

## **Annex:** **Feedback from participants at the meeting of Kosovo Serb civil society**

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- There is a widespread lack of information regarding the work and jurisdiction of the EULEX mission in Kosovo Serb areas;
- There is no contact between representatives of the EULEX mission and certain minority communities in Kosovo at this moment;
- Implementation of the EULEX mission throughout all parts of Kosovo inhabited by Kosovo Serbs and other minorities and direct contact with the representatives of the Mission have been recognized as extremely important by the majority of the participants. The main argument supporting this issue is the need for answers to certain problems communities are currently facing;
- A feeling that the EULEX mission is still passive prevails among participants; on one side, the first results of the Mission's activities are not visible enough, while great efficiency and transparency is expected;
- There is a need for a more frequent presence of the EULEX spokesperson on non-Albanian media in Kosovo;
- The reputation of the UNMIK mission in Kosovo is bad, due to the unsolved crimes against members of minority groups (the murder of children in Goraždevac, the murder of Stolić family in Obilić, the murder of the harvester in Staro Gracko, etc.), as well as a large number of unsolved property cases. Furthermore, there is a need to solve the cases of kidnapped and missing persons from all communities in Kosovo. According to the participants at the meeting, if the EULEX mission is seen to effectively address the above issues, it will receive the attention of the Kosovo Serb community. The Mission can influence the establishment of trust and cooperation with the Serb community in Kosovo in the best way possible also by supporting the return of displaced people and dispossessed property;
- Participants have expressed concern that the Mission does not engage a sufficient number of people to efficiently implement activities on the field. This is based on the fact that the UNMIK mission, with its much larger team, was unable to respond to a large number of problems in Kosovo;
- Kosovo Serbs in the enclaves carefully follow the perception of the EULEX mission from North Kosovo and define their position accordingly. Participants do not see readiness in North Kosovo for the acceptance of the EULEX mission, primary due to the fact that the North is in a better position regarding access to institutions that can protect the interests of citizens.

- Participants have emphasized the disproportion of the EULEX focus: an impression that the Mission is focused more on the North of Kosovo and political events taking place there, and much less on the enclaves, inhabited by Kosovo Serbs and other minority communities. Therefore, they have pointed out that the EULEX mission should focus its attention and presence more on enclaves and ethnically mixed communities.
- Kosovo Serb communities living south of the river Ibar do not agree with the approach taken by certain Serbian leaders from the North Kosovo and their passive attitude towards the EULEX mission; the living conditions of Kosovo Serbs are better in the North compared to the enclaves and ethnically mixed communities; this fact should not be used as an excuse to ignore the possible positive effects of the EULEX mission in the South;
- Regarding forthcoming meetings in enclaves as a part of the project: participants have recommended that local authorities in those areas, elected during the elections organised by the Republic of Serbia, should be invited. According to participants, they are relevant players in those areas and can substantially contribute to the activities of the EULEX mission. They are better accepted by community members;
- The EULEX mission should, within its authority, support projects that will regain trust among communities in Kosovo and promote the common life of all ethnic groups, above all Serbian and Albanian communities;
- Due to a lack of knowledge about the mandate of the EULEX mission, there is great hope that the EULEX mission can and will resolve many problems currently present in Kosovo society, but also many unrealistic and immense expectations. For example, that the Mission can solve some problems that belong to the authority of institutions of local governance. This is mainly because of a lack of information among the inhabitants regarding the authority of the Mission. Having said this, the participants have strongly supported the implementation of the project at a local level, which will open new channels of cooperation for future joint activities at a local level between the people and representatives of the Mission.

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