Demasking Demarcation Along the Ethnic Lines: Advantages and Consequences

With the support of Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS) and in cooperation with TV Mir NSI implemented a project Demasking Demarcation Along the Ethnic Lines: Advantages and Consequences, hoping to unveil the unknown behind the very discussed topic. The project had four components building on each other.

- 3 vox populi
- 1 TV add
- 4 TV shows
- 6 doubles

First TV debate:
Dušan Radaković, Activist
Veroljub Petronić, Activist
Nenad Radosavljević, Journalist

Second TV debate:
Dejan Radivojević, Activist
Ivan Nikolić, Activist

Third TV debate:
Sanja Sovrlić, Journalist
Buđimir Ničić, Journalist
Andelka Cup, Journalist

Fourth TV debate:
Igor Marković, Activist
Dejan Nedeljković, Activist
Darko Dimitrijević, Journalist

Along with experts’ opinions, NSI wanted to provide an analytical, unbiased and holistic insight into demarcation, relying on academic findings, facts and figures. This analysis “Kosovo-Serbia Demarcation-Final Solutions or New Problems?” addresses the issue of demarcation and its consequences, the potential costs and benefits and the impact that such a solution could have on communities, socio-economic, political and security situation.

The report was presented at round table in Mitrovica North, earlier in December. High interests for the event lead to a full table, high media coverage and a vivid conversation, all demonstrating the need for further discussion on the topic.
**Informal Dialog for Formal Developments – Round 2**

**Brief** Kurti’s Government – A Premature Surprise? reflects on parliamentary elections results and possible outcomes. It provides insights in participants perceptions on potential coalitions and their platforms, position of minority parties and the future of the dialog.

Brief is followed with 2 op-eds: **Dear Prime Minister** by Dina Milovanović; **Kurti’s Uphill Domestic and International Battles** by Shpetim Gashi.

In 2018 New Social Initiative sparked a new way of communities dialog in Kosovo – the informal dialog – which grew to become a platform for activists to join a conversation and share information and insights in a welcoming and open way. With the support of European Endowment for Democracy (EED) NSI was able to continue with the informal dialog in 2019, and in November it sparked a conversation on the results of Kosovo parliamentary elections. Following the discussions two op-eds and one brief were published.

**NSI on Technology and Democracy at OSCE Forum**

On December 4th, OSCE held a Civil Society Forum “Technology x Democracy” in Pristina. The Civil Society Forum consisted of panel discussions between a diverse audience and representatives of the local institutions, civil society, civic tech experts and international community.

Jovana Radosavljević, NSI Executive Director, participated at the panel “Intersection of Democracy and Civic Tech”, where she talked about NSI projects, Kosovo Trust Building Platform, and E-municipalities platforms.

**NSI and UNMIK partner for trustbudling in Kosovo**

In May 2018, UNMIK, with the support of UNKT, gathered 120 participants representing a broad cross-section of Kosovo society, including grassroots actors, media, youth leaders and municipal leadership from both majority and non-majority communities, to exchange perspectives on building trust.

The full list of 135 recommendations and final report arising from the Forum are available on the Kosovo Trustbuilding Platform in English, Albanian and Serbian languages.

Establishing the Kosovo Trustbuilding Platform was one of the key outcomes of the Forum. This now-active platform is run by New Social Initiative and is a continuation of the Forum’s discussions on actions needed to build a more peaceful and inclusive society and seeks to promote grassroots and civil society initiatives and efforts by international organizations, as well as institutional policies and actions to advance trust-building in Kosovo. What makes this platform different is that it is the only database that allows you to search for Kosovo-based initiatives all in one place, regardless of location, type of organization, or thematic focus.

Ultimately, the aim of the Kosovo Trustbuilding Platform is to:
- Provide deserved recognition to the champions in trustbuilding;
- Show the multitude of positive, inspiring changes happening in Kosovo;
- Serve as a repository of trust building projects in Kosovo;
- Promote collaboration while preventing duplication of efforts.