Results from support in 2020

Administration level

I. Promoting political integrity and legislative transparency
1. Supported Directorate for Media on drafting the Manual for Social Media Management
2. The Assembly adopted the Regulation for Media and Access of the Public to the Work of the Assembly, drafted by Directorate for media and accredited journalists, supported by NDI.
3. Virtually engaged more than 200 young students from Prishtina primary schools in Democracy Workshops.
4. Support Directorate of Media and public relation develop and launched the Educational corner “Children’s parliament” on the Assembly webpage.
5. Launched the educational video “Our Assembly”, and other materials uploaded in the Children’s parliament.

II. Enhancing legislative and oversight functions
1. Organizing training program for legal advisers of the Legal Service Department.
2. Organizing training program for budget and financial analysis for DRLA staff and Committees Staff.
5. Virtual exchange program training on “providing quality research services for member and committee offices” for DRLA researchers (three participants from Kosovo). This program is organized by the House Democracy Partnership (HDP) of the US Congress.
6. Virtual workshop for members of Research Departments from Western Balkans Parliaments on Data visualization - Good practices and existing challenges.
7. Exchange between the legal services of the Assembly of Kosovo and the Assembly of Albania on “How parliaments have responded to the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 – challenges and opportunities”.

Project name

‘Support for a responsible, effective and accountable governance in Kosovo’
Financed by USAID
Implemented by NDI
Political level

I. Promoting political integrity and legislative transparency

1. Supported Assembly to establish the Forum for Parliamentary Transparency and draft the annual work plan.
2. Conducted a Baseline Assessment on Kosovo Action Plan for an open and transparent Assembly (2016-2020)
3. Organized a virtual town hall meeting among MPs and CSOs and relevant stakeholders on “Pandemic- Economic recovery”
4. Organized a virtual discussion among MPs and young students (Face to Face with Parliamentarians)
5. Publication of the research list on the Assembly webpage (Parliamentary transparency)

Women Caucus

6. Virtual discussion between women parliamentarians from Kosovo, Albania and North Macedonia.
7. Virtual discussion between Kosovo women parliamentarians and the United States of America with the aim of exchanging views on how the pandemic crisis has affected women and other vulnerable groups in all the respective countries.
8. Facilitated virtual discussion on the topic “Domestic violence in time of pandemic” initiated by Kosovo woman MPs Valdete Idrizi and Saranda Bogujevci
9. Virtual discussion on the topic “Non-majority communities (after) the pandemic” between the MPs of the Assembly of Kosovo and representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions.
10. Organized two workshops under the topic “Preparing the responsible institutions for proper implementation of the Law on Child Protection.”
12. Supported the establishment and constitution of the Women, Youth and Green Caucus
13. Jointly with heads of the Green and Youth Caucus drafted the respective work plans
14. In cooperation with the board and strategic partners of the Women Caucus organized a workshop to discuss and approve the work plan for the months September-December 2020.
15. Supported the Women Caucus in cooperation with the Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Oversight of the Anti-Corruption Agency to organize a workshop discussion with Civil Society Organizations in regards to the Project Civil Code.
Youth and Green Caucus

16. The Women and Youth Caucus received assistance from NDI through engaging an expert and conducting a gender and youth budget analysis perspective analysis reports of the 2021 draft law on budget.

17. Supported the Green Caucus to conduct a workshop meeting with civil society representatives under the topic of “Kosovo’s energy potential and environmental issues.

18. Assisted the Green Caucus to organize a meeting in cooperation with PIPS with journalists who cover topics related to environmental issues in Kosovo.

19. Facilitated a virtual discussion between Youth Caucus and youth from Serbian-speaking communities under the topic of “The potential of Kosovo’s youth participation in decision-making processes and challenges they face.”

II. Enhancing legislative and oversight functions

1. Supporting the process of drafting the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (RoP), by building the political will to work on the RoP and support the Legislation Committee in the drafting process.

Support for the European Integration Process in Kosovo
Financed by the German Development Cooperation
implemented by GIZ

Results from support in 2020

Administration level

1. Individual and group programme of coaching (18 participants for individual sessions)
2. Drafting the Strategic Plan 2021-2025
3. Trainings and certifications in: approximation of legislation, chapters of EU legislation, communication techniques, communication of the SAA process, Pre-Accession Instrument.

Political level

1. Round tables on main topics in the European Integration Process (EU Country Report, Parliamentary Elections in EU, Zagreb Summit, German Chairmanship in the EU) including civil society and media.
2. Support in drafting the Work Plan of the Committee for European Integrations.

In general

1. Development of informative reports on the main EU topics (Latest developments in the EU, EU Economic and Investment Plan, Country Report)
2. Development of a virtual video of the Assembly
Project name

‘Contribution in promoting good governance and drafting participatory legislation and monitoring’
Financed by the Embassy of Holland
Implemented by Fol and D+

Results from support in 2020

**Administration level**

1. Support to the Cabinet of the Speaker of the Assembly with two interns;
2. Organizing measurement of public opinion in electronic way for public hearings held by parliamentary committees.

**Political level:**

1. Monitoring implementation of two laws (Law on Access to Public Documents; and Law on Organizing and functioning of state administration and independent agencies), in order to stimulate the increase of performance of the Assembly in developing oversight activities;
2. Five lectures with students to expand their knowledge about the role and activities of the Assembly, as well as to raise the awareness of the youth for fighting corruption;
3. Four joint virtual meetings between MPs and students to build communication bridges;
4. Detailed analyses of amendments of laws from the field of fighting corruption and European integrations, to increase the number of comments and inputs in this field.
UN Agencies in Kosovo

Results from support in 2020

Political level

1. Development of the Action Strategy for the Group of Young MPs with the support of UN Women (in progress)
2. Public Relations of the Women MPs Group – Support by UN Women with public relations officials.
3. Annual Plan of the Women MPs Group for the second half of 2020, supported by NDI, OSCE and UN Women
4. Marking the International Women’s Day “Let’s talk Generation Equality” with the Speaker of the Parliament supported by UN Women (8 March 2020)
5. Marking the International Day of the Girl Child by the Assembly of Kosovo, supported by UNKT and UN Women (11 October 2020)
6. Campaign 16 days of activism against gender based violence with GGD – Lightning of the Assembly building
7. Marking the Children’s Day
https://www.facebook.com/rtklivecom/posts/10158135877818859
8. Marking the Week of Sustainable Development, UNDCO (Zyra e Koordinatorit për Zhvillim, të OKB-së)
https://www.facebook.com/UNKosovoTeam/posts/3382499701837948
9. Marking the International Children’s Day by UNKT with the leadership of UN Women.
10. Marking the Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Assembly of Kosovo under the leadership of UNFPA
https://twitter.com/UNKosovoTeam/status/1321468548280127504?s=20
11. UNDP supported Ombudsperson in organizing regular work sessions between the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, Ombudsperson Institutions and responsible authorities, to discuss recommendations of Ombudsperson and the subsequent actions, by contributing in this way to improving parliamentary oversight over the executive institutions (project of the Rule of Law / Access to Justice).
13. UNDP and UNV through “Support for Kosovo Institutions with quick and innovative solutions to stop the spread of COVID-19 pandemic” have supported the Assembly by giving equipment for vide-conferences, and they have bought licenses for Zoom for one year and the videoconference system CISCO WEBEX.
Project name

Development of the Information Service for laws (‘LawData’ System) and language consistency of laws
Financed by the Embassy of Norway
Implemented by IMG and ECMI

Results from support in 2020

Administration level

Main aim of this project is to empower and promote transparency and efficiency of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo and other state institutions of rule of law in Kosovo.

Component 1: Development of Legal Information System – ‘LawData’ System
LawData System, will provide free services ‘online’ for the broad public, lawyers, etc., in consolidated and structured laws and bylaws, and it will enable easier access to laws and bylaws applicable in the Republic of Kosovo. (The selected company ‘Cacttus’ has started work)

Component II. Language Consistency - with its objective to deal with discrepancies between the different language versions of the laws and by-laws which are applicable in Kosovo.”

LawData will help in structuring the texts of legal acts and consolidation of amendments or their amendments and supplementations in a separate text. Initial version of LawData software specifications It is finalized.
**Project name**

**Developing Capacity, Cooperation and Culture in Overseeing the Security Sectors of Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia (DECOS)**

Funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Implemented by Centre for European Security Studies (CESS) from the Netherlands, in cooperation with its local partners KIPRED (Kosovo), IDM and ISP (Albania) and IDSCS (North Macedonia)

**Results from support in 2020**

**On administrative level:**

1. As part of the DECOS project CESS organised an online workshop for 6 MPs of the Committee KIA (and one staffer). During this workshop a speaker from the Dutch Parliament presented the legislative basis of the Dutch parliamentary oversight committee of intelligence and explained about the support her committee receives from external expert bodies (outside of parliament).
2. Two staffers from the KIA committee and the national security committee participated in five online working group sessions, on ‘the corona implications on governance and human security in the Western Balkans’.
3. A staffer from the KIA committee participates in five online working group meetings on ‘intelligence oversight’

**On political level:**

1. Support to the KIA Parliamentary Committee
Results from support in 2020

Key beneficiaries
Committee on Security and Defense Affairs
Committee for the Oversight of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency
Committee for Human Rights and Gender Equality (with focus on security sector related activities)

On administrative level:
Objective: Enhance knowledge and skills of Assembly of Kosovo staff experts on matters relating to security sector governance and parliamentary oversight of the security sector
Focus target group: Staff experts serving the Security and Defense Committee and the Committee for the oversight of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency;
Activities: Involvement of two AoK staff experts in a regional training customized for parliamentary staff serving standing committees for defense, security and intelligence oversight in the Western Balkans. Substance focus: “Current Security Threats and Challenges for Oversight”.
Results: Increased knowledge on regional security threats; methodology for European enlargement; impact of Covid-19 on parliamentary oversight of the security sector;
Remark: Parliamentary staff experts are also involved in all DCAF capacity building customized for the Committee on Security and Defense Affairs; the Committee on Supervision of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency; and the Committee on Human Rights and Gender Equality; Respective results see below;
On political level:

**Objective 1**: Enhanced expertise of Members and staff serving the AoK Security and Defense Affairs Committee to strengthen Committee capacity to oversee the Kosovo security sector.

**Focus**:
- Facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise on police integrity building and provide a platform for discussing its relevance and implications for Kosovo;
- Provide expert insights on the impact of Covid-19 on the work of security institutions with a particular focus on implications for parliamentary security sector oversight.

**Activity**: Expert Exchange on Security Sector Governance in Kosovo with focus on
- Police Integrity Building – Relevance and implications for Kosovo -
- Impact of COVID-19 on security sector governance and implications for parliamentary oversight -

**Results**: Increased expertise of Committee members and staff on police integrity building in Kosovo and on impact of Covid 19 on security sector governance and parliamentary oversight;

**Objective 2**: Enhanced expertise of Members and staff serving the AoK Committee on the Supervision of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency to strengthen Committee capacity to oversee the intelligence sector;

**Focus**:
- Facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise on intelligence oversight and accountability with a focus on parliamentary oversight of intelligence services;
- Provide a platform for exchange with senior intelligence experts and DCAF experts on parliamentary oversight and facilitate a debate on the relevance of the subject matter for the context in Kosovo.

**Activity**: Expert Exchange on Intelligence Accountability – Internal and External Control and Oversight Mechanisms

**Result**: Increased expertise on intelligence oversight and accountability with a focus on parliamentary oversight of intelligence services;
“Promotion of a well-informed process and participation in the final stage of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue” supported by Embassy of Switzerland and Embassy of Germany in Kosovo

Results from support in 2020

In the function of increasing the transparency regarding the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, as well as accountability of the executive towards the Assembly related to this process, during 2020, KDI has conducted the following activities:

- Coordination meeting between parliamentary committees regarding the dialogue process;
- 6 informative materials, with questions and issues to be addressed by MPs during the sessions where the matter of dialogue was discussed;
- 5 informative materials of the parliamentary committees regarding the developments that are affected by the dialogue agreement or the dialogue in general;
- 6 consultative meetings with parliamentary committees about the development of joint activities with KDI,
- 2 informative packages for members of parliamentary committees, prior to the field visits;
- 1 field visit to institutions/bodies responsible for implementation of the dialogue agreements/related matters;
- Joint meeting with the Assembly of Kosovo, represented by the Speaker of the Assembly, and the delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Switzerland
OSCE Mission in Kosovo Support to the Assembly of Kosovo, 2020

During 2020, the Mission supported the Assembly of Kosovo with the following activities:

Supporting the Women’s Caucus:

- In the beginning of 2020, the Mission conducted a series of consultations with women MPs in order to assess the needs of individual women MPs and the Women’s Caucus as a whole aiming to tailor its support accordingly.

- In July, following a request by the Women’s Caucus, the Mission reviewed and proposed new activities, as well as identified areas that the OSCE can support in the implementation of activities identified in the draft work plan.

- In September, the Mission supported the Women’s Caucus in organizing a workshop to review and approve their work plan for 2020. The event served as a platform for participants to deliberate each activity separately, divide responsibilities among caucus members and identify organizations that would support technically and/or financially the caucus in implementing the activities foreseen for the remainder of 2020.

- On 24 September, following a request by the Women’s Caucus, the Mission, conducted a briefing session on the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, known as the Istanbul Convention. The briefing provided an overview of the standards of the Convention, the responsibilities deriving from it as well as the role of the Assembly in this process.

- In November and December, the Mission supported the Women’s Caucus through four TV debates on RTK to enhance the visibility of the caucus. The support focused on media promotion of women MPs and the priorities of the Women’s Caucus, through a series of TV debates on RTK and through TV programmes on local TV stations. Topics covered: The draft Civil Code – chapters on family and inheritance, Law on Elections and their harmonization with Law on Gender Equality, Law on Local Government Finance (with focus on special services that includes shelters and day care centers for children), and challenges faced by women in politics.
Supporting the Women’s Caucus:
- During the fall session, at the request of the Women’s Caucus, the Mission provided its support to the caucus in reviewing recommendations and proposals by civil society organizations (CSO) regarding the Civil Code. The CSOs wished to be included in the drafting process, and therefore reached out to the Women’s Caucus to enable them to share their concerns and incorporate them accordingly. The Mission’s support to the Women’s Caucus in this regard was mainly focused on analyzing the legal and financial impact of the CSOs’ recommendations to the draft Civil Code.

Supporting caucuses with legal advice:
- Responding to a request from MPs, the Mission recruited a legal expert to support Kosovo Serb MPs with legal advice and review of draft legislation.

Supporting committees to draft Annual Work Plans:
- In February, the Mission concluded a two-day retreat with Assembly committee staff drafting the committees’ annual work plans for 2020. At the retreat, committee staff drafted the work plans for all established Assembly committees. The support primarily focused on increasing oversight activities as well as drafting a realistic, timely and effective work plan in accordance with the Assembly Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

Standardizing the amendment-drafting process at the committee level:
- The Mission supported the standardizing and streamlining of the amendment-drafting process at the committee level. Over the course of 2020, a senior legal expert recruited by the Mission analysed the legislative framework and practices in this area. As part of these efforts, the Mission supported the Assembly’s administration to visit the Parliament of Croatia and learn more about the best practices in this field.

Continuous technical support to targeted committees:
- The Mission has provided continuous technical support to targeted committees through the deployment of a pool of experts in legal and financial areas. Four recruited experts have provided technical expertise on a daily basis to:
  - Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Oversight of the Anti-Corruption Agency;
  - Committee on Budget and Transfers; Committee on Rights and Interest of Communities and Returns;
  - Committee on Economy, Employment, Trade, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Strategic Investments;
  - Committee for Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions; and Committee and the Committee for the Oversight of Public Finances.

Promoting Transparency:
- Responding to a request from the former Assembly President and Secretary General of the Assembly, the Mission has supported enhancing transparency through the application of information and communication technologies. The international expert recruited by the Mission carried out a needs assessment and developed the terms of reference and technical specifications for the Assembly’s new electronic plenary session system, including a new integrated audio-visual system for preparing, recording, reviewing, publishing and archiving meetings.