

2010 Early Kosovo Assembly Elections

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| **General Information:** | |
| * Type of election being held: | Early[[1]](#footnote-1) Kosovo Assembly Elections |
| * Election Date: | 12 December 2010 |
| * Eligible Voters | |
| * In Kosovo | 1,630,636 |
| * Out of Kosovo | 1,640 |
| **Voting system:** |  |
| * Model: | Proportional Representation ‐ open list (voting for the political entity and *up to 5 candidates*);   * + Voting for more than 5 candidates results in only the political entity vote being counted   + A vote for the political entity does not result in a vote for the entity’s first candidate (change from 2009) |
| * Districts: | Kosovo treated as a single electoral district; |
| * Gender: Candidates List | At least 30% of candidates from the other gender; Political Entity Candidate List: submission of a maximum of 110 names per entity; |
| * Results: | * + Assembly Seats: 100 + 20 (reserved seats for non‐majority communities)   + Threshold: 5% threshold (not applicable to non‐majority communities)   Gender: 30% of assembly seats allocated to the other gender |
| **Observers & Media:** | |
| * Application Forms: | [http://www.kqz‐ks.org/SKQZ‐](http://www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/rrethkqz/formularetvezhgim.html)  [WEB/al/rrethkqz/formularetvezhgim.html](http://www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/rrethkqz/formularetvezhgim.html) |
| * Deadlines | |
| * Applications: Political Entities | 01 December 2010 |
| * Applications: International organisations | 06 December 2010 |
| * Accreditation | 06 December 2010 |
| * **Provisional Voter’s List construction**[**2**](#_bookmark1) **‐ in Kosovo** | [http://www.kqz‐ks.org/SKQZ‐WEB/al/shv/ks.html](http://www.kqz-ks.org/SKQZ-WEB/al/shv/ks.html) |
| * Purpose | To extract from the civil registry, those eligible voters who  will be 18 or over on the day of elections to form a list of voters |
| * Total Voters (2010) | 1,630,636 |
| * Total Voters (2009) | 1,564,427 |
| o Additions |  |
| 1. New Voters 2. Court decisions 2010 3. Court decisions 2009 | 73,288  0  0 |
| o Removals |  |
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| **(2)** Provisional Voters’ List construction **– out of Kosovo (By‐Mail Voting Programme)** | <http://www.kqz‐> ks.org/SKQZ‐ WEB/al/shv/materiale/ks/OVPP.pdf |
| * Purpose | To include eligible voters who will be 18 or over on the  day of elections and who are residing outside of Kosovo to form a list of voters. Voters are required to register. |
| * Registration Period | 03‐16 November 2010 |
| * Outreach | |
| o Mail‐out of application form and  instructions to those successfully registered in previous election | 2,564 |
| o Public information campaign | Satellite TV spots |
| o In‐situ distribution points | 45 |
| * Number of countries responding: | 31 |
| * Applications | |
| o Received | 5,015 |
| o Approved | 1,640 |
| o Rejected | 3,228 |
| o Duplicates | 147 |
| Voter Services |  |
| Purpose | To allow voters a chance to confirm or amend their polling locations (which also confirms their appearance on the list) either in person at the Municipal Election Officer in each municipality or on‐line |
| Period | 10‐16 November 2010 |
| Number of Visits to online search engine | 10,213 (during voter services period) |
| Number of Visits to Municipal Election Officers | 4,000 |
| * Number of request to change polling location | 3,291 |
| * Approved | 2,963 |
| * Rejected | 328 |
| * Number of individuals registering a change of addresses | 447 |
| • Number of post cards sent to voters with new PC assignments and new voters (age 18 ) | 125,461 |
| * Challenge & Confirmation Period (confirm/challenge entries on provisional voter list) | 22‐26 November 2010 |
| * Purpose | To allow voters and entities to review the voters’ list and verify their own data and challenge any omission or wrongful inclusion |
| * Access: | (1) Inspection at Municipal Election Office  (2) Electronic version sent to political entities  (3) Online ‐ www.kqz‐ks.org/SKQZ‐WEB/al/shv/vbk.html |
| Number of Visits to Municipal Election Officers | 500 |
| Court decisions | 4[[6]](#footnote-6) |
| * **Special Needs Voting (registration period)** |  |
| * Purpose: | To increase the engagement of voters by facilitating voting  under special circumstances. Pre‐registration is required. |
| * Registration deadline | 26 November 2010 |
| * Voter Categories: | Total: 7,986 |
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| * Less‐abled | 2,162 |
| * Institutions (detention centres / correction centres / hospitals) | 5,014 |
| * Special circumstances | 810 |
| **Political Entities & Candidates:** | |
| * **Certification:** | http://www.kqz‐ks.org/SKQZ‐WEB/al/rrethkqz/lk.html |
| * Application deadline for political entities   & candidates | 03‐11 November 2010 |
| * CEC certification of entities and their   candidates | 19 November 2010 |
| * Entity withdrawals / refusals | 0 |
| * Certified: | 29 |
| o Parties | 24 |
| o Citizen’s Initiatives | 3 |
| o Coalitions | 2 |
| o Communities: | 9 |
| * Kosovo Albanian | 7 |
| * Kosovo Serb | 8 |
| * Kosovo Bosnian | 4 |
| * Kosovo Ashkali | 2 |
| * Kosovo Egyptian | 2 |
| * Kosovo Gorani | 2 |
| * Kosovo Turkish | 2 |
| * Kosovo Roma | 1 |
| * Kosovo Montenegrin | 1 |
| o Total number of certified candidates | 1,266[[7]](#footnote-7) |
| * *Code of Conduct*: | 15 November 2010 |
| * Ballot lottery: | 20 November 2010 |
| * Political Entity Campaign Period: | 01‐10 December 2010 |
| * Campaign financial expenditure limit: | € 818,119 or € 0.5/voter |
| * (5) Deposit refund to political entities gained at * least one seat in Kosovo Assembly | 30 days after the certification of results |
| * Entity Campaign Financial Disclosure   deadline: | 26 January 2011 |
| **Public Information:** | |
| * Purpose: | Information to public, political entities, international  community and other stakeholders on key activities and projects – throughout the whole of Kosovo |
| * Languages used: | Albanian, Serbian, Turkish, Bosnian & Roma |
| * Access through: | Television (including satellite), radio, billboards (including  TV style), flyers, posters, newspapers, webpage |
| * Projects supported:   o Voter List construction | Voter Services and, Challenge and Confirmation Periods |
| o Voting | Applications to *Out of Kosovo* and *Special Needs Voting*  programmes; *How, where and when* to vote |
| * Additional activities: | Political Party Forums, Stakeholder Meetings, |
| * *Future Voters* project | [http://www.futurevoterskosovo.org/advCms/?id=4,1,1,1,e](http://www.futurevoterskosovo.org/advCms/?id=4%2C1%2C1%2C1%2Ce) |
| **Voting** | |
| By Mail Voting Programme |  |
| * Return of ballots deadline | 10 December 2010 |
| Ballot received (as of 6 Dec 2010) | 142 |
| Special Needs Voting Programme (SNV) |  |
| * *Number of Special Needs teams* | 115 |
| * *Training of Special Needs teams* | 1. December 2010 |
| *Regular (+ conditional) Voting Programme* |  |
| * Centres / Stations | 746 / 2,280 |
| * Voter facilitation / Mobile teams | 14 |
| * Polling station committee members | 17,013 |
| * Chairpersons | 2,203 |
| * Members | 13,191 |
| * Reserves | 1,619 |
| * + Training of Polling Station Committee members | 29 Nov‐10 Dec 2010 |
| * Training of PSC Chairpersons | 09‐10 Dec 2010 |
| * Training of MECs on intake procedures | 1. December 2010 |
| * **Less‐abled outreach:** |  |
| * Access ramps | Yes ( ~60 % of PCs) |
| * Braille voting templates | Yes |
| * **Ballot** |  |
| * Produced by: CETIS, Slovenia | <http://www.cetis.si/?lang=en> |
| * Anti‐fraud security features | Yes |
| * Number of ballots to be produced | 1,783,700 |
| * Ballots arrive in Kosovo | 9 Dec 2010 (TBC) |
| * **Allocation to polling stations** | E‐day |
| * Ballot production period | 22 Nov – 7 Dec 2010 |
| * **Election materials** |  |
| * Arrival in Kosovo (election forms, voting screens, UV lamps) | 5 December 2010 |

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| **Observers** | | |  | |
| * Total accredited observers | | | 32,139 | |
| **Political entity observers** | **Local NGOs** | **International Observers** | **Other international observers** | **Total** |
| 26,049 | 5,301 | **254** | **535** | 32,139 |

1. Announced by A/President of Kosovo, 2 November 2010 (initial Decision of 15 October was to hold Kosovo Assembly Elections on 13 February 2010) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Removed by Civil Registry: registered with weak fingerprints [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 4 voters removed based on the court decisions 2009; [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Deceased persons removed after the challenge and confirmation period; [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Decisions on: removal of 3 deceased persons, change of Polling Centres for 2 voters [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Based on CEC’s Decision date 25 November 2010, one candidate removed due to the inclusion in two political entity’s list [↑](#footnote-ref-7)