



↘ IOM — 22nd August

BALKANISTICS IS BACK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRISTINA

IOM and University of Pristina signed a Memorandum of Understanding, laying down the foundation for cooperation in areas of institutionalization of the learning of official languages in Kosovo¹, through the establishment of the Language Center and the Balkanistics Study Programme, at the Faculty of Philology. Other areas of cooperation include conduction of research on matters of mutual interest, capacity building, data collection, exchange, development, and implementation of evidence-based policies addressing relevant societal challenges. The Balkanistics Study Programme is initially accredited by for the next 3 years, with maximum 30 students commencing their studies on October 2021. The programme is a four-year bachelor's degree, aiming to improve cross-linguistic and cross-cultural communication in Kosovo and the Western Balkans. [Read more in this link ↗](#)



↘ UNICEF & WHO — 20th August

MORE COVAX VACCINES THROUGH US SUPPORT

UNICEF and WHO through COVAX facility delivered 35,100 out of planned 510,000 COVID19 doses planned from the United States, received in a ceremony by President Osmani, Prime Minister Kurti, Minister of Health Viti, US Ambassador Kossnet, United Nations Development Coordinator, Richardson. [Read more in this link ↗](#)



↘ UNDCO & UN Women — 27th - 28th August

CELEBRATION OF GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AT THE 13TH EDITION OF PRIFEST

Pristina International Film Festival celebrated gender equality in discussion with women directors, highlighting success stories of cooperation, support for each other and solidarity, in accomplishing their careers and dreams towards international success. As part of the partnership with PriFest, Development Coordinator's Office and UN Women supported two debates focusing on the successes of women filmmakers, and the hardships they encountered because of their gender. Despite this, these women break barriers with their successes every day. Further, the debates aimed to transmit the message to the audience that if women are given the space to direct movies, play in movies, produce, and write them, then we will be one step forward to achieving gender equality. [Read more in these links ↗, ↗](#)



↘ UNDP — 19th August

AUTOSTRADA BIENNALE - CONNECTING CULTURE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Autostrada Biennale supported by UNDP during third edition, showed clearly just how much potential city of Prizren has as a cultural heritage site for sustainable tourism. The city reinvented itself as an open museum through re-functionalization of heritage buildings and examining the relationship between public and private spaces. A city with a rich culture heritage is now hosting 17 exhibition venues starting from the Autostrada Biennale Education and Production Space as the main venue which has been returned to the Contemporary Art Center. Supported by UNDP's City Experiment Fund Project, Autostrada Biennale will run the capacity building programme for entrepreneurs and artists, which will embrace different topics such as Creative Industry, Arts and Technology and Cross Disciplinary Approach in Creative Industry and will be mentored by relevant artists/entrepreneurs of the respective fields. [Click here to watch the video ↗](#) or [get updated by our social media posts here ↗](#). Activities of third edition of Biennale are also supported by UNDCO and UN Women



↘ UNICEF — 2nd August

LAUNCH OF THE SECOND COHORT OF KOSOVO GENERATION UNLIMITED

UNICEF with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports marked the Youth Month by launching the second cohort of the Kosovo Generation Unlimited, Internship Programme, which is supported by the Austrian Development Agency. The launch was held in presence of the Prime Minister Kurti, representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the Austrian Ambassador, Mr. Weidinger, CEO of Raiffeisen Bank, Mr. Wright and 200 young people. [Read more in this link ↗](#)

↘ UNHCR — 4th August

HEAD OF UNHCR AND OSCE MEET PRIME MINISTER

UNHCR Chief of Mission, Mr. Arduç and OSCE Ambassador Davenport, had a productive meeting with Prime Minister Kurti. Mr. Arduç expressed readiness to continue providing support and expertise to the government, in line with the needs of the government and within the scope of UNHCR. [Read more in this link ↗](#)

Highlights

- ↘ University of Pristina re-establishes the Balkanistics Study Programme within the Faculty of Philology
- ↘ Kosovo receives 35,100 vaccine doses through COVAX facility
- ↘ Autostrada Biennale Continues activities in Prizren
- ↘ Jubilar 20th Edition of DokuFest held successfully
- ↘ The 13th Edition of PriFest celebrates women in film industry



↘ UNDCO, UNICEF & UN Women — 3rd & 18th August

DOKUFEST CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

On behalf of UNKT, the UNDCO, UNICEF and UN Women partnered with DokuFest for the 20th anniversary in joint quest to increase volunteering opportunities for the youth in Kosovo. Moreover, on the occasion of the 20th edition of DokuFest, UN women and UNKT celebrated the achievements and endless potential of remarkable women and girls in sport through debates and movie screenings. Sports is one of the most powerful platforms for promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls. [Read more in these links ↗, ↗](#)

↘ UNOPS — 3rd August
4-DAY TRAINING ON 'SAFETY AT WORK'

The second round of the 'Safety at Work' 4-day training has started with 31 women and men from 26 different companies across Kosovo attending the lectures and the on-site visit prepared by our partners Project for Health and Safety Services and Kosovo Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this training is to identify and address health and safety issues that workers face and inform on their rights and responsibilities while discussing the benefits of an inclusive and safe working environment. [Read more in this link ↗](#)

¹ References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)



UNHCR — 4th August

'NO LEGAL IDENTITY - NO EXISTENCE', - AN INSIGHTFUL STORY

UNHCR continues promoting legal registration of stateless persons, by publishing a human-interest story. In the story of 'No Legal Identity - No Existence', we get to meet the Kadrija family from the village of Tërstenik/Trstenik, Peja/Peć municipality. Despite challenging and poor conditions, the family remains happy and hopeful - especially in their quest to establish a legal identity for Ana so that she can complete the civil registration for their lovely daughters.

[Read more in this link](#)



UN-Habitat — 5th August

NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT MUNICIPALITIES

UN-Habitat initiates new partnerships for inter-municipal and inter-community capital investments with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Local Government Administration. The Inclusive Development Programme Capital Investment Facility gives all communities a chance for concrete improvements to improve livability, social cohesion and intermunicipal cooperation. UN-Habitat's Head of Office, Mr. Siddique and his associates met with the Minister of Local Government Administration, Mr. Krasniqi and Minister of Finance, Labor and Transfers, Mr. Murati, discussing a new partnership to increase support for all municipalities through co-financing of capital investment projects. For the first time, projects will be proposed directly by citizens in all municipalities and then evaluated by a professional panel based on clear and transparent criteria.

[Read more in this link](#)



WHO — 4th - 11th August

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE STAFF TRAINED ON CONTACT TRACING

WHO supported a series of training for the staff of the Primary Health Care entities on Contact Tracing. Starting in July, trainers of the Institute of Public Health, finalized in August with two sessions in Pristina. Covered all regions of Kosovo, the objective of the training was to identify, assess, and manage people who have been exposed to probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases to prevent onward transmission using the Go.Data platform installed on tablets provided by WHO.



UNICEF — 10th August

ROUTINE VACCINATION OF CHILDREN CONTINUES ALONG WITH COVID-19 FOR ADULTS

UNICEF conducted a field trip in Gjakova/Đakovica with the Director, Head of the Belgian Diplomatic Office in Kosovo, Mr. Sassel, to witness vaccination against COVID-19, routine immunization of children and participation of children in early childhood education center in Brekoc.



UNDP — 13th - 15th August

WORKSHOP ON SHARING CULTURES AND LANGUAGES

UNDP in partnership with the Youth Association Gračanica NGO, organized a workshop on 'Finding Common Words'. 30 young participants (20 women and 10 men) from Albanian and Serbian communities interacted, learned, and identified the common words that are shared between both languages and cultures. The aim was to increase their knowledge of cultural similarities, shared values and to socialize with one another in transcending cultural barriers. The activity is part of the 'Cultural Heritage as a Driver for Intercommunity Dialogue and Social Cohesion' project funded by the European Commission's Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) and implemented by UNDP.

[Read more in this link](#)



UNDP — 17th August

CONTINUED SUPPORT / FREE LEGAL AID TO VULNERABLE GROUPS

UNDP continues to provide free legal aid to vulnerable groups through the Humanitarian Assistance Project (HAP) project, funded by the European Union Kosovo Office, in partnership with the Agency for Free Legal Aid. Legal expertise and access to justice to families in need and vulnerable groups, is provided through the Mobile Clinic bearing the slogan 'For You, With You' started mid-August with field visits to remote areas across Kosovo. The Municipality of Obiliq/ć was the first that received the support and more than 50 cases have been legally assisted through official and legal procedures. Additionally, the mobile clinic has conducted awareness campaigns with local authorities, residents, and partners. As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect vulnerable groups, having direct and easy access to services, contributes to reducing potential health risks as well.

[Read more in this link](#)



UN Habitat — 19th August

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR AND HEAD OF UN-HABITAT MET WITH PRIME MINISTER KURTI ON FUTURE PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES

UN-Habitat identifies future programmatic priorities with Prime Minister, Minister of Environment and Minister of Finance to focus on inter-community trust building, investing in sustainable municipal infrastructure and scaling up access to social housing. Key topics included the continued technical assistance to municipalities for participatory spatial planning, fostering trust building through inclusive local governance approaches, scaling up capital investments aimed at inter-community municipal infrastructure investments and a comprehensive approach to delivering social housing.

[Read more in this link](#)



UNICEF — 16th August

LAUNCH OF 6 YOUTH VOLUNTEERING CAMPAIGNS

UNICEF in partnership with the Austrian Development Agency, and through the IPKO Foundation, launched 6 Volunteering Campaigns with young people which will support them in promoting environment protection and quality education via <http://shkollat.org>.

UNOPS — 19th August

WORKSHOP ON MECHANISM FOR INCREASING SOCIAL DIALOGUE

UNOPS organized Occupational Safety and Health-OSH Project workshop that brought together all project partners to discuss mechanisms for increasing social dialogue that will contribute to improvement of safety and health at work for all women and men. Through group discussions, presentations and exchange of information, partners unfolded the achievements of the first year of project implementation and reflected on the activities for the next year which will contribute to the project goal of promoting fair and decent working conditions through strengthening of OSH Management and Social Dialogue in Kosovo. This project is implemented by UNOPS and is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) through the Embassy of Sweden in Pristina.

[Read more in this link](#)

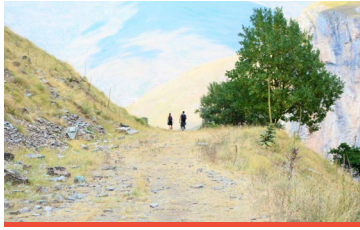


UN Habitat — 30th August

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY PLAN

UN-Habitat published guidelines for 'Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan' in Kosovo's municipalities. This is based on the EU's guidance 'The National Guidelines on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP)', which takes on a fresh and forward-looking approach for a relatively new field of action by municipalities and their partners in Kosovo. The aim of this publication is to provide guidance on developing sustainable urban transportation systems while considering existing guidance from the EU and real experiences from implementing SUMPs in Mitrovica South and North Municipality. [Read more in this link](#)





UNDCO — 3rd August 2021 #RUNFORSHARR CAMPAIGN

Development Coordinator's Office supported Run for Sharr/Sara with Utalaya and WWF Adria, a run and hike PR activity with alpine climbers and environmental enthusiasts. This activity aims to produce some interesting video and PR materials promoting sustainable tourism and protection of biodiversity. 'Our environment and the mountains are our shared heritage: Let's protect and enjoy them with responsibility' - said UN development Coordinator in the occasion. This activity also aims to promote investment in sustainable tourism and sustainable development.

[Read more in this link](#)



UN Habitat — 27th August THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR THE CENTRAL CITY SQUARE OF RAHOVEC/ORAHOVAC

UN-Habitat publishes the report from the International Competition for the Central City Square of Rahovec/ Orahovac! The International Design Competition for Central City Square of Rahovec/ Orahovac was organized within the programme "Leading Urban Change" in Rahovec through revitalization of the Central City Square. The process was initiated in 2019 and it aims to promote urban regeneration and inclusive public space development through inclusive, transparent, and innovative planning and design methods. [Read more in this link](#)



OHCHR & UNMIK — 30th August MARKING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE VICTIMS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

OHCHR and UNMIK with the Missing Persons Resource Center (MPRC) marking the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, launched a video on the MPRC's ongoing work to support the process of clarifying the fate of the missing and the challenges the families still face in searching for the truth. Also, SRSR and Head of UNMIK, Mr. Zahir Tanin, recalled the importance of this critical human rights and humanitarian issue to inter-community reconciliation and urged Pristina and Belgrade to redouble their efforts to enlighten the fate of the 1,630 persons who remain missing. [Click here to see the MPRC Video on Missing Persons](#). Links to [English](#), [Albanian](#) and [Serbian](#) SRSR Tanin's Statement.



WHO — 1st-7th August WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2021

World Breastfeeding Week 2021 was marked during 1-7 August under the global theme "Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility", calling on countries to invest in supporting and protecting breastfeeding practices for maternal and child health, as well as overall well-being in the achievement of the SDGs. Messages were translated into Albanian and Serbian languages, and were shared with partners and media through the Ministry of Health, Institute of Public Health and the UN Development Coordinator's Office. [The social media content/messages can be found on the following link](#)



WHO — 30th August LATEST KEY MESSAGES ON THE SARS-COV-2 DELTA VARIANT

WHO continues to support the public by providing up to date information about the spread of the SARS-COV-2 Delta variant. New messages have been shared to increase public awareness on why it is important to continue practicing basic preventive measures. Materials have been translated and shared to the public. [Read more in this link](#)

WHO — 20th August INCREASING WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND REDUCING HUMAN-CAUSED IGNITIONS

WHO published and promoted key messages related to the wildfires, informing the public on what steps you can take to keep yourself and others safe from/or during wildfires. Wildfires affect thousands of lives, causing hunger and malnutrition, among others, each year. [Read more in this link](#)



Community Outreach and Assistance Delivery



UN Habitat — 4th August START OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CIVIL SOCIETY CENTRE

UN-Habitat marked the opening of the construction aimed at upgrading a new civil society centre on Cukarak Hill, in Leposaviq/Ç, which will serve as a new multi-purpose community centre for residents and bring together civil society organizations working on environmental issues. This investment has been made possible thanks to the cooperation of UN-Habitat, the Municipality of Leposaviq/Ç and local civil society, in the framework of the Capital Investment Facility, Inclusive Development Programme. [Read more in this link](#)



UNFPA — 12th August MARKING THE INTERNATIONAL 2021 YOUTH DAY

UNFPA marked the International Youth Day together with SIT (Centre for Counselling, Social Services and Research) in Taubashqë by organizing the 'Festival of Youth'. Young people from across Kosovo gathered to celebrate and learn about new behaviours on healthy lifestyle, sexual reproductive health and rights, physical and mental health, gender equality, prevention of violence, consent, and other youth related topics. The festival also hosted representatives from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Austrian Embassy, Austrian Development Agency and civil society. [Read more in this link](#)



UNICEF — 18th August MINISTRY OF HEALTH RECEIVED 16 VACCINE REFRIGERATORS

UNICEF delivered 16 vaccine refrigerators to the Ministry of Health to support a safe and timely delivery of #COVID-19. These refrigerators will be used by Family Medical Centers for storing COVID-19 as well as vaccines for routine immunization. [Read more in this link](#)



UNICEF — 26th August DONATION OF LAPTOPS TO THE MESTI

UNICEF and the Austrian Government supported the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation with a donation of 170 laptops, aiming to assist continuous learning for all children ahead of the new school year. [Read more in this link](#)

UNOPS — 25th August SUCCESSFUL RENOVATION OF THE RADIOLOGY CLINIC IN THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL OF FERIZAJ/UROŠEVAC

UNOPS has successfully completed the renovation of the Radiology Clinic in the Regional Hospital of Ferizaj/Uroševac and installed a CT scanner in the newly renovated CT facilities. The intervention is part of the Kosovo Emergency COVID-19 Project which aims to improve the quality of their provision of specific equipment, supplies, and expansion of medical facilities. Moreover, the intervention aims to improve the capacities of the public health facilities, including the medical staff, and treatment and early symptom detection of COVID-19 or other diseases. Lastly, UNOPS has initiated work with 6 other Regional Hospitals and expanding capacities of the Morgue in Pristina. [Read more in this link](#)



IOM — 1st - 31st August 13 NEWLY BUILT HOUSES TO RETURNEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED BENEFICIARIES

IOM's "Return and Reintegration programme" (EU-RRK V) handed over keys to 13 newly built houses to returnees and internally displaced beneficiaries in five municipalities (Obiliq/Ç, Rahovec/Orahovac, Kamenicë/a, Shtrepcë/Štrpce and Gračanica/Graçanicë). The project is funded by the European Union Office in Kosovo, co-financed by the Ministry of Communities and Returns, and continues to implement its activities in 11 municipalities throughout Kosovo.