

SUBSTANTIVE REINTEGRATION IN NORTH KOSOVO: AVOIDING ZOMBIE GOVERNANCE



CONTEXT OVERVIEW

Where: North Mitrovica, Zvečan, Zubin Potok, Leposavić

Crisis: Boycotted elections, dysfunctional municipalities, community distrust

KEY STATISTICS

3.47% voter turnout in April 2023 local elections

"Every fifth Serb respondent" feels their safety was threatened in 2024

30+ harassment testimonies from women and girls in a single day

Collapse of services due to institutional closures (social, financial, healthcare)

CORE PROBLEMS

Zombie governance

Breakdown of community-police trust

Lack of consultation and communication

Stalled Development Fund, incomplete census.

SOLUTIONS PROPOSED

Strengthen community-based safety structures (LPSCs, MCSCs)

Partnerships between municipalities and civil society (PSSP model)

Rerun census, redefine municipal boundaries

Revive the North Kosovo Development Fund