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# NEWSLETTER

## Panel Discussion - Labor Rights and Employment

On February 24, 2026, NGO ACDC organized a public panel discussion at the EU House in North Mitrovica on labor rights and institutional protection. The event was implemented within the project "Justice@Work," funded by CDF through the Human Rightivism program, with the support of Sida. The panelists included Laura Mustafa Berisha, Head of the Inspection Supervision Division in the Mitrovica region; Srđan Sentić, Deputy Ombudsperson; and Nebojša Vlajić, lawyer.

It was concluded that meaningful progress requires stronger institutional coordination, enhanced Labor Inspectorate capacities, improved linguistic accessibility in public institutions, and consistent implementation of independent oversight recommendations to ensure effective, equitable, and substantive access to justice for workers in northern Kosovo.



Within the project, a practical Guide through Labor Rights in Kosovo was developed, intended for young people and other workers, providing clear information on rights and available protection mechanisms. The guide is available on the NGO ACDC website.



## Roundtable on Improving the Protection of the Rights of Non-Majority Communities in Pristina

Pristina, February 20, 2026 – A roundtable dedicated to improving the protection of the rights of non-majority communities and strengthening institutional mechanisms for their effective implementation was held at Hotel “Sirius.” The event was jointly organized by NGO ACDC and the Institution of the Ombudsman, with the support of UNMIK, aiming to open dialogue between institutional representatives and civil society organizations on the state of community rights, challenges in their realization, and opportunities to improve protection mechanisms.

Ombudsman Naim Qelaj highlighted that nearly one-fifth of the complaints submitted during 2025 came from members of non-majority communities - 325 out of a total of 1,736 complaints. The most frequent complaints concerned language rights, representation in institutions, access to justice, access to documents, property rights, and the length of court proceedings.



## Interactive training for youth

Within the project “Green Neighbors”, interactive activities were organized during which young people from North and South Mitrovica discussed environmental protection, joint ecological actions, and the importance of civic engagement. Through open discussions and the exchange of ideas, mutual trust and active youth participation in strengthening the community and coexistence were encouraged.

Special emphasis was placed on developing local initiatives and encouraging long-term youth engagement in the protection of natural resources. The project is supported by BOOST Balkans and implemented by Education Code and ACDC.

## Educational Workshop on Water Resource Protection

An educational workshop dedicated to water resource protection and environmental preservation was held at the premises of NGO ACDC during February. Through practical and interactive training, participants enhanced their knowledge about river protection, challenges faced by the local community, and the role of citizens in preserving natural resources.



The workshop was implemented within the IWRM-K program of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Government of Kosovo, carried out by Skat Consulting Ltd. (Switzerland) in consortium with the Environment Agency Austria (EAA). The project is jointly implemented by NGO ACDC and NGO REC.

## Workshop on Youth Cooperation for Green Public Spaces

Within the project “Seeds of Cooperation,” ACDC organized workshops with young people from North and South Mitrovica with the aim of strengthening knowledge on environmental protection, encouraging critical thinking, and fostering civic responsibility. The workshops laid the foundation for the next phase of the project – establishing multiethnic urban gardens and implementing joint community actions.



The focus of the activities was on connecting young people from different communities through joint work on improving public green spaces. The project is implemented with the financial support of the European Union and CARE Deutschland e.V.

## ACDC Continues Trainings on Property and Social Rights in Northern Kosovo



During February, ACDC continued to organize trainings for youth on property and social rights across northern Kosovo.

The aim of the training was to provide young people with practical knowledge to navigate legal frameworks related to property, social rights, and communication with relevant institutions in an informed and responsible manner. The activities were implemented with the support of ATRC.

## ACDC in the Media

Program Director Aleksandar Rapajić spoke to Insajder about legal uncertainty and concerns among Serbs in Kosovo in the context of announced implementation of laws and institutional decisions.



Program Director Aleksandar Rapajić commented for Kosovo Online on current political developments and attitudes toward regional initiatives for peace and cooperation.





Program Officer Ines Aljović Mihajlović spoke for Kosovo Online about research findings on sexual harassment.



In an op-ed for Telegrafi, Program Officer Ines Aljović Mihajlović wrote about how women from non-majority communities can overcome barriers and achieve greater influence in political decision-making in Kosovo.




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