

**Nomination of community representatives to the Consultative Council for Communities:
Serb community-specific workshop, Gračanice/Gračanica**

2 December 2009

On 2 December, the Secretariat of the Consultative Council for Communities (CCC) and the European Centre for Minority Issues Kosovo (ECMI Kosovo) organised a meeting in Gračanice/Gračanica with representatives of the Serb 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 Serb civil society; the General Secretary of the CCC, Ms Nafiye Gaš; the former Chairman of the CCC, Mr Bojan Stanović; ECMI Kosovo Director, Mr Adrian Zeqiri, and ECMI Kosovo representatives, Mr Gazmen Salijević, Ms Zihnie Gurmani and Ms Katherine Nobbs.



At a previous session, a group of Serb representatives had stated that they were unwilling to participate in the nominations process until certain conditions had been met (these are elaborated in detail in a previous ECMI Information Bulletin). Central to those conditions was a public debate to discuss the work of the CCC, its mandate and its membership, under international scrutiny. To facilitate such a discussion, ECMI Kosovo invited representatives from international organisations, such as the International Civilian Office (ICO), the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), and national embassies (the full list of invitees and participants is attached as an annex below).

The meeting was divided into two parts: a public debate, and a workshop to select the Serb Community Representative Organisation(s) (CROs) and nominees to the Council.

During the first session questions were put to Ms Gaš and Mr Stojanović by Serb representatives, concerning the resignation of two former Serb Council members, and the work of the CCC to date. Although the former representatives could not be present at the meeting, the reasons for their resignation were discussed: while one had resigned due to constraints of time, the other had found the work and mandate of the Council to be unsatisfactory. Ms Gaš noted that the attendance of both at Council meetings had been minimal. Serb representatives then expressed reservations the work of the Council, asking why it had functioned without a coherent working plan or budget. Ms Gaš and Mr Stojanović explained that, as the Council had only been fully functional since March, its work had focused primarily on developing a coherent Working Plan and budget for 2010; however, both noted that during that time the Council had also taken ad hoc issues relating to education and the Montenegrin community. At the end of the session, it was agreed that, while the Council may have experienced difficulties in its first year, both procedural and substantive, the best way to proceed was through

continued and constructive engagement, and proper communication between CCC members and the communities they represent.

All participants agreed to proceed with the second session, to select CROs and nominees. Ms Nobbs gave a brief presentation on the technical requirements for accreditation of a CRO and of submission of viable candidates. Community representatives then held a closed session, in which they agreed on five candidates for nomination. These were as follows:

Mr Slaviša Antić – NGO As

Ms Anđelka Ćup – NGO Scorece

Ms Bojana Gudžić – NGO CSD

Mr Saša Ilić – NGO Centre for Peace and Tolerance

Ms Jelena Nedeljković – NGO Udruženje Poslovnih Žena

However, no agreement was reached on the issue of a CRO, and the signing of a memorandum of understanding between those organisations present – which ascribed the technical function of submission of the list of candidates to just one among them – was deemed unsatisfactory. Ms Nobbs advised all NGOs who wished to become accredited to submit their application to the Office of the President, but reminded them that the final selection would be in the hands of the President. This issue is still pending.

ANNEX: List of Invitees/Participants

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Serb community

Invitees	Organisation	Present
Jelena Antic	Activist from Ranilug	
Marija Antic	ECMI	
Slavisa Antic	Troja	Yes
Dragan Arsić	ECMI	Yes
Lidija Arsić		Yes
Momcilo Arlov	CCSD	
Elizabeta Bajrami	Voice of Roma Women Mitrovica	
Jolić Bojan	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Milena Bojkovic	Ruka Ruci	
Orhan Butic	Roma Activist Gracanica	
Goran Cvetković	Troja	Yes
Slobodan Cvetković	As	Yes
Anđelka Čup	Source	Yes
Goran Dekic	Troja	
Natalija Djekic	Ruka + Ruci	Yes
Nenad Denic		
Gordana Đoric	Avenija	Yes
Ankica Đorđević	Troja	Yes
Brankica Đorđević	Troja	Yes
Marija Đorđević	Troja	Yes
Radoman Doderović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Brankica Dordovic	Troja	
Segatin Emini	RA	
Boban Filipović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Dejan Filipović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Ivan Filipović	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Atlan Gidzic	NGO "Voice of Roma"	
Petrovic Goran	ECMI	
Bojana Gudzic	CSD	Yes
Verica Ilic	Mitrovica women activist	
Simić Ivica	Troja	Yes
Ivan Jolić	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Zarko Joksimovic	Link Production	
Dragan Josifovic	OON Gracanica	
Vladimir Jovanović	Naš Dom	Yes
Snezana Karadzic	KZZLJP/WCPHR	
Szana Kovacevic	Luna	
Zoran Krcmarevic	Gornja Morava	
Mirjana Krstić	Ruka + Ruci	Yes
Gimić Luiča	Troja	
Zoran Maksimovic	Decija Radost	
Zoran Marikovic	Klokot	
Biljana Marinkovic	ECMI	
Arsic Milan	Troja	
Todorović Mileva		
Milan Milovanovic		
Fatoh Mustafa	RRES	
Aleksandar Natic		

Invitees	Organisation	Present
Rikalo Nevenka	P+P	
Budimir Nacic	Media Centra Cagalvica	
Jović Nikola	Troja	
Ivan Nikolic	CSD Gracanica	
Olivera Nikolic	Kosovska Devojka	
Vesna Ordic	Resorse Hub Mitrovica	
Afrim Osmani	BSF	
Filip Pavlovic	Fractal	
Dijana Perić		Yes
Nesko Peric	Vidovdan	
Natasa Radojevic	Naš Dom	
Sinisa Radojevic	Naš Dom	
Blagica Radovanovic	Santa Marija	
Milan Radulovic	CIM	
Nevenka Rikalo	Ruka+Ruci	
Nevenka Rikslo	Ruka Ruci	
? Ruguja	?	
Suzana Saliji	ICO PR	
Ristic Slavisa		
Ivca Simić	Troja	
Milos Simic	AS	
Goran Simijonović	Naš Dom	Yes
Mirko Simijonović	Naš Dom	Yes
Javorna Slavić	Luna	Yes
Zoran Stajic	Troja	
Vesna Stajic	Udruzenje Zena Nas Dom	
Nataša Stanojević	Naš Dom	
Aleksandar Stojanovic	CCSD	Yes
Branislav Stojanovic	Nase Sutra	
Danić Tomislav	-	
Aleksandar Velić	CSD	Yes
Branislav Vusić	Sveti Nikola	
Petrović Veselin	KZ Omladine i Sporta	
Snežana Vujović	Komitet Žena	
Mladen Vukicevic	CBM	

International organisations, national embassies

Invitees	Organisation	Present
Sehadin Shok	International Civilian Office (ICO)	Yes
Maurizio Montipo	ICO	Yes
Christophe Pradier	ICO	
Ronald Hooghiemstra	ICO	
Annette Brandt	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)	
Wolff-Michael Mors	OSCE	
Christopher Decker	OSCE	
Mirjana Tejic	OSCE	Yes
Monica Llamazares	OSCE	
Sophie Beaumont	European Commission Liaison Office (ECLLO)	
Patrick Schmelzer	ECLLO	
Carole Poullaouec	ECLLO	

Invitees	Organization	Present
Emmanuel Cohen-Hadria	ECLO	
Emir Adzovic	Council of Europe	
Emira Talović	UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)	Yes
Paul Miller	UN OHCHR	Yes
Javier Leoz Invernon	UN OHCHR	
Lida Kita	European Training Foundation	
Qerkin Berisha	Human Rights Centre of the University of Prishtina	
Bekim Blakaj	Humanitarian Law Centre	
Shpresim Arifi	Humanitarian Law Centre	
Theodora Krumova	EULEX	
Sylvia Schaer Hahn	Swiss-Kosovo Local Governance and Decentralization Support - LOGOS	
Merita Barileva	Swiss-Kosovo Local Governance and Decentralization Support - LOGOS	
Eckhart Blaurock (Deputy Chief of Mission)	Embassy of Germany	
Sabine Hegholz	Embassy of Germany	
Anna Jackson	Embassy of UK	Yes
Rachel Lloyd	Embassy of UK	
Rrezarta Jashari	Embassy of UK	
Maja Marković	Embassy of USA	Yes
Fred Boll	Embassy of USA	
Sakibe Jashari	Embassy of Switzerland	Yes
Lukas Beglinger (Ambassador)	Embassy of Switzerland	
Armin Rieser	Embassy of Switzerland	
Metin Hüsrev Ünler	Embassy of Turkey	
Jakob Dahl Thomsen	Embassy of Sweden	
Severre Joahan Kvale	Embassy of Norway	
Kaisa Rouvinen	Embassy of Finland	
Tarja Fernandez (Charge d'Affaires)	Embassy of Finland	
Pertit Bushi	Embassy of Albania	