



NEWSLETTER #2



Throughout July, meetings were held with communities in different cities of our country. The visits were carried out in Kaçanik, Prizren, Gjakovë, Obiliç, Skënderaj, Drenas and Mitrovica. During these meetings, the communities were handed the documents with instructions on how to address and the actions they should undertake to prevent the river pollution and degradation in their areas, which they have signaled that they need intervention to improve their state. Communities have started reporting cases and addressing them to the relevant institutions.

In August took place the initiation meeting for the establishment of the Local Water Councils, where the Statute of the Councils was presented and it was discussed in detail with the communities what the role and responsibilities of the Councils will be, as well as how they will function. Local Water Councils will act to protect the water resources of the respective areas for which they have been established. The purpose of their establishment is the delegation of community water cases in all areas of Kosovo that need addressing to the relevant institutions and intervention to improve the state of those water bodies.



Report on Quality of Surface Water in the Four River Basins of Kosovo - Areas Signaled by the Community



After the end of the autumn monitoring, the second one for this year, for the quality of surface waters, it was developed the Report of the quality of surface waters in the four river basins of Kosovo - Areas signaled by the community and in November it was published. The document has been presented in an event open for all. Among the participants in the event were stakeholders, partners, citizens, students, etc. The document is public in two languages: Albanian and English and is accessible online on the project's website. The document along with the recommendations has also been shared with all stakeholders and actors relevant to the topic of the report.

During this period, in addition to the surface water quality report, the Policy Brief #3 "Safety of Drinking Water in Kosovo" was also published. The document addresses the topic of water safety and elaborates on the supply of drinking water to citizens, as well as gives recommendations on what needs to be improved in regard to it. The document is public in two languages: Albanian and English and is accessible online on the project's website. The document along with the recommendations has also been shared with all stakeholders and actors relevant to the topic of the report.

POLICY BRIEF #3

Safety of Drinking Water in Kosovo



Communities in different areas of the country have been equipped with sets of equipment and consumables for monitoring over 10 water quality parameters of water bodies, and have been trained in their use, through direct demonstration and short tutorial videos. These materials will be available to the communities for continuous monthly monitoring until the end of the project. The materials are being used and the communities have made the first reports of the monitoring they have carried out.