

# KOSOVO<sup>1</sup>

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## KAMENICA

*Theme covered: Effective participation/Media*

*Affected minorities: Non majority communities*

**Main objective:** To improve the cohesion, dialogue, interactive engagement, diversity empowerment and effective participation in the decision-making process between majority and non-majority communities.

**Main activities:**

- Production of municipal bi-monthly bulletin in minority languages focused at promoting tolerance, intercultural dialogue and cultural pluralism in the municipality in three languages;
- Organizing event on national traditional food aimed at maintaining and preserving elements of national cultural minority identity;
- Essay competition on human rights issues, followed by publication and distribution of a booklet in Albanian and Serbian languages compiling selected essays;
- Organize different roundtables, aiming to combat discrimination;
- Organize a visit between the municipality of Novo Berdo/Novoberde and Ranilug/Ranillug to exchange experiences and best practices on minority protection;
- Organize two-day training for members of the Committee for Communities to develop a strategy on minority priority infrastructure projects.

**Expected results:**

- Contacts and communication are increased among key stakeholders (civil society organizations, municipality, local communities and school communities etc.) and effective participation is reached;
- Cultural life in Kamenice/Kamenica municipality is promoted through the implementation of different local cultural activities;
- Effective participation, collaboration and communication are achieved in the decision making processes through a developed strategy for fundraising and improved infrastructure meeting the needs of the minority communities;
- Educative activities are developed in terms of the effective interactive learning process among minority communities.

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<sup>1</sup> “This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence”

## LEPOSAVIC

*Theme covered: Effective participation*

*Affected minorities: Non majority communities*

**Main objective:** To support the local government of the Municipality of Leposavic in enhancing policies and capacity for implementation of the recommendations on cultural development of minority groups.

**Main activities:**

- Inter-Ethnic Community Dialogue Establishment;
- Workshop for municipal authorities and ethnic representatives: Minority rights and cultural development;
- Round Table Debates on (i) Relations between majority and minority groups in the Leposavić Municipality (ii) Cultural rights of minorities in the Leposavić Municipality and (iii) Milestones, needs for equal cultural development in the Leposavić Municipality;
- Drafting and approval of the “Strategy for coordinated cultural development of ethnic groups in the Leposavić Municipality”;
- Minority cultural rights promotion;
- Organisation of an Ethno Fair/ exhibition of a diverse range of traditional arts crafts, handicrafts, antiques, medicinal herb-based products, souvenirs, healthy foods and beverages as ethnic-cultural features;
- Youth inter-ethnic cultural trainings.

**Expected results:**

- Cooperation between ethnic communities’ representatives of the Leposavić Municipality established;
- Representatives of ethnic groups impacted decision-making process concerning minority rights position enhancement;
- Broader community deepen their multicultural understanding and knowledge on various ethnic groups living in the Leposavić Municipality.

## RAHOVEC

*Theme covered: Culture/Non-discrimination*

*Affected minorities: Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians*

**Main objective:** To improve the economic potential of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian community members by improving their occupational opportunities.

**Main activities:**

- Implementation of the Local Action Plan for Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities;
- Organization of a three-month vocational training, including skills such as hairdressing and house-decorating;
- In-kind donations will be provided to the participants, up to the value of 2,000 Euro,

- in the form of vocation related equipment;
- Production of informative brochures on the minorities rights

***Expected results:***

- Activities foreseen in the local action plan implemented;
- Improvement of skills of the business individuals aiming to enhance their business prospects and improve their future economic opportunities.

**VUSHTRRI**

*Theme covered: Effective participation*

*Affected minorities: Non majority communities*

***Main objective:*** Improvement and empowerment of the non-majority communities' rights increasing their participation in decision-making process at local level.

***Main activities:***

- Rising awareness and increase capacity building for representatives of the non-majority communities, municipality and NGOs on topics such as: (i) Council of Europe instruments on human rights and minority protection and (ii) how to draft strategic documents;
- Investments in equipment for Cultural and Sport activities;
- Drafting and approval of the Strategy for integration of non-majorities communities.

***Expected results:***

- To promote respect of the rights of the non-majority communities;
- Drafting and approval of the Municipal Strategy for non-majorities communities;
- Increased collaboration and empowerment of the non-majority communities in decision-making process.