



Kosovo Municipal Assembly and Mayoral Elections 2009

General Information	
✓ Type of Elections:	Municipal & Mayoral
✓ Election Date	
• First Round	15-Nov-09
• Second Round for Mayoral elections	13-Dec-09
✓ Eligible Voters	
• In Kosovo	1,563,741
• Out of Kosovo (successful applicants)	1,806
• Number of Municipalities ¹² (electoral districts)	36
Voting system	
• Mayoral Election (Open List)	Voter chooses one candidate only
• Mayoral electoral voting system – 1st round	Candidate wins with 50% of votes cast plus one vote – if not achieved then 2nd round of voting occurs between candidates who received most valid votes
• Mayoral electoral voting system – 2nd round	Simple majority
• Mayoral candidate requirements	At least 3-year residency within Municipality in which the candidate is standing. If elected as Mayor, candidate is ineligible for Municipal Assembly
• Municipal Election (Open List)	Voter chooses one political entity (this is considered as a vote for the candidate ranking first on the entity's candidate list) and one candidate. If more than one candidate is selected then only the vote for the entity will be counted
• Municipal electoral voting system	Proportional
• Threshold for political entities or voting	Nil
• Reserved seats	No
Voter Eligibility / Voter List construction	
✓ Out of Kosovo voting programme – applications for inclusion to participate in voting by mail	7 Aug – 6 Sept: extended until 15 Sep 2009
• Number of application/registration forms sent to those participating in 2007 elections	~ 24,400
• Number of application forms sent to distribution points	~ 10,000
• Number of applications received by the deadline	2,630
• Number of applications approved	1,806

¹ Inter-Ministerial Group for Decentralization decision 15 Sept 2009 – excluding North Mitrovicë/a & Parteš / Partesh

² MLGA changed decision of 12 October to include Kishnicë / Kišnica with Gracanica/Gracanice based on cadastral zones: 209 voters to Gracanica/Gracanice municipality; 249 voters to Prishtinë / Pristina municipality; and 1 voter to Lipjan / Lipjane municipality.

• Number of applications rejected	824
• Applications received from:	26 countries ⁸
• Out of Kosovo Provisional Voter List	www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/shv/materiale/ks/OVPP.pdf
• By Mail telephone help-line	+381 (0) 38 552 452 (phone), +381 (0) 38 552 453 (phone / fax)
✓ Voter Services – provisional voter list construction – voters confirm or change	1 – 15 Sept 2009
✓ Number of in-person visits	4,538
• Number of persons confirming data	2,788
• Number of persons requesting change of polling location	1,550
✓ Notifications sent for polling centre allocations	
• First mail-out (September)	264,998
• Second mail-out (October)	~ 45,000
✓ Search engine to confirm data / voting location	http://www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/en/shv/vbk.html
✓ Challenge & Confirmation period – voters to confirm or challenge inclusion on the provisional voter list	22 Sept – 2 October 2009
• Provisional Voters List disk sent to political entities	Yes
• Number of in-person visits to challenge eligibility	21
• Number of in person visits to confirm data	345
• Number of challenges received by the Court of First Instance	16
○ Number of persons removed by the Court of First Instance (voter deceased)	5
○ Reallocation of Polling Centre	8
○ Rejected	3
✓ In Kosovo - Voter List³	
• Provisional Voters List	www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/shv/ks.html
• In Kosovo Voters	1,563,741
Voting	
✓ Polling Locations:	
• Number of Polling Centres	746
• Number of Polling Stations	2,256
• Polling Centre List	www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/shv/materiale/tjera/qendr at e votimit 2009.pdf
✓ Municipal Electoral Management	
• Number of Municipal Election Officers appointed	36

³ In-Kosovo and Out-of-Kosovo voter lists certified by CEC on 23 October

• Number of Municipal Election Commissions established	36
• Size of Municipal Election Commissions	~ 7 members
• Number of Polling Station Committees	2,256
• Total number of PSC members	~ 17,100
✓ Special needs voters (application deadline 31 Oct)	7,684
• Homebound (80 teams)	1,541
• Institutions (20 teams)	4,889
• Special circumstances (8 teams)	1,254
• Number of teams including reserves (2)	110
• Wheel chair access at Polling Centres	> 382
• Blind and partially sighted voting project	Braille templates & audio
✓ Ballots (CETIS Slovenia)	
• Number of different Mayoral ballots	36
• Number of different Municipal ballots	36
• Ballot security features	Yes
• Ballot production	8th – 30th Oct
• Ballots arrive in Kosovo	4-Nov
✓ Training	
• Training of Trainers' for Polling and Counting	(a) 29 Sept to 1st October, (b) 6th - 7th Oct, (c) 17th – 20th Oct
• Training of Polling Station Committees	27th Oct – 12th Nov 2009
• Training – intake procedures	31st October 2009
• Special Needs Voter Training	7-8th November 2009
• Chairperson additional training	11-12th November 2009
Political Entity Engagement	
✓ Certification of Political Entities and Candidates – application period	16 June – 15 Sept Political Entities which applied for certification: 76
✓ Certified political entities (CEC finalised 30 Sep)	74
• Political parties	37
• Citizens' initiatives	19
• Independent candidates	16
• Coalitions	2
• Withdrew	1 Citizens' Initiative
• Refused	1 Independent Candidate
✓ Political entities by ethnicity:	
• (1) Kosovo Albanian	34
• (2) Kosovo Serb	22
• (3) Kosovo Bosnian	7
• (4) Kosovo Turkish	4
• (5) Kosovo Ashkali	2
• (6) Kosovo Montenegrin	2
• (7) Kosovo Egyptian	1
• (8) Kosovo Gorani	1
• (9) Kosovo Roma	1
✓ Number of candidates	6,787

• Mayoral candidates	205
• Municipal Assembly candidates	6,582
✓ Candidates list and municipal participation	www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/rrethkqz/lk.html
✓ Gender quota applicable	Each candidate list shall comprise at least 30% certified candidates of the other gender
✓ Ballot Lottery (orders political entity's place on the ballot)	2-Oct 2009
Election Campaign Period	15 Oct – 13 Nov 2009
Finance	
• Entity spending limit	€500 for every 1,000 voters per municipality
• Campaign financial disclosure – 1st report	31-Dec 2009
• Campaign financial disclosure – 2nd report	7-Jan-10 2009
Observers	
CEC Accredited observers (first round)	22,096
Application deadlines ¹⁴ :	
• Individuals (30 days prior to E-day)	16-Oct 2009
• Organisations (25 days prior to E-day)	21-Oct 2009
• Observers for E-Day only (20 days prior to E-day)	26-Oct 2009
2nd Round Voting	
✓ Election Date	13-Dec 2009
✓ By Mail voting programme deadline for return of ballots:	23:59hrs on 11 December 2009
✓ Voter Eligibility / Voting	
• Number of municipalities requiring 2nd Round	Twenty one ¹⁷
• Number of voters (in Kosovo)	993,791
• Number of voters (by-mail voting programme)	1,189
• Special Needs Voting teams	75
• Number of polling centres	504
• Number of polling stations	1,443
✓ Ballots (CETIS Slovenia)	
• Ballot production period	30 Nov – 4 Dec 2009
• Ballots arrive in Kosovo	6 – 8 December 2009
• Security features	Yes
✓ Training	
• Lessons learned from First Round / Counts & Results Centre	2-Nov 2009
• Training of Trainers	5-Nov 2009
✓ Entity Campaign Period	00:01hrs 5th December to 23:59hrs 11th December 2009
✓ Observer accreditation deadline ²¹	23:59 hrs on 7th December 2009
✓ Observer applications	~ 485