



## Kosovo Municipal Assembly and Mayoral Elections 2013

General Information	
Type of Elections:	Municipal & Mayoral
Election Dates:	
<b>First Round</b> Municipal Assembly and Mayoral Elections (Kosovo wide)	03 November 2013
• Re-run in Mitrovica North (3 PCs)	17 November 2013
Second round mayoral (25 municipalities)	01 December 2013
• Re-run in Zvecan (3 PSs)	01 December 2013
• Re-run in Parteš (3 PSs)	15 December 2013
Eligible Voters	1,787,740
• In Kosovo	1,779,357 <sup>1</sup>
• Out of Kosovo (successful applicants)	8,383
• New voters to vote in Elections 2013	191,103 <sup>2</sup>
• Removed deceased voters from VL since 2000	55,892
• Voters who abandoned the citizenship since 2008	18,028
Number of Municipalities (electoral districts)	38
Voting system	
Mayoral Election (Open List)	Voter chooses one candidate only
Mayoral electoral voting system – 1 <sup>st</sup> round	Candidate wins with 50 % of votes cast plus one vote – if not achieved then 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of voting occurs between candidates who received most valid votes.
Mayoral electoral voting system – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>3</sup>
Voter Eligibility / Voter List construction <sup>4</sup>	
Out of Kosovo voting programme – applications for inclusion to participate in voting by mail	27 July – 17 September 2013

<sup>1</sup> 67 voters were removed from the voters list since their legal capacity was deprived based on the information provided by Kosovo Judicial Council

<sup>2</sup> 116,320 new Voters that turned 18 since elections 2010, and 74,783 new Voters in civil register, for the first time as Kosovo citizens.

<sup>3</sup> *Sainte-Laguë* formula - Law on Local Elections, Article 8

<sup>4</sup> The voter list is an extract from the Civil Registry (Ministry of Internal Affairs). CEC role is to allocate voters to polling locations. Deadline for Out of Kosovo Voting programme applications is extended from 10 to 17 September.

• Number of application/registration forms sent to those participating in 2010 elections	1,640 <sup>5</sup>
• Number of distribution points in 25 countries	190
• Number of applications received by the deadline	41,168 <sup>6</sup>
• Number of applications approved by CEC	8,383 <sup>7 8</sup>
• Number of applications rejected by CEC	32,785 <sup>9</sup>
• Number of appeals to the ECAP on BMO	15,871
o Approved by ECAP	3,968
o Rejected by ECAP	6,363
o Considered as irregular as formal requirements were not met	275
• Out of Kosovo Voter List	8,383 (Provisional)
• Applications received from	29 countries <sup>10</sup>
<b>Voter Services</b> – provisional voter list construction – voters confirm or change their polling center location	
Number of in-person visits	
• Number of persons requesting change of polling location (approved)	10,059
• Voters allocation to the newly created polling centers in 2013	34,392
Notification letters sent for polling center allocations	
• Mail-out	262,333
Persons confirming data through the CEC webpage search engine / voting location <a href="http://www.kqz-ks.org/sq/ku-me-votu">http://www.kqz-ks.org/sq/ku-me-votu</a>	142,997
<b>Challenge &amp; Confirmation</b> period – voters to confirm or challenge inclusion on the provisional voter list	17 – 24 September 2013
<b>In Kosovo - Voter List</b>	
In Kosovo Voters	1,779,357 as certified by CEC's decision <sup>11</sup>
<b>Voting:</b>	
Polling Locations:	
• Number of Polling Centers (PCTRs)	798 <sup>12</sup>
• Number of Polling Stations	2,366 <sup>13</sup>
Municipal Electoral Management:	
• Number of Municipal Election Officers (MEO) permanent	38
• Number of Municipal Election Commissions (MEC) established	38
• Size of Municipal Election Commissions (MEC)	~ 7
• Total number of MEC members	257
• Number of Polling Station Committees (PSC)	2,366

<sup>5</sup> 89 applications have been returned as undelivered due to the change of addresses of the residents

<sup>6</sup> 38228 from Serbia, 1074 from Montenegro, 1866 other countries;

<sup>7</sup> 6427 from Serbia, 276 from Montenegro, 1680 other countries;

<sup>8</sup> 1,742 successfully BMO registered voters were removed from the VL since they were in the Civil Registry as well;

<sup>9</sup> 31801 from Serbia, 798 from Montenegro, 186 from other countries;

<sup>10</sup> Austria, Belgium, B&H, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iraq, R. Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, FYROM, Malaysia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Scotland, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, UK, USA.

<sup>11</sup> Dated 17 October 2013

<sup>12</sup> 798 is the total number of PCTRs. Number of new PCTRs, excluding the North, is 52. Number of PCTRs in the North is 49, out of which 44 are from previous elections and 5 are newly established PCTRs.

<sup>13</sup> The increase of polling stations from previous elections in 86

Special needs voters	2, 330
• Wheel chair access at Polling Centers	Yes/partially
• Blind and partially sighted voting project	Braille templates & audio
Ballots (company to be determined)	CETIS
• Number of different Mayoral ballots	38
• Number of different Municipal ballots	38
• Ballot security features	Yes
Types of training conducted	
• Training of Polling Station Committees 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 - 26 September 2013 / 22-28 November 2013
• Training of MECs – intake procedures 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	28 September 2013 / 28 November 2013
• Special Needs Voter Training 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	29 September 2013 / 28 November 2013
• Refresher training for PSC Chairpersons 1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	01 October 2013 / 29 November 2013
Voter education and awareness	
• Languages used	Albanian, Serbian, Turkish, Bosnian, & Roma
<b>Political Entity Engagement</b>	
Certification of Political Entities and Candidates – application period	03 July – 4 September 2013
Political Entities which applied for certification:	105
Certified political entities (as of 17 Sep 2013)	103
• Political parties	33
• Citizens’ initiatives	52
• Independent candidates	16
• Coalitions	2
• Withdrew	2 <sup>14</sup>
• Refused	0
Total number of candidates:	7,932
• Mayoral candidates	224
• Municipal Assembly candidates	7,708
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)	19 September 2013
Election Campaign Period (first round)	03 October - 1 November 2013
Election Campaign Period (second round)	25 – 29 November
<b>Finance:</b>	
• Entity spending limit	0.5 euro per voter / municipality
• Campaign financial disclosure – 1 <sup>st</sup> report	18 December 2013
• Campaign financial disclosure – 2 <sup>nd</sup> report	26 December 2013
<b>Observers</b>	
CEC Accredited observers (first round)	30,173
CEC observers applied (second round)	2.280

Political Entities		Local NGOs		International Organizations		Institutions		Embassies & Liaison Offices		Media		TOTAL	
#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obs.	#	Obser
63	26,985	20	2479	5	254	2	54	14	210	25	191	129	30,239

<sup>14</sup> Citizens' Initiative Zajednicka Buducnost Ljipljane (Common Future Ljipljane) and IC Latif Kryeziu withdrew.

### Observer Accreditation for Run-off

Total accredited observers for second round as of 29 November 1165.

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#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obser	#	Obs.	#	Obser
5	1752	3	244	1	4	4	249	6	26	2	5	26	1165