



**Nomination of Community Representatives to the Consultative Council for Communities:
Community-specific workshops, Gračanice/Gracanica**

28 October 2009

On 28 October 2009, the Secretariat of the Consultative Council for Communities (CCC) and the European Centre for Minority Issues Kosovo (ECMI Kosovo) organised a training workshop in Gračanice/Gracanica with members of the Serb and Montenegrin communities, with the aim of providing technical support for the nomination of community membership to the CCC.

Present at the meeting were 34 representatives from Serb and Montenegrin civil society; the General Secretary of the CCC, Ms Nafiye Gaş; and ECMI Kosovo representatives, Mr Gazmen Salijević and Ms Katherine Nobbs.



After a welcome by Mr Salijević, Ms Nobbs gave a short introduction summarising the mandate and functions of the CCC, and outlining the four major steps in the nominations process, as follows:

1. Selection by community representatives of a community representative organisation (CRO) for accreditation;
2. Accreditation of that CRO by the Office of the President (OP);
3. Selection of candidates for CCC membership by community representatives; and
4. Submission to the OP of the final list of nominees, through the accredited CRO.

Ms Nobbs clarified that the purpose of the current session was for community representatives to select the form of organisation that they wished to put forward for accreditation. Participants were presented with three options in this respect: to select an existing NGO, to create an association of existing NGOs through memoranda of understanding, or to create a new 'umbrella' CRO. It was noted that these were only the most desirable options, and that other possibilities were also available in the event that no agreement could be reached.

A question and answer session followed, during which participants sought to clarify technical issues relating to CROs, accreditation and nominations.

The group then split into their respective communities, and held closed sessions in which representatives discussed how they wished to proceed with regard to CROs. The results were as follows:

Serb community

A group of Serb representatives stated that they were unwilling to participate in the nominations process until certain conditions were met. These were as follows:

1. The CCC members who resigned their positions were invited to attend the next nominations meeting, and give reasons for their resignation.
2. The nominations process was more inclusive.
3. They were able to consult with members of international organizations and embassies with regard to the problems with the Council and its lack of work.
4. Certain Council procedures were revised.
5. CCC members were selected in a transparent, accountable manner.

These conditions were reiterated in a formal letter to ECMI, dated 30 October 2009.

Ms Nobbs clarified that issues relating to the work of the CCC and the accountability of its members (points 1, 3 and 5) do not fall within the mandate of ECMI Kosovo and are not within our power to change. Nonetheless, ECMI would attempt to facilitate dialogue with the relevant officials and CCC members (see below).

With regard to point 2, Ms Nobbs explained that ECMI Kosovo had endeavoured to create an inclusive list of invitees through consultation with members of civil society, NGOs, international organisations and informal contacts, and internet research. However, the Centre would be delighted for more NGOs to be included in the process, and reiterated the invitation extended at the previous session for representatives to provide ECMI Kosovo with the names and contact details of NGOs that they felt should be included in the process. With regard to point 5, Ms Nobbs clarified that selection of CCC members is undertaken by community representatives themselves, and that issues of transparency and accountability are thus within their hands. However, it was noted that ECMI Kosovo would be very happy to provide technical support with regard to best practice in this area.

Finally, it was agreed that the Serb representatives concerned would provide ECMI Kosovo with a list of those individuals/organisations with whom they would like to have an open discussion about the CCC and its work. ECMI Kosovo agreed to send out invitations and convene a meeting. At that meeting, there would be an open session in the morning, during which Serb representatives would be able to discuss their concerns with the relevant individuals. In the afternoon, there would be a final, follow-on workshop to select both a Serb CRO and the Serb nominees to the Council.

Montenegrin community

Civil society representatives from the Montenegrin community put forward an existing NGO, **Komitet Žena**, for accreditation. ECMI offered technical and administrative support to facilitate this process. Ms Nobbs clarified that there would be a third and final workshop, in which members of the Montenegrin community would select their nominees.

ANNEX: List of Invitees/Participants

Gračanicë/Gracanica, 28 October 2009

Invitees	Organization	Present
Jelena Antic	Activist from Ranilug	
Marija Antic	ECMI	
Slavisa Antic	Troja	Yes
Dragan Arsić	ECMI	Yes
Momcilo Arlov	CCSD	
Elizabeta Bajrami	Voice of Roma Women Mitrovica	
Jolić Bojan	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Milena Bojkovic	Ruka Ruci	
Orhan Butic	Roma Activist Gracanica	
Goran Cuetkovic	Troja	
Andjelka Cup	Source	Yes
Krstić Dalibor	ECMI	Yes
Goran Dekic	Troja	
Natalija Djekic	Ruka + Ruci	Yes
Nenad Denic		
Gordana Đoric	Avenija	Yes
Radoman Doderović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Brankica Dordovic	Troja	
Segatin Emini	RA	
Boban Filipović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Dejan Filipović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Ivan Filipović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Atlan Gidzic	NGO "Voice of Roma"	
Petrovic Goran	ECMI	
Bojana Gudzic	CSD	Yes
Verica Ilic	Mitrovica women activist	
Simić Iviča	Troja	Yes
Ivan Jolić	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Zarko Joksimovic	Link Production	
Dragan Josifovic	OON Gracanica	
Snezana Karadzic	KZZLJP/WCPHR	Yes
Szana Kovacevic	Luna	Yes
Zoran Krcmarevic	Gornja Morava	
Mirjana Krstić	Ruka + Ruci	Yes
Gimić Luiča	Troja	Yes
Zoran Maksimovic	Decija Radost	
Zoran Marikovic	Klokot	
Biljana Marinkovic	ECMI	Yes
Ivan Marinkovic	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Arsic Milan	Troja	Yes
Todorović Mileva		Yes
Divna Milić		Yes
Dragan Milić		Yes
Milan Milovanovic		
Fatoh Mustafa	RRES	
Aleksandar Natic		
Rikalo Nevenka	P+P	Yes
Budimir Nicic	Media Centra Cagalvica	
Jović Nikola	Troja	Yes
Ivan Nikolic	CSD Gracanica	
Olivera Nikolic	Kosovska Devojka	
Vesna Ordic	Resorse Hub Mitrovica	

Invitees	Organization	Present
Afrim Osmani	BSF	
Filip Pavlovic	Fractal	
Nesko Peric	Vidovdan	
Natasa Radojevic	Nas Dom	
Sinisa Radojevic	Nas Dom	
Blagica Radovanovic	Santa Marija	
Milan Radulovic	CIM	
Nevenka Rikalo	Ruka+Ruci	Yes
? Ruguja	?	Yes
Suzana Saliji	ICO PR	
Ristic Slavisa		
Ivca Simić	Troja	Yes
Milos Simic	AS	
Javorna Slavić	Luna	Yes
Zoran Stajic	Troja	
Vesna Stajic	Udruzenje Zena Nas Dom	Yes
Nataša Stanojević	Naš Dom	Yes
Aleksandar Stojanovic	CCSD	Yes
Branislav Stojanovic	Nase Sutra	
Danić Tomislav	-	Yes
Branislav Vusić	Sveti Nikola	Yes
Petrović Veselin	KZ Omladine i Sporta	Yes
Snežana Vujović	Komitet Žena	Yes
Mladen Vukicevic	CBM	