



UN Women & UN Kosovo Team — 7th - 8th July

ADVANCING THE WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA IN KOSOVO

Sweden's Minister for Foreign Affairs Ann Linde, in her role as Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe visited Kosovo, together with, Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General and UN Women Deputy Executive Director. The main theme of the visit was advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda (WPS) in Kosovo. As part of the visit, UN Women and the UN Kosovo Team organized a high-level meeting in the National Public Library in Pristina with women's rights civil society organizations to exchange approaches on advancing the WPS agenda in Kosovo. The visit also involved meetings with Kosovo officials, and civil society representatives, further deepening the partnership and cooperation with UN Women and the OSCE in advancing gender equality, women's empowerment and the WPS agenda. [Read more in this link](#)



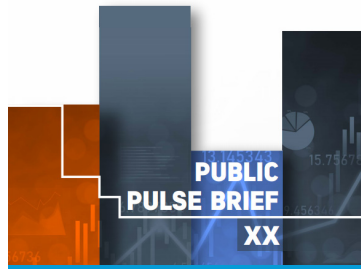
UN Kosovo Team — 1st July OPENING OF THE 3RD EDITION OF AUTOSTRADA BIENNALE

Opening of the third edition of Autostrada Biennale in Pristina included the extraordinary installation of "Forget Me Not" by Petrit Halilaj and Alvaro Urbano, followed by the Sunflower Fields 2021 by Agnes Denes. Autostrada Biennale has been made possible with the generous support and partnership of numerous organizations, institutions, both local and international, including the United Nations Kosovo Team and UNDP. The Biennale is open and available to the public until September 11, 2021.



UNICEF — 29th July DONATED 500,000 DOSES OF DEXAMETHASONE

As part of efforts to provide continued support to the Ministry of Health and health system in Kosovo, UNICEF donated 500,000 doses of Dexamethasone solution for injection, a medication used in a wide range of conditions – critical also for treatment of patients with severe symptoms from COVID-19. [Read more in this link](#)



UNDP — 28th July LAUNCHED THE 20TH EDITION OF PUBLIC PULSE BRIEF

UNDP launched the 20th edition of Public Pulse Brief on Opinion poll with 1,307 respondents highlights a significant increase in people's satisfaction with the performance of key executive, legislative and judicial institutions in Kosovo. To read the reports in three languages go to this [link](#) and check the visualizer presenting data through interactive graphs at the [following link](#)



UN Kosovo Team — 13th July DIALOGUE ON FOOD SYSTEMS HELD

The event brought together people from multiple sectors to fully address the complexity of food systems and how we need to look at this issue in Kosovo from different lenses. The participants were key stakeholders from the respective sectors ranging from public to private and non-governmental ...eld. The dialogue was organized by INDEP, in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and the UN Kosovo Team, and insights will feed into the global Food Systems Summit to be held in New York in September.



UNICEF — 19th July \$1 MILLION PARTNERSHIP FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION AND VACCINATION

UNICEF and USAID announced a \$1 million partnership in support of communication and outreach efforts in Kosovo for COVID-19 prevention and vaccination. The assistance will be aligned with the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan (NDVP), developed by the Ministry of Health, and will increase knowledge and awareness around COVID-19 vaccines, promote key preventive practices, and encourage all citizens to receive the vaccines. [Read more in this link](#)



UNICEF — 1st July MEETING OF THE EVALUATION REFERENCE GROUP

The first meeting of the Evaluation Reference Group was held to discuss the inception report for the Evaluation of the National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016-2021. The Human Capital Pillar evaluation was commissioned by the Strategic Planning Office / Office of Prime Minister and supported by UNICEF. The NDS evaluation will provide an independent assessment of the NDS 2016-2021 Human Capital Pillar, identify lessons learned and forward-looking recommendations to inform the development of the next NDS. [Read more in this link](#)

EC, ILO & ETF — 8th July A NEW EC/ILO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FACILITY SET UP TO PURSUE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

A new EC/ILO Technical Assistance Facility set up to pursue youth employment in the Western Balkans. The European Commission (EC) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) joined forces to support the institutions responsible for youth employment policy in the Western Balkans in introducing a youth guarantee (YG). The European Training Foundation (ETF) is also a partner in the realization of interventions. A youth guarantee is a commitment to support every young person under the age of 30 who is not employed, in education or training (so-called NEETs). This commitment entitles young people to receive a good quality offer of employment, traineeship, apprenticeship, or continued education within four months of leaving school or becoming unemployed.

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- UNICEF's continued support to the Kosovo Health System
- 20th Edition of Public Pulse Launched by UNDP
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- Kosovo's First Food Summit Held (13 July)
- EC/ILO Technical Assistance Facility set up to pursue youth employment in the Western Balkans
- Autostrada Biennale 3rd Edition kicks off



↘ Food and Agriculture Organization — 1st July

PROVIDED TRAINING TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF FORESTRY PERSONNEL

FAO in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, through the program for strengthening sustainable forest management, funded by Swedish SIDA, provided training to strengthen the capacity of forestry personnel and legal professionals to develop, implement and enforce legislation, and to improve legality in the forestry sector. The main purpose of this training was to better familiarize participants with the contents of existing and proposed legislation on forestry; to analyze the causes of illegality in the forest sector; to consider legal means to address illegality by national institutions and based on international standards and experiences. This was the first training organized in Kosovo on timber legality. Other modules of the training will be delivered in upcoming weeks.

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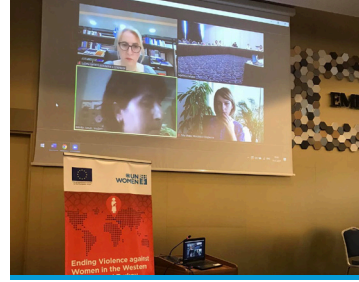
↘ WHO Regional Office — 5th - 30th July SUCCESSFUL COVID-19 CONTACT TRAINING OF THE STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHO Regional Office and WHE Balkan Hub have conducted successful COVID-19 contact training of the staff of the Institute of Public Health. As of last week, new trainings have begun with the staff of the Primary Health Care. Trainings have so far been conducted in the region of Mitrovica/ë, Gjakova/Đakovica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Prizren and Peja/Peć. The objective of the training is: to identify, assess, and manage people who have been exposed to probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases to prevent onward transmission. They are also trained on how to use the Go.Data platform installed on tablets provided by WHO Pristina Office. Training was conducted by trained staff of IPH in support of WHO Pristina Office.



↘ UN-Habitat — 14th July WE NEED WOMEN AT EVERY TABLE WHERE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE!

UN-Habitat in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) office in Kosovo, and the officials from the municipalities in Mitrovica North, have identified key priorities to develop the region's first Gender Strategic Framework. How will the Mitrovica region address persistent and new gender gaps in their municipalities to ensure an inclusive and sustainable future? To answer this question a diverse group of gender champions from different walks of life identified key priorities within economy, law, social issues, property and culture for the development of the region's first Gender Strategic Framework. [See more in this link](#) ↗



↘ UN Women — 14th July DRAFTING THE NEW KOSOVO STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN ON PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

UN Women held a two-day workshop on drafting of the new Kosovo Strategy and Action Plan on Protection from Domestic Violence. The workshop was held under the auspices of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence/ Deputy Minister of Justice, with technical support by UN Women, through the regional EAW programme "Changing Minds, implementing norms" Phase II, funded by the EU. During the two-day workshop, members of the working group composed of key institutional partners and stakeholders, have jointly agreed on key strategic objectives that will guide them in their work towards prevention and protection against domestic violence. The drafting of the new strategy is in line with provisions set out in the CEDAW and Istanbul Convention, especially after inclusion of the latter in the Constitution. [Read more in this link](#) ↗



↘ UN-Habitat — 12th July SUPPORTED THE PROCESS OF PRESERVING THE IDENTITY OF THE HISTORIC CENTER OF VUSHTRRI/VUČJITRN

UN-Habitat supported the process of preserving the identity of the historic center of Vushtrri/Vučjitrn. Residents of the historic zone of Vushtrri, including other stakeholders, have started discussions on Vushtrri's development prospects through preservation of cultural heritage in parallel with the requirements for housing development and other activities. As a result of a comprehensive and transparent process, a draft proposal will further proceed for the border and zoning of the historic center of [Vushtrri/Vučjitrn](#) within the Municipal Zoning Map. [Read more in this link](#) ↗



↘ WHO Balkan Hub — 1st July VISITED THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN MITROVICA

WHO Balkan Hub with their colleagues from the office in Pristina, visited the Regional Institute for Public Health in Mitrovica and Main Family Medicine Center to follow up on the performance of the health staff on Contact Tracing of COVID-19. The visit served to discuss the situation of contact tracing and recap the training provided 3 days before, as well as establish direct line of communication for the support related to the platform Go.Data.



↘ UNICEF — 6th July DISCUSSION ON HOW TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF HOME VISITING SERVICES

Chargé d'affaires at the Embassy of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg in Kosovo with the Head of UNICEF, visited the Family Health Center in Vushtrri. The main topic of the discussion was on how to expand the coverage of Home Visiting services, to improve maternal and child health, as well as well-being in Vushtrri and in other 26 Municipalities. [Read more in this link](#) ↗



↘ UNFPA — 12th July ORGANIZED A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON HEALTH AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE

On World Population Day, UNFPA in cooperation with the Committee on Health and Social Welfare, organized a roundtable discussion on "Rights and choices are the answer: Whether to increase or decrease the number of babies, the solution to change fertility rates" stands for the prioritization of the health and reproductive rights of all people.



↘ UNDP — 22nd July TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF FOOD WASTE IN THE GASTRONOMY SECTOR

The Food Waste Challenge completes its first step of the Journey, after three weeks of engagement. Seven restaurants received certificates on successful completion of the first ever Food Waste Challenge in Kosovo to tackle the problem of food waste in the gastronomy sector. This is only the first mark towards sustainability by exploring opportunities for financial and social transformation. The businesses are pioneering new solutions for food waste reduction which include composting, rethinking of the menu and portion sizes, packing the leftover food for the guests, and giving away coffee grounds for mushroom cultivation. This innovative and engaging activity was a joint initiative of UNDP, ICK, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) and the Gastronomy Association. [See more in these links](#) ↗ ↘ ↙ ↚



UNICEF — 2nd July DIALOGUE ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT THROUGH INTERNSHIP IN WESTERN BALKANS DURING COVID-19 RECOVERY

UNICEF organized a Western Balkans Cross-Country Dialogue on “Youth Engagement through Internship in Western Balkans during COVID-19 Recovery”. The discussion touched upon “Youth Guarantee” which is an activation scheme to ensure that all adolescent girls and boys receive a good quality offer of employment, internship, or traineeship within 4 months, in private and public entities. [Read more in this link](#) ↗

UN Women — 28th July WORLD HEPATITIS DAY MARKED ON AIMING TO RAISE AWARENESS OF VIRAL HEPATITIS

An inflammation of the liver that causes severe liver disease and hepatocellular cancer. This year’s theme is “Hepatitis Can’t Wait”. With a person dying every 30 seconds from a hepatitis related illness – even in the current COVID-19 crisis – we can’t wait to act on viral hepatitis. There are five main strains of the hepatitis virus – A, B, C, D and E. Together, hepatitis B and C are the most common which result in 1.1 million deaths and 3 million new infections per year. The WHO messages were translated and shared with public. [Read more in these links](#) ↗, ↗

WHO — 8th July IMPORTANT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

WHO in support to risk communication together with the MoH, IPH and the UNKT continue to share important information translated in official languages available to the wider public. Find 10 tips for making your summer fun, safer from COVID-19 [in this link](#) ↗.

WHO — 23rd July WARNS THAT SARS-COV-2 DELTA VARIANT IS NOW DOMINANT IN EUROPEAN

WHO/Europe and ECDC warns that SARS-COV-2 Delta variant is now dominant in much of the European region and efforts must be reinforced to prevent transmission. For more, see press release and social media posts [Read more in these links](#) ↗, ↗, ↗.

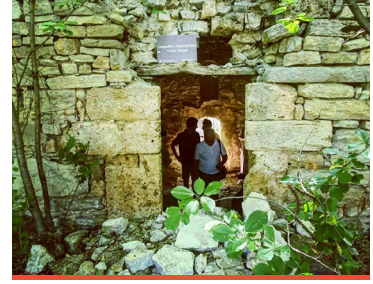
UNHCR — 23rd July ORGANIZED AN AWARENESS RAISING MEETING IN KLINË/KLINA

Advancing Together (AT), a partner organization of UNHCR, organized an awareness raising meeting in Klinë/Klina municipality with members of the Egyptian community living in village Klinavc/Klinavac. The meeting involved discussions on human rights and their protection mechanisms. Participation included Representatives of Ombudsperson Institution, Agency for Free Legal Aid, UNHCR, Municipal Office for Community and Return and Civil Rights Program Kosovo. [Read more in this link](#) ↗



UN Women — 14th July UN PARTICIPATED WITH A MURAL BY LEBIBE TOPALLI ENTITLED “WHAT YOU SOW, YOU REAP”

As part of the UN Women regional initiative Mural Artivism: Breaking the walls of gender inequality, UN participated with a mural by the artist Lebibe Topalli entitled “What you sow, you reap”. The mural aims to raise awareness on women’s property and land rights and calls for the involvement of more men as allies towards achieving gender equality. The initiative was part of the Generation Equality campaign which gathered seven distinguished mural artists – from Kosovo, Albania, Georgia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Turkey, and the curator of the initiative from the United States of America – who started a conversation on gender equality through mural art in Europe and Central Asia. The concluding event was held on July 14th where the artists presented seven murals created in frames of the initiative, reflecting on their creative journey and social change through art. [Read more in this link](#) ↗



UN Habitat — 14th July UNIQUE CULTURAL HERITAGE IS PLANNED TO BE IMPETUS TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT IN SKENDERAJ/SRBICA

Unique cultural heritage is planned to be impetus to the overall development in Skenderaj/Srbica. The local District of Runik has tremendous potential for unique cultural mobility. Municipality of Skenderaj/Srbica and UN-Habitat, have explored the village of Runik for cultural heritage sites and will develop an enriched interactive map which will highlight the cultural heritage and nature as a development impulse for the region. [Read more in this link](#) ↗



UN Habitat — 21st July OUR CAPITAL INVESTMENT FACILITY CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE TAKING SHAPE!

UN-Habitat marked the construction of new projects to enhance sustainable transport connectivity, emergency services, preserve cultural heritage and developing new public spaces with Mayors of Zvečan/Zveqan, Zubin Potok/Zubinpotok, Vushtrri/Vučitrn and Mitrovica South. The projects will benefit citizens, the livelihoods of market traders, as well as Roma neighborhoods, by upgrading climate friendly inclusive green spaces and new bike lanes, as well as connect villages with educational services and livelihood centers. [Read more in these links](#) ↗, ↗, ↗.

UNHCR — 28th July 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1951 REFUGEE CONVENTION

UNHCR marked the 70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention, a key international treaty establishing the rights of people forced to flee. [Read more in these links](#) ↗, ↗



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Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery



WHO — 21st July WHO HAS PROVIDED 10 LAPTOPS, PRINTERS AND PROJECTS TO VACCINATION UNITS

WHO has provided 10 laptops, printers, and projects to vaccination units at Central and Regional Institute of Public Health to increase quality of the data management for COVID-19 vaccination, including Adverse Events following immunization.



UN Habitat — 1st July SKENDERAJ/SRBICA NOW HAS ACCESS TO THE IQAIR MONITOR

Providing reliable air quality data to the citizens. The municipality of Skenderaj/Srbica signed a memorandum of cooperation with Community Building Mitrovica for the installation of this air quality monitoring equipment – IQAir – within the framework of the Inclusive Development Program, implemented by UN-Habitat, in cooperation with PAX and CBM. [Read more in this link](#) ↗

