South Mitrovica and Viti*) 9 cases of housing and compensation of victims of trafficking were presented, for which assistance was provided by the municipalities. As for the approval of the three-year plan for social housing, it has been drafted in 9 municipalities while there are 29 municipalities (*Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Istog, Prizren, Zvecan, Prishtina, Partesh, Hani Elezit, Dragash, Klina, Peja, Junik, Rahovec, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Gjilan, Vushtrri, Malisheva, Ranillug, Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Lipjan, Ferizaj, Shtime, Obiliq*) which have not yet drafted this plan.

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has been functionalized in 18 municipalities, while in 20 municipalities (*Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamusha, Lipjan, Novo Brdo, Decan, Dragash, Klina, Peja, Skenderaj, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, Klllokot, Istog, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan, Partesh*) has not yet been functionalized. Regarding free legal aid for all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, in 6 regions (*Gjakova, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Peja, South Mitrovica, Prizren*) regional offices for free legal aid are functional, while in 1 municipality (*Prishtina*) this office is not functional. While mobile offices for free legal aid as a form of organization of legal services, have been established in 16 municipalities and 15 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Malisheva, Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Rahovec, Klina, Kacanik, Junik, Strpce, Klllokot, Zvecan, Partesh,*) have not yet been established. The number of persons who have requested free legal aid in these offices is 1535.

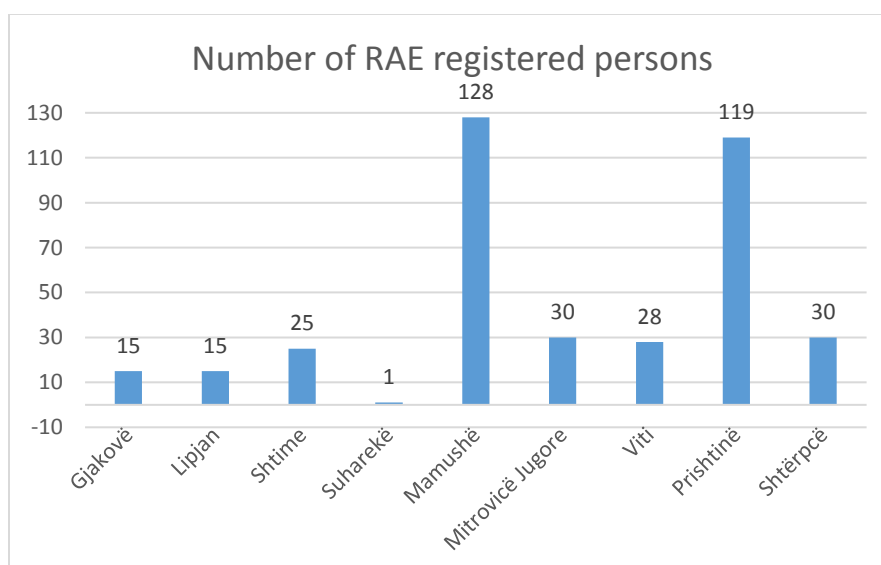
3.5 Protection of minorities

For the implementation of the Strategy for the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities, a local committee has been established in 15 municipalities, while in 16 municipalities (*Gjilan, Malisheva, Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South*

Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan) has not been established. As well as in 7 municipalities (*Skenderaj, Glllogoc, Junik, Dragash, Kacanik, Partesh, Hani Elezit*) there are no Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities.

In 12 municipalities, the Local Action Plan for the Integration of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Communities has been approved, while in 19 municipalities (*Malisheva, Ranillug, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Suhareka, Peja, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Podujeva, Obiliq, Mamusha, Gjilan, Zvecan, Lipjan*) has not been drafted yet and in 7 municipalities (*Skenderaj, Dragash, Junik, Glllogoc, Kacanik, Partesh, Hani Elezit*) there are no Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities.

During the period January-December 2021, in 9 municipalities the number of registered persons from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities is 391. For the realization of free registration campaigns of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in 9 municipalities registration campaigns were carried out, while in 22 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Gjakova, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Malisheva, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, Rahovec, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, Klllokot, Istog, Zvecan, Podujeva, Fushe Kosova, Viti, South Mitrovica, Prishtina, Peja*) no campaigns were conducted and in 7 municipalities (*Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Dragash, Junik, Partesh, Hani Elezit, Kacanik*) there are no Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities.



Graph 4: Number of RAE registered persons

3.6 Justice, freedom and safety

One of the challenges of the EC report on Kosovo is the drafting of the Local Action Plan for Reintegration for which plan, there are 24 municipalities that have managed to draft it while 14 municipalities (*Malisheva, Ranillug, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North*

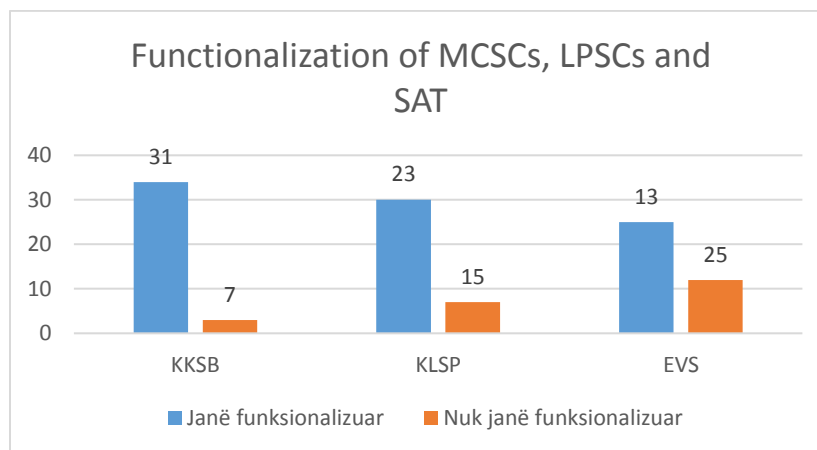
Mitrovica, South Mitrovica, Klllokot, Prizren, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Ferizaj) have not yet drafted it. Also, for the period January-December 2021, a budget has been allocated for reintegrated persons only in 4 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Suhareka, Gjakova, Gracanica*).

3.7 Border management and migration

Providing return opportunities for displaced persons, and support from the local level has continued during this period. In 24 municipalities the number of displaced persons is 1701 while in 14 municipalities (*Gjakova, Gjilan, Shtime, Ferizaj, Vushtrri, Malisheva, Kacanik, Skenderaj, Laposaviq, South Mitrovica, Klllokot, Zvecan, Partesh and Hani i Elezit*) there were no displaced persons. For returnees in 6 municipalities (*Gjakova, Obiliq, Klina, Strpce, Peja, Kamenica*) 31 houses have been built.

Regarding the application for assistance from the reintegration fund, in 18 municipalities, the number of applications is 189, while the number of applications for business development by repatriated persons in 18 municipalities is 173. The establishment of the database for displaced persons has been completed in 20 municipalities while 18 municipalities (*Gjakova, Vushtrri, Shtime, Malisheva, Ranillug, Ferizaj, Zubin Potok, Kacanik, Peja, Rahovec, Laposaviq, North Mitrovica, Klllokot, Partesh, Prizren, Zvecan, Hani Elezit, Viti*) have not established it yet.

MCSCs are operational in 31 municipalities and have held 115 meetings, while in 7 municipalities (*Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Gracanica, Laposaviq, North Mitrovica, Istog, Zvecan*) are not functional. The Local Council for Public Safety is functional in 23 municipalities and 72 meetings of LPSCs were held, while in 15 municipalities (*Shtime, Novobërdë, Junik, Skenderaj, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Zveçan, Hani Elezit, Mitrovicë Jugore, Ranillug, Graçanicë, Pejë, Prishtinë, Gjakovë, Zubin Potok*) are not functional. The Security Action Team is operational in 13 municipalities and 39 SAT meetings were held, while in 25 municipalities (*Gjakova, Shtime, Novo Brdo, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Mamusha, Decan, Klina, Kacanik, Peja, Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Gracanica, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, South Mitrovica, Klllokot, Istog, Zvecan, Prizren, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Hani Elezit*) are not functional.



Graph 3: Functionalization of MCSCs, LPSCs and SATs

Village councils have been established and are operational in 25 municipalities, while in 11 municipalities (*Dragash, Klina, Junik, Skenderaj, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Istog, Zvecan, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova*) have not been established as well as in 2 municipalities (*Ranillug, Mamusha*) no information was provided.

3.8 Education and culture

The development of the education system and the capacity building in inclusive education have continued in the municipalities, for which issue 20 municipalities have organized 186 trainings with 4407 trained teachers while 18 municipalities (*Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Malisheva, Klina, Kacanik, Peja, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, Viti, Klllokot, Zvecan, Partesh, Prizren, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova*) have not organized trainings.

The number of functional kindergartens in 35 municipalities is 155 while in 2 municipalities (*Mamusha, Novo Brdo*) there are no functioning kindergartens, and 1 municipality (*North Mitrovica*) did not provide information.

As for increasing the level of participation of children in preschool education institutions, in 33 municipalities the number of children aged 0-5 years attending education and early childhood care is 7849 children while in 2 municipalities (*Mamusha, Novo Brdo*) there are no children included in the kindergarten aged 0-5 years, as well as 3 municipalities (*North Mitrovica, Partesh, Zubin Potok*) have not provided information. The number of children with special needs who are included in kindergartens in 28 municipalities is 454 and in 9 municipalities (*Novo Brdo, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Mamusha, Dragash, Skenderaj, Klllokot, Podujeva, Partesh*) do not have children with special needs who are included in preschool education institutions. As well as 1 municipality (*North Mitrovica*) did not provide information.

In 4 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Peja, Istog, Prizren*) the non-majority community continues to face challenges mainly due to the lack of textbooks, for which cases municipalities have raised concerns in relevant institutions. The number of cases of dropout from the non-majority community in 8 municipalities (*Lipjan, Ferizaj, Obiliq, Istog, Prizren, Rahovec, Peja, Gracanica*) is 140 while 30 municipalities have not had any cases.

In order to raise awareness of the education of children from the non-majority community, there are 14 municipalities that have conducted awareness campaigns with parents on the importance of enrolling children from minority communities in schools and other projects have been developed in cooperation with the NGO "Balkan Sunflowers", NGO "Zëri romve and NGO "VORAE" while in 19 municipalities (*Gjakova, Malisheva, Ranillug, Suhareka, Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Kacanik, Skenderaj, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosova, Klllokot, South Mitrovica, Zvecan, Kamenica*) no project has been developed and 5 municipalities (*Glllogoc, Junik, Partesh, Hani Elezit, Viti*) do not have non-majority communities.

The action plan for prevention of dropout and non-registration of education for non-majority communities (Roma and Ashkali) is drafted in only 2 municipalities (*Rahovec, Fushe Kosova*). There are 26 municipalities that have formed action teams to prevent dropout of students in schools and in 12 municipalities (*Gjilan, Vushtrri, Malisheva, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Graçanica, Laposaviq, Junik, North Mitrovica, Partesh, Prizren, Zvecan*) such teams have not yet been established.

3.9 Environment

Municipalities remain committed to the preservation and protection of the environment as well as the waste management system, in order to implement the Law on Environmental Protection 27 municipalities have drafted a plan for municipal waste management while 11 municipalities (*Gjilan, Vushtrri, Malishevë, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Mitrovica e Veriut, Partesh, Zveçan, Klinë*) have not yet drafted this plan. Municipalities that are constantly facing challenges in the implementation of the Law on Environmental Protection and the implementation of the Municipal Waste Management Plan due to *insufficient funds, lack of awareness of citizens, lack of payments by citizens, small number of inspections, lack of enterprises, inadequate staff for the respective field, lack of sufficient technical equipment for the company that manages waste, etc.*

In order to promote and protect the environment, 36 campaigns were conducted in 11 municipalities, while 27 municipalities (*Lipjan, Vushtrri, Gjakova, Shtime, Novo Brdo, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Suhareka, Malisheva, Ferizaj, Decan, Dragash, Klina, Kacanik, Peja, Junik, Rahovec, Laposaviq, Strpce, South Mitrovica, Klllokot, Istog, Zvecan, Podujeva, Partesh Prishtina, Hani Elezit*) have not conducted any campaign. Drafting an action plan for air quality remains a significant challenge for municipalities where only 1 municipality (*Glllogoc*) has drafted this plan.

The number of illegal landfills in 33 municipalities is 1110 while 4 municipalities (*Zubin Potok, Junik, Decan, Strpce*) did not provide information and 1 municipality (*Partesh*) has no illegal landfill.

3.10 Consumer and public health protection

In the field of maternal and child health, there are 20 municipalities that have organized awareness campaigns, while in 18 municipalities (*Gjakova, Shtime, Ranillug, Ferizaj, Novo Brdo, Malisheva, Mamusha, Decan, Junik, Glllogoc, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Klllokot, Partesh, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan*) no campaign has been organized. During the period January-December 2021, 60 trainings on maternal and child health were held in 17 municipalities and in 21 municipalities (*Gjakova, Shtime, Novo Brdo, Ranillug, Malisheva, Mamusha, Decan, Klina, Kacanik, Rahovec, Glllogoc, Laposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, Klllokot, Zvecan, Podujeva, Partesh, Prizren, Fushe Kosova*) no training was conducted.

While for the implementation of the law against tobacco, in 17 municipalities, 1199 inspections were made while in 21 municipalities (*Vushtrri, Gjakovë, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Suharekë, Malishevë, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Skenderaj, Rahovec, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Mitrovicë e Veriut,*

Mitrovicë, Viti, Zveçan, Podujevë, Prizren, Prishtinë, Fushë Kosovë) there were no inspections. Within the inspections made, the number of fines imposed in 7 municipalities (*Klina, Kacanik, Skenderaj, Kamenica, Istog, Prizren, Gjakova*) is 90.

4 ACTIONS TAKEN BY MUNICIPALITIES IN THE CASE OF COVID -19

In order to implement the decisions of the Government, recommendations from the Ministry of Health, National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo for the preservation of public health, there are 23 municipalities that have imposed 1665 fines for non-implementation of measures and in 15 municipalities (*Gjakova, Zubin, Potok, Mamusha, Rahovec, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Viti, Zvecan, Podujeva, Partesh, Prishtina, Fushe Kosova, Hani Elezit*) no fines were imposed as the recommended measures were followed.

Municipalities have played an active role in taking measures to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic, where in 37 municipalities: *municipal emergency headquarters were established, all facilities were disinfected, disinfection tunnels were installed, measures and recommendations were implemented by the MoH, health care was provided to persons affected by COVID 19, assistance was provided to families in need, village administrators were activated, tents were set up for preliminary control for persons with pandemic virus symptoms, contributions were provided to public companies with anti-virus equipment, a series of online lectures with doctors in various fields, serological tests were performed, citizens were vaccinated according to the state plan drafted by the MoH and NIPH, etc., while 1 municipality (North Mitrovica) did not provide data.*

For the management of the COVID-19 pandemic in 26 municipalities, 1,706,949.00 euros were allocated funds, in 8 municipalities (*Malisheva, Novo Brdo, Fushe Kosova, Kllokot, Prizren, Kamenica, Viti, Partesh*) no funds were allocated and 4 municipalities (*Rahovec, Strpce, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok*) did not provide information. Also, almost all municipalities have been supported by other donors such as: *USAID, UNICEF, OSBE, IOM, ROMACTED, UNMIK, KFOR, AQH, NGOs, Islamic Community of Kosovo, Save the Children, Caritas, Red Cross and many other private donors.*

There are 28 municipalities which in the prevention of the pandemic have encountered challenges such as: *lack of protective equipment, small number of tests, limited medical staff, lack of financial means, lack of essential medicines, delays in starting mass vaccination of citizens, the procedure for applying for vaccination by citizens only through the government portal E-Kosovo being a challenge for the elderly, the reluctance of citizens for vaccination against anticovid 19, etc., while in 10 municipalities (Mamusha, Novo Brdo, Partesh, Zvecan, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Rahovec, Glllogoc, Gracanica, North Mitrovica) there were no challenges.*

Coping with the COVID-19 pandemic has also affected the exercise of business activities for which 704 businesses have been closed in 21 municipalities. In order to support businesses, 8 municipalities (*Gjilan, Vushtrri, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Skenderaj, Rahovec, Junik, Kamenica*) have allocated

funds in the amount of 584,351.00 euros for subsidizing businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the data extracted from the individual reports of the municipalities in this report, the MLGA recommends as follows:

- **Draft a Strategy for Communication and Public Relations in the following municipalities:** *Gjilan, Shtime, Ranillug, Suharekë, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Dragash, Kaçanik, Junik, Glogoc, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë;*
- **Draft a Strategy against Domestic Violence in the following municipalities:** *Gjakovë, Gjilan, Vushtrri, Shtime, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Junik, Rahovec, Glogoc, Skenderaj, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Kllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë, Hani Elezit, Obiliq, Lipjan*
- **Draft a Local Plan for Integrity in the following municipalities:** *Shtime, Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Klinë, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë, Gjilan, Malishevë;*
- **Draft a three-year plan for social housing in the following municipalities:** *Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Istog, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Hani Elezit, Dragash, Klinë, Pejë, Junik, Rahovec, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Gjilan, Vushtrri, Malishevë, Ranillug, Mamushë, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Lipjan, Ferizaj, Obiliq;*
- **Draft a Plan for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the following municipalities:** *Gjakovë, Gjilan, Shtime, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Kaçanik, Glogoc, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë, Hani Elezit;*
- **Draft a Program Plan for Agriculture and Rural Development in the following municipalities:** *Vushtrri, Shtime, Mamushë, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Obiliq, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Rahovec, Skenderaj, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Zveçan, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë, Hani Elezit, Gjilan;*
- **Draft a Plan for Rural Land Management in the following municipalities** *Gjakovë, Suharekë, Vushtrri, Malishevë, Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Junik, Rahovec, Glogoc, Skenderaj, Graçanicë, Laposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë, Hani Elezit, Gjilan, Shtime;*

- **Draft an Energy Efficiency Plan in the following municipalities:** *Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Pejë, Graçanicë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Fushë Kosovë, Malishevë;*
- **Draft a Waste Management Plan in the following municipalities:** *Gjilan, Vushtrri, Malishevë, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Mitrovica e Veriut, Partesh, Zveçan, Klinë;;*
- **Draft a Local Action Plan for the Integration of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Communities in the following municipalities:** *Malishevë, Ranillug, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Suharekë, Pejë, Leposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriu, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Podujevë, Obiliq, Mamushë, Gjilan, Zveçan, Lipjan;*
- **Draft an Action Plan for Air Quality in the following municipalities:** *Gjakovë, Gjilan, Mamushë, Vushtrri, Shtime, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Obiliq, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Junik, Rahovec, Skenderaj, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Viti, Kllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë, Hani Elezit;*
- **Establish and operationalize Municipal Community Safety Councils (MCSCs) in the following municipalities:** *Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Istog, Zveçan* **Establish and operationalize Local Public Safety Councils (LCPS) in the following municipalities:** *Shtime, Novobërdë, Junik, Skenderaj, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Zveçan, Hani Elezit, Mitrovicë Jugore, Ranillug, Graçanicë, Pejë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Prishtinë, Gjakovë, Zubin Potok;*
- **Establish and operationalize Security Action Team (SAT) in the following municipalities:** *Gjakovë, Shtime, Novobërdë, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Mamushë, Deçan, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Mitrovicë Jugore, Kllokot, Istog, Zveçan, Prizren, Prishtinë, Fushë Kosovë, Hani Elezit;*
- **Establish Village Councils in the following municipalities:** *Dragash, Klinë, Junik, Skenderaj, Leposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Istog, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Fushë Kosovë;*
- **Appoint an official for protection against discrimination in the following municipalities:** *Ranillug, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Klinë, Kaçanik, Deçan, Junik, Glllogoc, Leposaviq, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Kamenicë, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Fushë Kosovë;*
- **Appoint an official who reports on the integrity plan in the following municipalities:** *Gjilan, Shtime, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Deçan, Dragash, Klinë, Junik,, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Shtërpçë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Podujevë, Kamenicë, Kllokot, Mitrovicë Jugore, Istog, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Fushë Kosovë;*
- **Appoint the relevant child protection official in the following municipalities:** *Vushtrri, Suharekë, Ferizaj, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Dragash, Leposaviq, Pejë, Klinë, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Mitrovicë Jugore, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Partesh, Fushë Kosovë;*
- **Establish one-stop shops for business registration in the following municipalities:** *Malishevë, Mamushë, Zubin Potok, Kllokot, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Junik;*
- **To draft the annual communication plan in the municipalities:** *Gjilan, Shtime, Ranillug, Suhareka, Obiliq, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Novoberde, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Kacanik, Peja, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Shterpce, North Mitrovica, Kllokot, Istog, Podujeva, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtina, Partesh, Fushe Kosova, Malisheva, Gjakova, Vushtrri.*

- **To make functional the advisory committee for persons with disabilities in the municipalities:** *Ranillug, Obiliq, Mamushe, Lipjan, Novoberde, Decan, Dragash, Kline, Peje, Skenderaj, Leposaviq, Shterpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenice, Klllokot, Istog, Podujeve, Prizren, Zvecan, Partesh;*
- **To establish a local committee for the implementation of the Strategy for the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in the municipalities:** *Gjilan, Malisheve, Mamushe, Novoberde, Zubin Potok, Gracanice, Leposaviq, Shterpce, North Mitrovica, Kamenice, South Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Podujeve, Prizren, Zvecan;*
- **To carry out campaigns for free registration of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in municipalities:** *Vushtrri, Gjakove, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Malisheve, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Gracanice, Leposaviq, Shterpce, Rahovec, North Mitrovica, Kamenice, Klllokot, Istog, Zvecan, Podujeve, Fushe Kosove, Viti, South Mitrovica, Prishtine, Peje;*
- **To develop an action plan to prevent dropout and non-enrollment in school of non-majority communities (Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian) in municipalities:** *Gjilan, Vushtrri, Shtime, Malishevë, Ranillug, Suharekë, Mamushë, Lipjan, Novobërdë, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Klinë, Pejë, Skenderaj, Graçanicë, Leposaviq, Shtërpçë, North Mitrovica,, Kamenicë, South Mitrovica, Viti, Klllokot, Istog, Podujevë, Prizren, Zveçan, Prishtinë, Gjakovë, Obiliq, Ferizaj,*
- **To establish a municipal council for the protection of victims of domestic violence on the basis of gender, in municipalities:** *Vushtrri, Ranillug, Mamusha, Ferizaj, Novoberde, Zubin Potok, Decan, Kline, Peje, Junik, Skenderaj, Gracanica, North Mitrovica, Kamenica, Klllokot, Podujeve, Prizren, Zvecan;*
- **To take action to raise public awareness against radicalization in municipalities:** *Gjakove, Malisheve, Ranillug, Suhareke, Mamushe, Lipjan, Novoberde, Vushtrri, Shtime, Obiliq, Zubin Potok, Dragash, Kline, Kacanik, Peje, Junik, Rahovec, Glllogoc, Skenderaj, Gracanice, Leposaviq, Shterpce, North Mitrovica, Fushe Kosove, Klllokot, Podujeve, Prizren, Hani Elezit, Partesh, Viti;*
- **To make economic zones functional in municipalities:** *Gjakovë, Gjilan, Vushtrri, Ranillug, Malishevë, Obiliq, Mamushë, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Zubin Potok, Deçan, Klinë, Kaçanik, Pejë, Junik, Leposaviq, Mitrovicë e Veriut, Klllokot, Podujevë, Zveçan, Kamenicë, Viti, Partesh, Prishtinë, Suharekë;*
- **To operate municipal advisory information centers for agriculture and rural development in municipalities:** *Zubin Potok, Kacanik, Peja, Leposaviq, Shterpca, North Mitrovica, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan;*
- **To provide support to farmers for agricultural cultivation in municipalities:** *Shtime, Malisheva, Mamusha, Vushtrri, Ranillug, Novoberde, Zubin Potok, Decan, Dragash, Kline, Junik, Rahovec, Leposaviq, North Mitrovica, Klllokot;*
- **To undertake activities for the promotion and protection of human rights in municipalities:** *Suhareka, Vushtrri, Ranillug, Novoberde, Decan, Klina, Peja, Junik, Gracanica, Leposaviq, Shterpca, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok, Klllokot, South Mitrovica, Partesh, Zvecan, Hani Elezi, Viti;*

- **To develop campaigns for promotion and protection of the environment in municipalities:** *Lipjan, Vushtrri, Gjakova, Shtime, Novoberde, Ranillug, Zubin Potok, Suhareka, Malisheva, Ferizaj, Decan, Dragash, Kline, Kacanik, Peje, Junik, Rahovec, Laposaviq, Shterpca, South Mitrovica, Kllokot, Istog, Zvecan, Podujeva, Partesh Prishtina, Hani Elezit;*
- **To organize campaigns for the well-being of the mother and the child, in municipalities:** *Gjakove, Shtime, Ranillug, Ferizaj, Novoberde, Malisheva, Mamusha, Decan, Junik, Glllogoc, Laposaviq, Shterpca, North Mitrovica, Kllokot, Partesh, Podujeva, Prizren, Zvecan;*