



**Nomination of Community Representatives to the Consultative Council for Communities:  
Gorani community-specific workshops, Dragas/Dragaš**  
*30 November 2009*



On 30 November, the Secretariat of the Consultative Council for Communities (CCC) and the European Centre for Minority Issues Kosovo (ECMI Kosovo) organised a meeting in Dragas/Dragaš with representatives of the Gorani community, with the aim of providing technical support for the nomination of community membership to the CCC.

Present at the meeting were 22 representatives from Gorani civil society; CCC members Veis Šerifi and Mursejl Haljilj; and ECMI Kosovo representatives, Ms Zihnie Gurmani and Ms Katherine Nobbs.

Ms Nobbs gave a brief presentation on the technical requirements for accreditation of a Community Representative Organisation (CRO), and submission of a list of nominees. It was recalled that, at the previous session, representatives had agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding between multiple NGOs, which accorded the technical responsibility of submitting the list of candidates to the Office of the President (OP) to a single organization, with joint responsibility for selection of candidates and future nominations.

Community representatives then held a closed session, during which a dispute arose over which organisations should become accredited. After two rounds of voting, it appeared that a consensus had been reached to sign a memorandum of understanding, selecting **Omladinski Savez Gora** as the organisation to become accredited on behalf of all 13 NGOs present. However, further dispute then arose over the issue of nominees, primarily concerning whether or not proposed candidates were genuinely representative of the Gorani community, or whether they were too closely affiliated with the Bosniak community. There followed another round of voting, and two nominees were unanimously selected: **Mr Veis Šerifi** and **Mr Mursejl Haljilj**. At the end of the session, representatives from 13 NGOs signed the memorandum.

NB. ECMI was contacted after the meeting by two Gorani representatives, who voiced dissatisfaction at the outcome, again due to the issue of Gorani/Bosniak identity. ECMI Kosovo clarified that identity and inclusivity are not issues with which the organisation is able to engage directly; instead, it aims to make communities aware of the legal options available to them. Ms Nobbs explained that, if the division within the community was genuinely insurmountable, then the individuals in question should submit their own organisation to the Office of the President for accreditation, complete with a second list of nominees and any documentation supporting their case. The President would then make the final decision. We have since been informed that the individuals in question will put forward the organisation **Neven** for accreditation, and nominate **Mr Muselj Haljilj** and **Mr Denis Skenderi** as their candidates.

**ANNEX: List of Invitees/Participants***Dragas/Dragaš, 30 November 2009*

<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Present</b>
Rahte Aynija	AM-Gora	Yes
Abdula Bačka	Shara	Yes
Mirsod Bačka		
Avnija Bashtijari	Omladinski Savez Gora	Yes
Isa Bajrami	Bigor	Yes
Selvidin Boza	Fura	
Siba Brenolli		
Zejno Brenoli	Gora-Vizija	
Jonuz Cako	Studeneć	Yes
Đževđzet Đžafće	Studeneć	Yes
Sebit Đžafće	Studeneć	Yes
Sedat Hadžija	Šara	
Murselj Haljili		
Orhan Ibraimi	Omladinski Sayez Gore	
Eljvir Ilijazi	Centar Civilnog Drushtva	
Ahmet Jamini	Nektar	
Kadjic		
Adnan Kambari	Am-Gora	Yes
Fejzo Kamberi	Atlantic Klub	Yes
Arif Kushi	VEZ	Yes
Emina Kuši	VEZ	
Maudin Mushka	Restelica	
Naim Mushka	Lepota Shara	
Naim Mustafa	Gora	
Dauty Nagip	AM-Gora	
Mstan Sadiki	HED Dragaš	Yes
Sulta Melcab	Bigor	Yes
Memiši Murtezan	Atlantic Club	Yes
Mustafa Naim	Gora-Dragaš	
Fatmir Ramirani	HED	Yes
Suare Sabit	AM-Gora	
Mstan Sadiki	Hed	
Hurmet Seferi	Renasansa	Yes
Boza Selvidin	US Furna	Yes
Dafće Sejdo	AM-Gora	
Zićir Šerifi	Vatan	
Veis Šerifi	Vatan	Yes
Admir Sola	Demokratska Inicijativa Gore	
Gazmend Tairovci	Memljeqet	
Nuhija Tairovci		
Orhan Tosuni	Renasansa	
Azer Voska	Gutman	Yes
Fergap Zaimi	Omladinski Savez Gore	Yes