

Mediation Center Mitrovica

ACTIVITY REPORT

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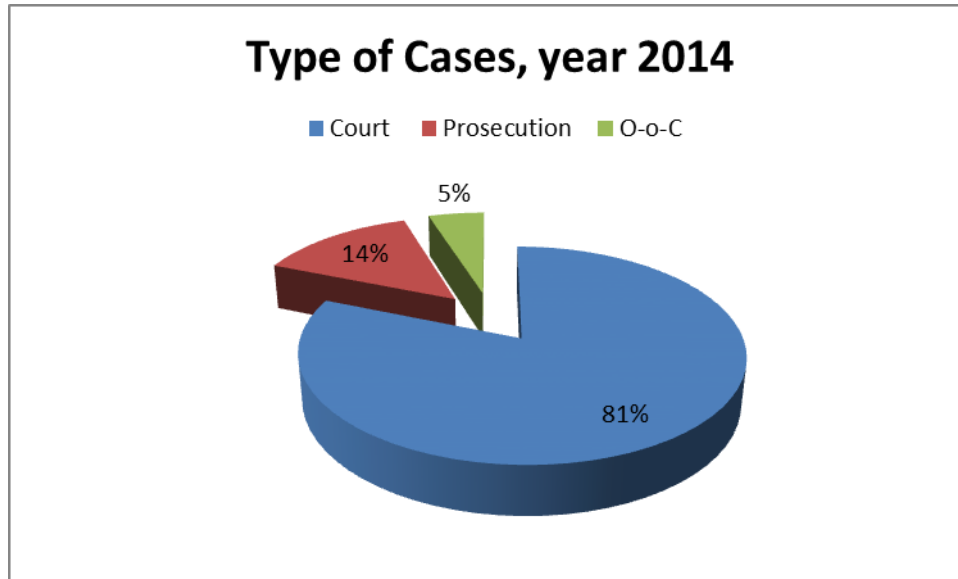
1. Mediation Center Mitrovica (MCM) - Mediation Cases

Year 2013, South and North Office

Court Referred Cases	Prosecution Referred Cases	Out-of-Court Cases	Total referred cases :	Solved Cases	Unsolved	In process (this number varies):
4	0	7	11	11	0	0

Year 2014 (January-September), South and North Office

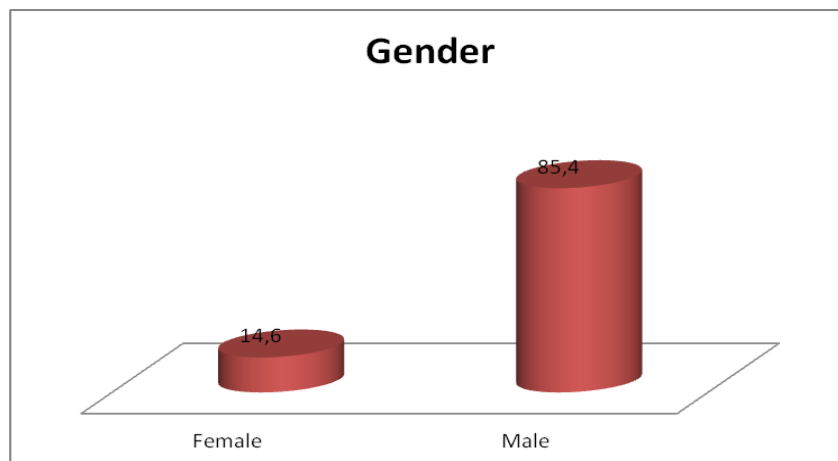
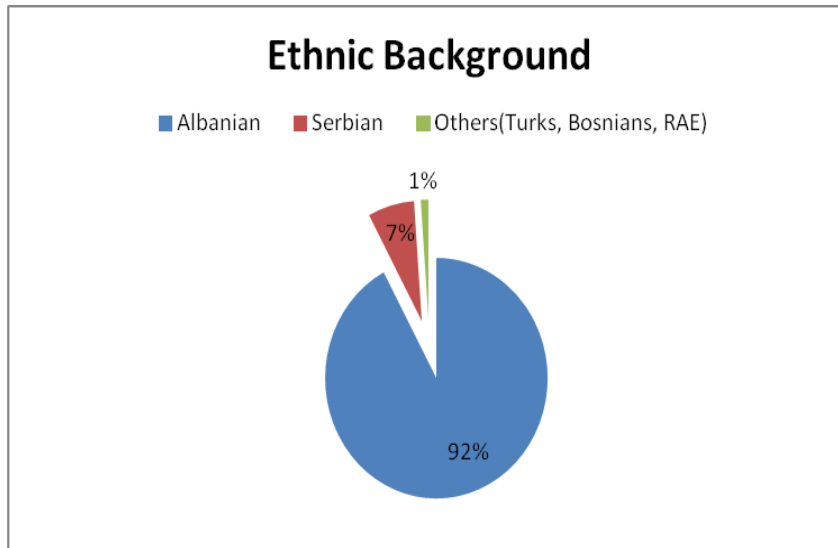
Court Referred Civil Cases	Court Referred Penal Cases	Prosecution Referred Cases	Out-of-Court Cases	Total Referred Cases :	Solved Cases	Unsolved Cases	Cases in Process:
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N 1	0	5	2	8	5	0	3
Total:				122			



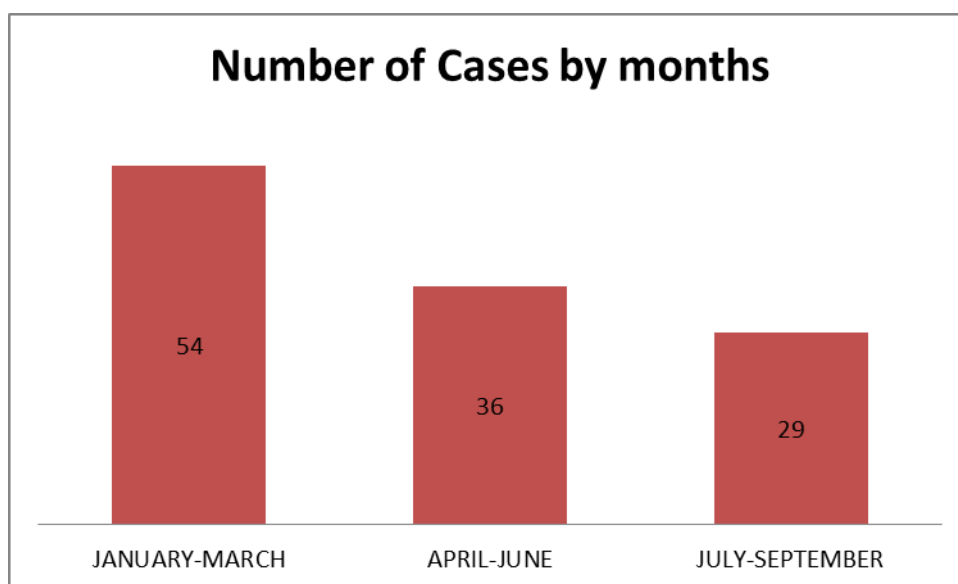
O-o-C = Out of court cases

Nature of Court-Referred Cases, Year 2014

Sort of Disputes	Gender of Parties involved:	*Inter-Ethnic* Cases :	Approximate Number of Sessions through which Cases were resolved:
Civil: depth issues, car accidents, insurance companies, public enterprises vs. clients, INGOs, Penal: light injuries, electricity misuse, robbery, threats.	39 female 228 male	8 cases	2-3 sessions



MCM is an open space for everyone to come and ask for services. Therefore, from January 2014 there are more than **150 parties** that approached MCM (North and South) to require mediation or/and consult about their cases. This number is growing continuously.



2. Information Sessions with Judges and Prosecutors from Mitrovica Basic Court

Year 2013

Judge	Date of the Meeting	Number of Cases invited	Number of Parties invited	Parties participated :
Besnik Feka	17.10.2013	23	46	16
Ferki Xhaferri	24.10.2013	30	60	17
Faton Ademi	30.10.2013	9	18	7
Skender Shala	31.10.2013	13	26	11
Total		75	150	51

Year 2014

Judge (Civil and Penal) (J) /Prosecutor (P)	Date of the Meeting	Number of Cases	Number of Parties	Parties participating
Besnik Feka(J)	04.02.2014	79	158	45
Faton Ademi(J)	19.02.2014	10	20	1
Ferki Xhaferi(J)	7.03.2014	37	74	21
Skender Shala(J)	20.03.2014	44	88	37
Liridon Maloku(J)	21.03.2014	24	48	27
Liridon Maloku(J)	17.04.2014	20	40	14
Burim Ademi(J)	29.05.2014	15	30	12
Radica Milic(P)	23.06.2014	12	24	14
Liridon Maloku(J)	26.06.2014	47	94	26
Fetije Bajrami(P)	02.07.2014	7	14	4
	06.06.2014	8	16	5
Sahit Tmava (P)	12.09.2014	12	24	14
Fikrije Sylejmani(P)	05.09.2014	5	10	7
	Total	320	640	227

3. MCM Activities (since May report)

MCM MET WITH MAYOR OF LEPOSAVIC/LEPOSAVIQ MUNICIPALITY – MR. DRAGAN JABLANOVIC

On 16th of June, CSSP and MCM held a meeting with the Mayor of Leposavic/Leposaviq municipality. The purpose of the meeting was to present CSSP and MCM's offices to the new mayor of Leposavic/Leposaviq municipality, our activities in Kosovo and in Mitrovica, as well as to offer our services and support in a further municipal development and cooperation. CSSP presented its long experience with mediation and dialogue support in municipalities within Kosovo, referring among others to the successful support to the inter-municipal cooperation between the municipalities of Strpce/Shterpce, Ferizaj/Urosevac, Prizren and Theranda/Suva Reka. Furthermore, the pollution in Leposavic/Leposaviq caused by negligence of the Trepca Company was mentioned and the dissatisfaction of citizens regarding this issue. MCM offered to support to facilitate a dialogue if necessary. The meeting was very open and constructive with expectations of achieving a fruitful cooperation in the future.

ROUNDTABLE ON JUVENILE MEDIATION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS - NORTH MCM OFFICE

CSSP-MCM North Office held a round table on "Juvenile Mediation and Violence Prevention in Secondary Schools", where representatives of the four secondary schools in Mitrovica and Zvecan, the Regional Police Commander, the Regional Director of UNICEF for the North, a representative of the Municipal Council in North Mitrovica, representatives of the Center for Mediation for Youth - Domovik, local non-governmental organizations working on youth issues (NGO Synergy, NGO Aktiv), representatives of the students parliament and mediators of MCM participated. Several concerns were discussed, which, once they are solved, will lead to a reduction of juvenile's conflicts: For example, it is necessary to establish better communication and coordination between all institutions and relevant actors. The establishment of standards or procedures for guidance and case management would help everyone to take responsibilities and actions in solving the problems. During the presentation of different participants, the impression was that it is necessary to have a body or authority to coordinate and implement a juvenile mediation system, also including parents.

As part of establishing better cooperation, communication and coordination of all institutions involved in the process of problem solving regarding juvenile conflicts, it is necessary to work on alternative solutions for pupils instead of being punished for their offenses. For example, they could offer or take part in general community services (e.g. humanitarian or social).

Recommendations from the round table:

- It is important to establish a system of juvenile mediation that fits to the education system and the fact that pupils do only stay for a few years in school, meaning that their mediation knowledge has to be transferred to the next generation in order to make the system sustainable and to make violence prevention have an absolute effect. Furthermore, it would be good to establish a system that also reduces tensions among people after having left school.
- To involve media in the entire process, so everything implemented could get more publicity.
- To undertake activities to promote juvenile mediation through social networks since social networks are very popular among youth. Special attention should be given to activities that raise awareness among the pupils. Furthermore, it was recommended to find an appropriate model to include children with a deviant behavior in these groups.
- After a consultation with the partnering organizations, DOMOVIK and ACDC we realized that pupils most probably would like to be more integrated or given more space to express their opinion which was not fully possible last time, due to the presence of their teachers and other adults. We plan to organize another round table in which pupils would have the major time and more space for discussion and contribute more to that.

MCM HOSTED A MEETING WITH MR. THORSTEN FREI, MEMBER OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG

Mitrovica, July 2014- Mediation Center Mitrovica hosted a meeting with Mr. Thorsten Frei, member of the German Bundestag, who visited Kosovo as part of a KAS Foundation initiative to meet German politicians with Kosovo institutions and CSO's. The meeting was an opportunity for civil society organizations to express their opinions and visions about their work done so far in Mitrovica and their expectations for the future.

Mr. Bekim Ismaili, Head of MCM and CSSP Kosovo Office, welcomed Mr. Frei in the MCM office in the name of CSSP - Berlin Center for Integrative Mediation and MCM Mitrovica. He explained the current situation in Mitrovica and the effects of mediation in resolving the disputes among the citizens that approach MCM. Mr. Ismaili also said that there is a need for more dialogue and talks between grassroots organizations and local communities on the one hand and institutions on the other.

Mr. Frei said that he is delighted to see the success of Kosovo as a society and expressed his willingness to hear more about the developments in Mitrovica. Mr. Frei stated that Germany is willing to stay along Kosovo in its path towards EU integration process and therefore he and his colleagues are here to personally pass this message to Kosovo's institutions and its people.

Other participants of this meeting had the opportunity to present their work and be informed about Mr. Frei's views on different topics.

CONSULTATIONS AND COORDINATIONS WITH DOMOVIK, UNICEF, PARTNERS KOSOVA-PK AND ACDC ON:



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- Further cooperation on juvenile mediation activities among the organizations working with youth and mediation
- Further steps regarding the topic

CONSULTATIONS NORTH

- Municipality: Municipality of Zubin Potok Mayor Stevan Vulovic, Municipality of Zvečan Mayor Vucina Jankovic, Mr. Aleksandar Spiric, president of temporary authorities of North Mitrovica municipality in front of Republic of Serbia and advisor to Mayor North Mitrovica, Natasa Elezovic
- Institutions: UN Rule of Law Liaison Office Mr. Asa Solway and Mr. Juan Carlos Galocha; Mr. Predrag Stojcetovic, Head of School Board for Kosovo and Metohija in front of the Ministry of Education from Republic of Serbia, Unicef Office in Zvečan, Intermunicipal Center for Social Work Mitrovica-Zvečan, Secondary schools in Mitrovica North and Zvečan, NDI, OSCE
- Businesses and bank representatives
- Police: Regional Commander, Police Station Mitrovica North Commander and Acting Commander of Police Station Zvečan
- University: Prof Dr Zdravko Vitosevic, Vice Rector of University of Pristina temporarily located in Mitrovica International relation officer from University of Pristina, presidents of student's parliament from faculties of Philosophy and Economy, vice president of University's student's parliament, student rector
- NGOs: NGO Synergy, MYC – Multiethnic Youth Center

Note: Departments in the North municipalities have not been fully established. We are in constant contact with the municipalities in order to consult with the relevant departments once they are operational.

CONSULTATIONS SOUTH

- Municipality of Mitrovica and Education Institutions: Director of Department of Education, Technical High School, Medicine High School, Gymnasium, Economy High School, Musical High School, Students representatives, University of Mitrovica, University of Pristina
- Other Municipal Officials, Mitrovica Region
- Kosovo Police Representatives
- Civil Society Organizations: MUNDESIA, MWAHR, Me Dore ne Zemer, 7 ARTE, Youth Center, Youth Council, NDI
- Ombudsman Representative
- Businesses, banks, insurance companies
- IOs: UNICEF, OSCE, KFO

4. Training of Mitrovica Mediators South

Out of over 100 applicants for the second mediation training in Mitrovica South, 35 were invited for the final interview. Together with the Mediation Commission, CSSP/MCM selected 21 for attending the mediation training. In September and October, both trainings, basic and advanced, took place in Mitrovica and 21 new mediators are now certified and can apply for a license from the Mediation Commission.

According to a monitoring report, compiled by ACDC, there are **64.136** cases from a total of **494.365** in entire Kosovo still pending in Mitrovica Basic Court, including northern cases. Considering this number of cases and the potential cases from prosecution, the Mitrovica mediators will have a lot of opportunities to work on cases in the future. According to ACDCs' research, **11.457** cases including multi-ethnic contexts or cases with non-majority nationalities in Mitrovica region.

5. MCM Public Outreach

The **Website of the Mediation Center Mitrovica** is functional since mid 2013 and is an additional tool for outreach, information about mediation, court-referral and out-of-court cases. It is updated frequently with news and pictures from MCM activities.

Please visit www.mediation-mitrovica.org

During the call for application for the mediation training, a radio ad which explained MCMs' mission and current activities, was on air. This campaign was used to reach different social circles like: institutions, business sector, NGO's etc.

6. Cooperation Partners



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MCM and **CBM** in South and **ACDC** in North, regularly consult on activities, including events of public outreach and the overall political situation.



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