

Kosovo Municipal Assembly and Mayoral Elections 2013

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| **General Information** |
| Type of Elections: | Municipal & Mayoral |
| Election Dates:**First Round** Municipal Assembly and Mayoral Elections (Kosovo wide) * Re-run in Mitrovica North (3 PCs)

Second round mayoral (25 municipalities)* Re-run in Zvecan (3 PSs)
* Re-run in Parteš (3 PSs)
 | 03 November 2013 17 November 201301 December 2013 01 December 2013 15 December 2013 |
| Eligible Voters | 1,787,740  |
| * In Kosovo
 | 1,779,357[[1]](#footnote-1)  |
| * Out of Kosovo (successful applicants)
 | 8,383  |
| * New voters to vote in Elections 2013
 | 191,103 [[2]](#footnote-2) |
| * Removed deceased voters from VL since 2000
 | 55,892 |
| * Voters who abandoned the citizenship since 2008
 | 18,028 |
| Number of Municipalities (electoral districts) | 38 |
| **Voting system** |
| Mayoral Election (Open List) | Voter chooses one candidate only |
| Mayoral electoral voting system – 1st round | Candidate wins with 50 % of votes cast plus one vote – if not achieved then 2nd round of voting occurs between candidates who received most valid votes. |
| Mayoral electoral voting system – 2nd round | Simple majority. |
| Mayoral candidate requirements | At least 3-year residency within Municipality in which the candidate is standing.If elected as Mayor, candidate is ineligible for Municipal Assembly. |
| Municipal Election (Open List) | Voter chooses one political entity (this is considered as a vote for the candidate ranking first on the entity’s candidate list) and one candidate.If more than one candidate is selected then only the vote for the entity will be counted. |
| Municipal electoral voting system | Proportional [[3]](#footnote-3) |
| **Voter Eligibility / Voter List construction** [[4]](#footnote-4) |
| **Out of Kosovo voting programme** – applications for inclusion to participate in voting by mail | 27 July – 17 September 2013 |
| * Number of application/registration forms sent to those participating in 2010 elections
 | 1,640 [[5]](#footnote-5) |
| * Number of distribution points in 25 countries
 | 190 |
| * Number of applications received by the deadline
 | 41,168 [[6]](#footnote-6) |
| * Number of applications approved by CEC
 | 8,383 [[7]](#footnote-7) [[8]](#footnote-8) |
| * Number of applications rejected by CEC
 | 32,785 [[9]](#footnote-9) |
| * Number of appeals to the ECAP on BMO
 | 15,871 |
| * + Approved by ECAP
 | 3,968 |
| * + Rejected by ECAP
 | 6,363 |
| * + Considered as irregular as formal requirements were not met
 | 275 |
| * Out of Kosovo Voter List
 | 8,383 (Provisional) |
| * Applications received from
 | 29 countries [[10]](#footnote-10) |
| **Voter Services** – provisional voter list construction – voters confirm or change their polling center location |  |
| Number of in-person visits |  |
| * Number of persons requesting change of polling location (approved)
 | 10,059 |
| * Voters allocation to the newly created polling centers in 2013
 | 34,392 |
| Notification letters sent for polling center allocations |  |
| * Mail-out
 | 262,333 |
| Persons confirming data through the CEC webpage search engine / voting location [htpp://www.kqz-ks.org/sq/ku-me-votu](http://www.kqz-ks.org/sq/ku-me-votu)  | 142,997 |
| **Challenge & Confirmation** period – voters to confirm or challenge inclusion on the provisional voter list | 17 – 24 September 2013 |
| **In Kosovo - Voter List** |  |
| In Kosovo Voters  | 1,779,357 as certified by CEC’s decision[[11]](#footnote-11) |
| **Voting:** |
| Polling Locations: |  |
| * Number of Polling Centers (PCTRs)
 | 798 [[12]](#footnote-12) |
| * Number of Polling Stations
 | 2,366[[13]](#footnote-13)  |
| Municipal Electoral Management: |  |
| * Number of Municipal Election Officers (MEO) permanent
 | 38 |
| * Number of Municipal Election Commissions (MEC) established
 | 38 |
| * Size of Municipal Election Commissions (MEC)
 | ~ 7 |
| * Total number of MEC members
 | 257 |
| * Number of Polling Station Committees (PSC)
 | 2,366 |
| Special needs voters | 2, 330 |
| * Wheel chair access at Polling Centers
 | Yes/partially |
| * Blind and partially sighted voting project
 | Braille templates & audio |
| Ballots (company to be determined) | CETIS |
| * Number of different Mayoral ballots
 | 38 |
| * Number of different Municipal ballots
 | 38 |
| * Ballot security features
 | Yes |
| Types of training conducted |  |
| * Training of Polling Station Committees 1st / 2nd
 | 17 - 26 September 2013  / 22-28 November 2013  |
| * Training of MECs – intake procedures 1st / 2nd
 | 28 September 2013 / 28 November 2013 |
| * Special Needs Voter Training 1st / 2nd
 | 29 September 2013 / 28 November 2013 |
| * Refresher training for PSC Chairpersons 1st / 2nd
 | 01 October 2013 / 29 November 2013 |
| Voter education and awareness |  |
| * Languages used
 | Albanian, Serbian, Turkish, Bosnian, & Roma |
| **Political Entity Engagement** |
| Certification of Political Entities and Candidates – application period | 03 July – 4 September 2013 |
| Political Entities which applied for certification: | 105 |
| Certified political entities (as of 17 Sep 2013) | 103 |
| * Political parties
 | 33 |
| * Citizens’ initiatives
 | 52 |
| * Independent candidates
 | 16 |
| * Coalitions
 | 2 |
| * Withdrew
 | 2 [[14]](#footnote-14) |
| * Refused
 | 0 |
| Total number of candidates: | 7,932 |
| * Mayoral candidates
 | 224 |
| * Municipal Assembly candidates
 | 7,708 |
| Gender quota applicable | Each candidate list shall comprise at least 30% certified candidates of the other gender |
| Ballot Lottery (orders political entity’s place on the ballot) | 19 September 2013 |
| Election Campaign Period (first round) | 03 October - 1 November 2013 |
| Election Campaign Period (second round) | 25 – 29 November |
| **Finance:** |  |
| * Entity spending limit
 | 0.5 euro per voter / municipality |
| * Campaign financial disclosure – 1st report
 | 18 December 2013 |
| * Campaign financial disclosure – 2nd report
 | 26 December 2013 |
| **Observers** |
| CEC Accredited observers (first round)CEC observers applied (second round) | 30,1732.280 |
| **Political Entities** | **Local NGOs** | **International Organizations** | **Institutions** | **Embassies & Liaison Offices** | **Media** | **TOTAL** |
| # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obs. | # | Obser |
| 63 | 26,985 | 20 | 2479 | 5 | 254 | 2 | 54 | 14 | 210 | 25 | 191 | 129 | 30,239 |
| **Observer Accreditation for Run-off**Total accredited observers for second round as of 29 November 1165. |
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| # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obser | # | Obs. | # | Obser |
| 5 | 1752 | 3 | 244 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 249 | 6 | 26 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 1165 |

1. 67 voters were removed from the voters list since their legal capacity was deprived based on the information provided by Kosovo Judicial Council [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 116,320 new Voters that turned 18 since elections 2010, and 74,783 new Voters in civil register, for the first time as Kosovo citizens. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *Sainte-Laguë*  formula - Law on Local Elections, Article 8 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The voter list is an extract from the Civil Registry (Ministry of Internal Affairs). CEC role is to allocate voters to polling locations. Deadline for Out of Kosovo Voting programme applications is extended from 10 to 17 September. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. 89 applications have been returned as undelivered due to the change of addresses of the residents [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. 38228 from Serbia, 1074 from Montenegro, 1866 other countries; [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. 6427 from Serbia, 276 from Montenegro, 1680 other countries; [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. 1,742 sucessfully BMO registered voters were removed from the VL since they were in the Civil Registry as well: [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. 31801 from Serbia, 798 from Montenegro, 186 from other countries; [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Austria, Belgium, B&H, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Franca, Germany, Greece, Iraq, R. Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, FYROM, Malaysia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Scotland, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, UK, USA. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Dated 17 October 2013 [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. 798 is the total number of PCTRs. Number of new PCTRs, excluding the North, is 52. Number of PCTRs in the North is 49, out of which 44 are from previous elections and 5 are newly established PCTRs. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. The increase of polling stations from previous elections in 86 [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Citizens’ Initiative Zajednicka Buducnost Ljipljane (Common Future Ljipljane) and IC Latif Kryeziu withdrew. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)