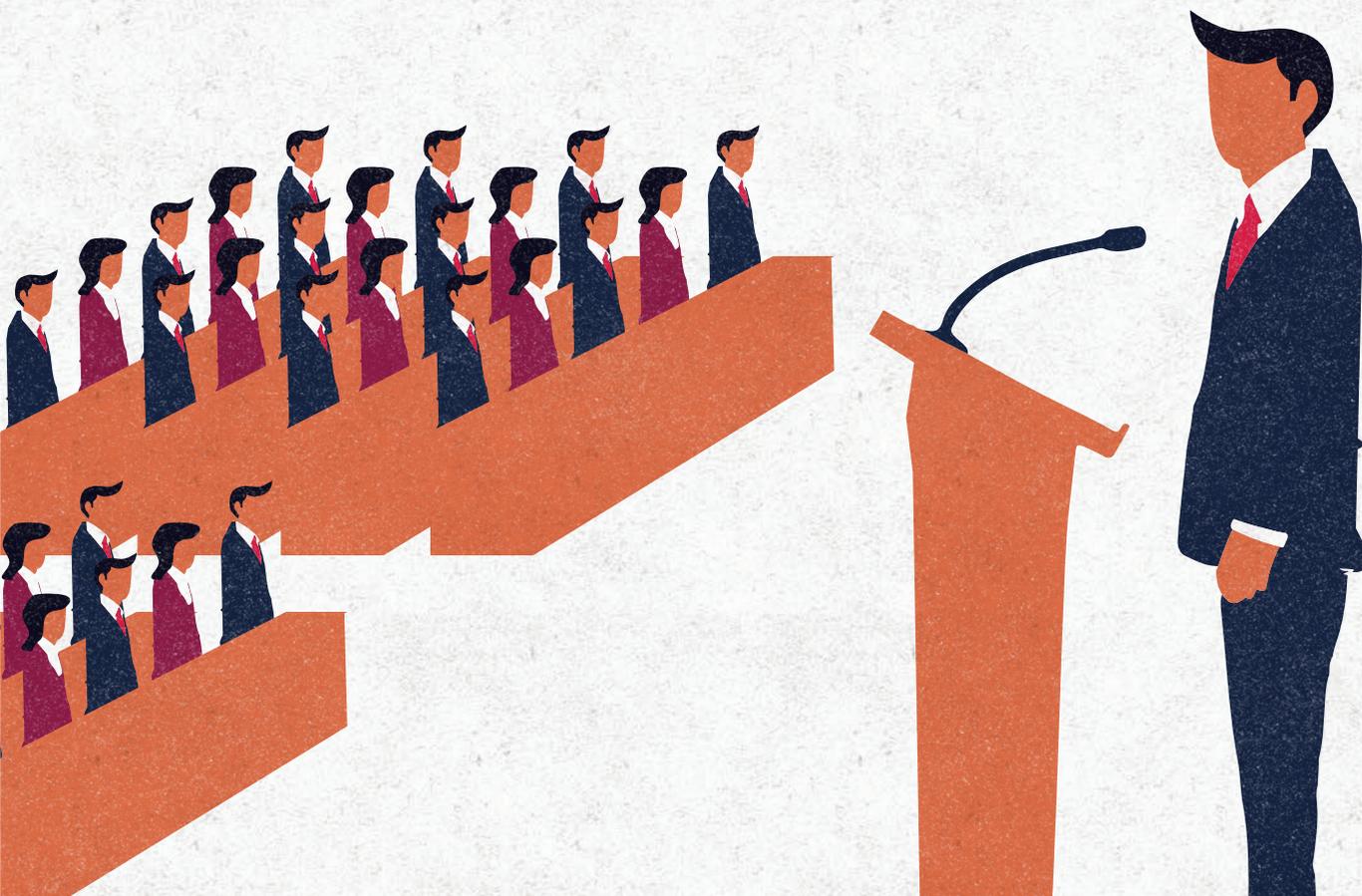


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Assembly of Kosovo in its spring and autumn sessions of 2018 generally played a reactive role to political developments related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process.

Discussions held in the Assembly of Kosovo during this period of the sixth legislature reflected different positions of parliamentary parties on the format of Kosovo's representation in the process of dialogue - the role of constitutional institutions, topics that should be part of the dialogue, red lines of the state of Kosovo in this process and the agreements reached so far under the dialogue.

Viewing the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue from the standpoint of functioning of the Assembly of Kosovo during 2018, it can be concluded that during the spring session issues related to the dialogue were mainly handled by parliamentary committees and within the parliamentary oversight mechanisms. The civil society, especially KDI, reacted by asking that the arena of discussions on this issue should be, first and foremost, the Assembly of Kosovo. Meanwhile, in the autumn session the dialogue was a topic of discussion mainly in plenary sessions and less present in parliamentary committee meetings, while MPs did not exercise genuine parliamentary control over the matter. However, it is worth pointing out that especially during the autumn session, the

Kosovo-Serbia dialogue directly affected the functioning of the Assembly. This came as a result of the deepening of divisions and dissent between the position and the opposition due to differing views on this process. This resulted in the impossibility of reaching the majority needed for the work of the Assembly as a result of the boycotts of position and opposition parties, which did not support the initiatives of one another regarding the future of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process.

The Kosovo-Serbia dialogue was part of the agenda in just 10 out of 42 sessions held during this period, while the topic was discussed in 50% of the sessions. The Assembly voted three resolutions related to the issue of dialogue out of 15 voted during this period of legislative work, among which on 15 December 2018 the Assembly voted the resolution on the normalization of relations between Kosovo and Serbia, a matter that was discussed during 2018 through various initiatives undertaken by parties of the position and the opposition.

Assembly MPs submitted only 9 questions (3% of the total number of parliamentary questions) to Government representatives on issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue. During the autumn session, no parliamentary questions were raised and no interpellation related to the Kosovo-Ser-



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bia dialogue process was initiated. This can be considered as an indicator of a significant drop in the level of exercise of the oversight function of MPs towards the executive in relation to the dialogue process.

On the other hand, the parliamentary committees in general did not pay particular attention to the issue of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue. During 2018, issues related to the dialogue were discussed in 12% of the meetings, while in only 3% of these meetings the issues pertaining to the dialogue were part of the agenda. This points to the low willingness of parliamentary committees to address the issue of dialogue, despite the fact that during 2018 the issue of the future of the dialogue was one of the central themes affecting political developments in Kosovo.

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With the support of the Kosova Democratic Institute and in cooperation with the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, two coordination meetings were organized between parliamentary committees aiming to provide a platform for discussion, coordination and agreement on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process. These meetings aimed to build mutual cooperation between parliamentary committees for monitoring, oversight, participation and transparency of this process.



INTRODUCTION

This annual report presents the work of the Kosovo Assembly in addressing the issue of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process during the spring and autumn sessions of 2018, which began on 15 January 2018 and ended on 28 December 2018.

The report begins by providing a general overview of the handling of the issue of dialogue at plenary sessions of the Kosovo Assembly, including agenda items on dialogue and discussion of topics related to this process.

The second part of the report addresses parliamentary oversight of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue through the mechanisms available to the MPs for oversight of the executive, such as parliamentary questions, interpellations, parliamentary debates and resolutions adopted in the Assembly on this subject.

The third part of the report provides data on the work of parliamentary committees in dealing with issues related to the dialogue. Particular focus is given to coordination meetings between parliamentary committees and to the monitoring of field implementation of Brussels agreements by parliamentary committees.

The final part of the report provides a number of recommendations aimed at strengthening the oversight role of the Kosovo Assembly in the dialogue process with Serbia.

The annex to this document describes in detail the handling of the issue of dialogue in parliamentary committees. This section highlights the exercise of oversight over the executive and agencies responsible for the implementation of the agreements and how the future of this process was treated by the parliamentary committees.

The data of this report are based on the monitoring of the work of the Assembly by KDI, based on publicly accessible data available on the official website of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, which are also published on the Vota Ime¹ [My Vote] platform.

The report aims to increase the transparency of the work of the Assembly in overseeing the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process, in turn increasing accountability and promoting civic participation in the process.

1 For more see the platform: <http://www.votaime.org/>





1. KOSOVO-SERBIA DIALOGUE IN ASSEMBLY SESSIONS

During 2018, the Assembly of Kosovo treated the dialogue process in half of its sessions. Concretely, Assembly members discussed on the dialogue in 21 out of 42 sessions held during this period. In 10 of these sessions, the topic of dialogue was an agenda item, while in 11 other sessions it was raised as an issue outside the agenda.²

The topic of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue had greater coverage during the autumn session compared to the spring session of 2018. This came as a result of the increase of public statements concerning the need for a final agreement with Serbia with Kosovo willing to compromise and the need for establishing a comprehensive negotiation team.³

However, despite being tackled at the level of public discussions or debates, this process was characterized by lack of decision-making in the Assembly. Regarding this phenomenon, i.e. the treatment of the dialogue process in television studios or media conferences, there were reactions from the civil society, especially from KDI, which demanded that the arena of discussions related to this issue be primarily the Assembly of Kosovo. On the other hand, during the autumn session, lack of decision-making at plenary sessions

of the Assembly was a reflection of political developments in the country, such as blocking of the work of the Assembly by preventing the quorum for holding sessions by opposition parties and the blocking of the session of one or the other party because of the failure to meet certain requirements.



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The most discussed topics during the sessions of the Assembly were the issue of border correction - an idea initiated by President Hashim Thaci, the need to pass a resolution on the new phase of dialogue, and the establishment of a negotiation team for the dialogue. Other topics of discussion related to the dialogue were the energy issue, the 100% tax on goods from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, missing persons, the Telecommunication Agreement, the

lack of transparency in the dialogue, the First Agreement of Principles of 2013, and others. (See Table 1.1)

² Taking into account the continuations of the sessions, it emerges that issues related to the dialogue were discussed in 36 sessions, out of which at 23 sessions dialogue issues were agenda items, while in 13 other sessions they were discussed outside the agenda.

³ For more, see the news: <http://www.arbresh.info/lajmet/ne-fazen-finale-te-dialogut-kosova-te-kete-ekip-gjithetheperfs hires/> [Accessed 24 August 2018]





2018

01

02

03

25.01.2018

SESSION:
Plenary

Discussion

Energy Agreement; Telecom Agreement; Association of Serbian Municipalities;

08.02.2018

SESSION:
Plenary

Discussion

Association of Serb Majority Municipalities;

18.02.2018

SESSION:
Solemn

Discussion

Dialogue with Serbia in general;

23.02.2018

SESSION:
Extraordinary

Discussion

Border disputes with Serbia and demarcation; lack of transparency in the dialogue; The footnote; Association of Serb Majority Municipalities; the agreement of 19 April;

02.03.2018

SESSION:
Plenary

Discussion

Dialogue with Serbia in general;

14.03.2018

SESSION:
Continuation of plenary session

Discussion

Regarding the involvement of the opposition in the dialogue;

16.03.2018

SESSION:
Plenary

Discussion

Agreement on Energy and KOSTT;

1

**motion for the
dialogue**

3

**parliamentary debate
on the dialogue**

3

**related resolution
for the dialogue**

Table 1.1: Dialogue in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo during 2018 (spring and autumn session)

04

04.04.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Discussion**

Process of dialogue with Serbia in general;

16.04.2018

SESSION:

Plenary

 **Agenda Item**

Review of the System, Transmission and Market Operator Report-KOSTT; 2. Interpellation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj, upon the request of the LDK Parliamentary Group regarding the decision of the Government of Kosovo to allocate financial means in the amount of one million Euros to KOSTT to cover the electricity supply expenditures of the four municipalities in the north of Kosovo;

17.04.2017

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Review of the System, Transmission and Market Operator Report-KOSTT

26.04.2018

SESSION:

Plenary

 **Agenda Item**

Interpellation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Ramush Haradinaj, at the request of the Parliamentary Group of the LDK, regarding the decision of the Government of Kosovo dated 05.03.2018, for the allocation of financial means in the amount of one million euros to KOSTT to cover the energy supply expenditures electrical of four municipalities in northern Kosovo;

27.04.2018

SESSION:

Special

 **Agenda Item**

Parliamentary debate on missing persons;

01.06.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Regarding the allocation of financial means in the amount of one million euros to KOSTT to cover the electricity supply expenditures of the four municipalities in northern Kosovo;

06.06.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

The Draft Resolution was adopted with recommendations from Prime Minister Haradinaj's interpellation, according to the request of the LDK regarding the decision of the Government of Kosovo dated 05.03.2018, for allocating one million Euros for KOSTT ;

26.07.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Parliamentary debate on dialogue with Serbia;

30.07.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Continuation of the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia

04.09.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Agenda Item**

Review of the Draft Decision of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo for the appointment of the Negotiation Team for the Normalization of Relations between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia

04.09.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Agenda Item**

Parliamentary debate on the commitments of the President of Kosovo to include "territorial exchange" or "border correction" in the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia. (In the absence of a quorum, the Government's decision on the negotiation team was not put to a vote and the session requested by the opposition on the idea of border correction was not held)

13.09.2018

SESSION:

Plenary

 **Agenda Item**

Parliamentary debate on the commitments of the President of Kosovo to include "territorial exchange" or "border correction" in the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia

Table 1.1: Dialogue in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo during 2018 (spring and autumn session)

09

10

14.09.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Agenda Item**

Voting of the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia (In the absence of an excerpt, a draft resolution proposed by the PSD was not put to vote)

20.09.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Voting of the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia; 2. Draft resolution of MP Donika Kadaj-Bujupi, supported by seven (7) MPs of the AAK, regarding the issue of visa liberalization before the dialogue

20.09.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Voting of the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia (Draft resolution was not put to vote)

15.10.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Voting of the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the Dialogue with Serbia (At the request of MP Visar Ymeri, the vote on the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia was removed).

31.10.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Agenda Item**

Parliamentary Debate on Kosovo President's commitments to include "territorial exchange" or "border correction" in the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia / Draft resolution LDK-LVV-Alternative

31.10.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of extraordinary session

 **Agenda Item**

Voting of the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia (Voting of the resolution proposed by LDK-LVV-Alternativa was postponed for the following session)

01.11.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of extraordinary session

Agenda Item

Voting the resolution from the parliamentary debate regarding the commitments of the President of Kosovo to include "territorial exchange" or "border correction" in the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia. (Due to lack of quorum, the Assembly failed to approve any of the foreseen points)

01.11.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

Agenda Item

Voting the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia (Resolution of LDK-LVV-Alternative was put to vote but did not pass)

02.11.2018

SESSION:

Plenary session

Agenda Item

Voting the PSD's draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia (It was not put to vote)

23.11.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

Agenda Item

Voting of the PSD's draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia 2. Voting of the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate regarding the commitments of the President of Kosovo to include territorial exchange or border correction in the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia (PSD resolution proposal was removed from the agenda by the proposer, while for the LDK-LVV-Alternative resolution there was no quorum)

23.11.2018

SESSION:

Plenary

Discussion

Regarding the 100% Tax on Serbia

Table 1.1: Dialogue in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo during 2018 (spring and autumn session)

12

04.12.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Discussion**

Dialogue with Serbia in general

06.12.2018

SESSION:

Plenary

 **Discussion**

Dialogue with Serbia in general

15.12.2018

SESSION:

Extraordinary

 **Agenda Item**

Request of 42 Members of Parliament for Extraordinary Session for the approval of the Draft Resolution on the Dialogue Process for the Normalization of Relations between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia (This Resolution was adopted)

21.12.2018

SESSION:

Continuation of plenary session

 **Agenda Item**

Voting the Draft Resolution from the Parliamentary Debate on the Dialogue with Serbia, 2. Voting the Draft Resolution from the parliamentary debate regarding the commitments of the President of Kosovo to include "territorial exchange" or "border correction" in the dialogue between of Kosovo and Serbia (At the request of the PSD, in the capacity of the initiator, the vote on the draft resolution from the parliamentary debate on the dialogue with Serbia was removed)

26.12.2018

SESSION:

Plenary

 **Agenda Item**

President Thaçi mentioned the dialogue in general during his annual address to the Kosovo Assembly.

2. PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF KOSOVO-SERBIA DIALOGUE

Being one of the main powers of the Assembly, parliamentary oversight is the most classic form of control over the executive, which can be exercised through multiple mechanisms, including parliamentary questions, interpellations and parliamentary debates. This section addresses the performance of the Assembly in terms of parliamentary oversight of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, i.e. the mechanisms that were used by Kosovo MPs during the two sessions of 2018.

2.1 Parliamentary questions

Through parliamentary questions, MPs have at their disposal the mechanism for seeking accountability from the prime minister or ministers regarding their activities and efficiency during the exercise of certain functions. Given the number of sessions held and the provisions in the Rules that each MP may make up to two parliamentary questions, only a small part of the MPs – six of them – exercised their right to keep the government accountable regarding the dialogue process.

During 2018, 55 out of 120 MPs submitted a total of 275 parliamentary questions, of which only 179 (65%) were answered. Of this total number of parliamentary questions, only nine of them related to the dialogue, of which eight

received an answer. Most of the questions, namely six of them, were submitted by LDK deputies. Meanwhile, Vetëvendosje! [Movement for Self-Determination], the Democratic Party of Kosovo and the Social Democratic Initiative put forward only one question. (See Table 1.2)

In relation to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the issue that attracted more interest for MPs, reflected on the topic of parliamentary questions, is related to the Energy Agreement, namely the billing of consumers for the energy spent in the four municipalities in the north and the means allocated by the Government to cover the expenses in that part of the country⁴. Four out of nine parliamentary questions regarding the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process pertained to this issue.

Two questions were presented regarding the rights of the Presevo Valley citizens, two others regarding the composition of the negotiation team and the leading of the process by President Thaci, and a question was asked regarding the measures that the Kosovo Government will undertake in terms of foreign policy to counter Serbia's campaign on withdrawal of Kosovo recognitions and on banning Kosovar athletes⁵. In general, these questions reflected discussions raised in the public discourse that prevailed over the period in question.

4 Among the other factors that influenced the establishment and discussion of this issue are the adoption of a decision by the Government, according to which budget funds have been allocated to cover the electricity bill for citizens in the north, publication of a report by Ombudsperson, where violations of citizens' rights are found, as well as the decision of the respective court on this topic.

5 For more information, see the news: <https://www.zeramerikes.com/a/kosovo-serbia-sports/4385277.html> [Accessed on 24 August 2018]

	APPLICANT	ADDRESSED TO	ANSWERED	DISCUSSION MATTER
25.01.2018	 Haxhi Shala - NSD	 Flmaur Sefaj Minister of Internal Affairs		Documents for residents of Presevo Valley
25.01.2018	 Mirjeta Kalludra - LDK	 Valdrin Lluka Minister of Economic Development		Water and electricity bills for northern part of the country
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25.01.2018	 Mirjeta Kalludra - LDK	 Valdrin Lluka Minister of Economic Development		Water and electricity bills for northern part of the country
16.03.2018	 Imet Rrahmani - LDK	 Ramush Haradinaj Prime Minister		Citizenship documents for displaced residents of the Presevo Valley

Table 1.2: Parliamentary questions about the Dialogue during 2018 (spring and autumn session)

	APPLICANT	ADDRESSED TO	ANSWERED	DISCUSSION MATTER
03.05.2018	 Driton Selmanaj - LDK	 Ramush Haradinaj Prime Minister		Government's mandate in the Dialogue
03.05.2018	 Driton Selmanaj - LDK	 Ramush Haradinaj Prime Minister		President's negotiations for territory
03.05.2018	 Ismajl Kurteshi - LVV	 Ramush Haradinaj Prime Minister		Electricity bills of the northern part of the country
17.05.2018	 Blerta Deliu – Kodra - PDK	 Behgjet Pacolli Minister of Foreign Affairs		Serbia's lobbying campaign against Kosovo

Table 1.2: Parliamentary questions about the Dialogue during 2018 (spring and autumn session)

DURING YEAR 2018,



55

ASSEMBLY
DEPUTIES
have asked in total

275
QUESTIONS





The Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj leads the list of members of the cabinet as the addressee of the greatest number (4) of parliamentary questions, followed by Minister Valdrin Lluca with three questions and ministers Flamur Sefaj and Behgjet Pacolli with a question each. Minister Pacolli is the only member of the cabinet who did not answer the question posed to him.

2.2 Interpellations

In addition to parliamentary questions, another mechanism deemed effective in keeping the executive accountable consists of parliamentary interpellations, which are aimed at initiating a broader and more comprehensive debate on certain topics. Regarding the exercise of this mechanism in relation to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, although the Assembly was active in initiating interpellations in general, they were not exercised to oversee the process of dialogue. This is because only one interpellation out of 13 held in 2018 was initiated on a topic related to the dialogue.

The only interpellation on this topic was held on 31 May 2018, summoned by the LDK parliamentary group and addressed to the Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj regarding the decision of the Kosovo Government to allocate 1 million Euros to KOSTT⁶ in order to cover the electricity supply costs for the four municipalities in the north of the country. During this interpellation, three recommendations were proposed, which required the abolition of billing practices for electricity spent in the north, finding a way to avoid losses in the north, and the deduction of fees as a means of compensating customers who have paid for years for the energy spent in the north of the country. The Prime Minister Haradinaj accused the Serbian side of not implementing the Energy Agreement, saying that under this state of play Serbia wins about 30 million Euros annually from Kosovo. The proposed items were not put to vote because of lack of quorum. This



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6 The decision of 5 March 2018 to allocate 1 million Euros to cover the electricity supply expenditures of the four municipalities in the north of the country came as a result of KOSTT's request - with the justification that these funds would help to repair of losses and maintain functionality in the energy market. For more, see the news: <https://www.koha.net/arberi/79205/qeveria-ndan-1-milion-euro-per-ti-furnizzato-me-rryme-komunat-ve-riore/> [Accessed on 24 August 2018]





resolution was voted in the session of 6 June 2018, with 57 votes in favour and 16 against⁷. In this discussion MPs of the Assembly addressed issues that were also raised on their visit at KOSTT to look closely at the implementation of the energy agreement.

2.3 Parliamentary debates

As far as parliamentary debates are concerned, out of 19 parliamentary debates held in the Kosovo Assembly during 2018, only three of them were summoned on issues related to the process of dialogue including the topic of missing persons, commitments of the President for “border correction” and the process of dialogue in general.

Disaggregating the data by session, two parliamentary debates were held in the spring session of the Assembly, one regarding the missing persons⁸ and the other related to the dialogue with Serbia in general⁹, while in the autumn session only a parliamentary debate was held regarding the commitments of the President of Kosovo to include “territorial exchange” or “border correction” within the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process. It is worth noting that during

the autumn session, namely in September, a considerable number of sessions where discussions on the dialogue were foreseen failed as a result of lack of quorum. This reflected the aggravated relationship between the position and the opposition over that period as a result of the blocking of sessions or initiatives initiated by either party.

The parliamentary debate on missing persons¹⁰ was the first case that the Kosovo Assembly held an extraordinary session on a topic directly related to the dialogue process during 2018. This special session was called in the honour of the week devoted to missing persons. Almost all parliamentary groups had the same views on this issue, demanding that this be discussed in the next stages of the dialogue with Serbia. However, voting on the resolution in this session failed due to lack of quorum. The resolution was voted in the meeting of 3 May 2018¹¹. This resolution, among other things, calls for the full resolution of the fate of missing persons¹², conditioning Serbia for clarifying this issue - as a precondition for continuing the dialogue, finalizing the entire legal basis for missing persons from the Kosovo Government, filing a lawsuit in international instances against Serbia as the main responsible for missing persons and drafting a draft law that enables the trial of war crimes indictees in absentia.

7 For more, see the voting: <http://votaime.org/Public/PlenarySessions/ViewVotingActivity/367> [Accessed on 12 March 2018]

8 For more, see the transcript of the special meeting of the Assembly of Kosovo, held on April 27 and May 3, 2018. Available at: http://kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/trans__2018_04_27_10_7394_en.pdf [Accessed on 16 January 2018]

9 For more, see the transcript of the special meeting of the Assembly of Kosovo held on 23, 26 and 30 July 2018. Available at: http://kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/trans_s_2018_07_23_11_7565_al.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1u3GypjFPTDqxr98o4VREhd1AVztGy61FLoeC1uklw5M-HJgbxklgP3Ns [Accessed on 16 January 2018]

10 Parliamentary Debate on Missing Persons was initiated by MPs Saranda Bogujevci and Andin Hoti, supported by 70 other MPs. This debate was held on 27 April 2018.

11 Out of the total of 75 deputies who participated in the vote, 71 voted ‘for’, four ‘against’ and one ‘abstained’.

12 Point 4 of this resolution explicitly calls for the resolution of the fate of Ukshin Hoti due to the circumstances of his disappearance.





The Assembly held another debate on the dialogue process with Serbia initiated by the PSD parliamentary group in July. In this parliamentary debate it was demanded that the Assembly of Kosovo be the main decision-making institution for all issues that are related to the current process of dialogue with Serbia. There was also provided a general framework on negotiating principles, leadership group and other issues. This draft resolution was not supported by parliamentary groups and was not discussed further since the session was interrupted. At the session of 30 July 30, attended also by Prime Minister Haradinaj, it was again debated on the draft resolution in question. The Prime Minister provided information on the current progress of the process and clarified the issue of reconciliation with Serbia, which according to him does not imply in any way forgiveness of crimes, making reference to the recent public idea of amnesty of crimes committed during the war. On the other hand, the MPs present unanimously asked for a strict definition of the results to be brought by the dialogue including the inevitable Kosovo’s recognition by Serbia. However, despite the detailed discussions on this issue, this resolution was not put to vote due to lack of quorum.

At the autumn session of the Assembly’s work for this year, there were some attempts to hold a parliamentary debate regarding the commitments of the President of Kosovo on issues of “border correction”. However, most of these efforts failed as a result of the diametrically opposed clashes and attitudes between the position and the opposition. In most of these cases, the parliamentary debate was suspended or postponed for another day due to lack of quorum and

disagreements over the text of the respective resolutions to be voted in the end.

The last parliamentary debate held in relation to the dialogue was called by the LDK parliamentary group. This debate was held on 31 October and 1 November 2018, but the proposed resolution was not adopted due to the non-participation of the position MPson accounts of non-consideration of the points proposed by the latter¹³.

In this debate, the parliamentary groups presented their views regarding the inclusion of the President of Kosovo in the final phase of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, namely his idea of border correction with Serbia. The positions of the parliamentary and opposition groups (LDK and LVV) differed with regard to the content of the resolution in question, as the opposition demanded that the resolution consist of a single point that prohibits disputes over the territory, while the position required that the resolution encompass a broader range of topics, and not just the topic of Kosovo’s territorial integrity.

During the session, the LDK parliamentary group accused President Thaci of violating the Kosovo Constitution and endorsing an approach that went against the statehood of Kosovo, violating the foundations of independence. The LVV parliamentary group also held a similar standpoint, saying that there is no need for a new final phase of dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia as, according to them, the dispute between the two countries had ended after the decision of the ICJ regarding Kosovo’s declaration of independence.

On the other hand, the ruling coalition parliamentary groups implied in their statements that they would not vote on any

13 For more, see the Transcript of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Assembly of Kosovo, held on 31 October and 1 November 2018: http://kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/trans__2018_10_31_10_7679_al.pdf [Accessed on 22 January 2019]



resolution on this issue, although they called on opposition parties to engage actively in the dialogue process.

However, the common feature of the statements of all parliamentary groups during this session was the demand for recognition by Serbia as the inevitable outcome to be achieved in the dialogue and the exclusion of possibilities for the partition of Kosovo.

The Government of Kosovo had adopted in April a platform¹⁴ for the last phase of the dialogue with Serbia.¹⁵ This platform was submitted for approval to the Assembly, but after fierce opposition from the opposition parliamentary groups, on 5 June 2018, the date when the platform was to be discussed and voted, the Government withdrew this platform upon the justification that additional time was needed to build a wider national consensus.¹⁶

2.4 Resolutions

During 2018, the Assembly of Kosovo adopted a total of 15 resolutions, of which three resolutions were related to the dialogue¹⁷ - Resolution to resolve the fate of missing persons, Resolution on the situation created after decision on coverage of electricity expenditures spent in four municipalities in the north, and Resolution on the process of dialogue for the normalization of relations between the Republic of Kosovo

and Serbia. Of these three resolutions, the first two were adopted during the spring session, while the other during the autumn session. Almost all resolutions related to the dialogue were initiated by opposition parliamentary groups, with the exception of the resolution for missing persons, initiated jointly by two MPs from both the position and the opposition.

During the autumn session, there were some attempts to issue resolutions related to the dialogue, especially by opposition parties, which failed to be put to vote due to lack of quorum as a result of the position and the opposition taking turns in boycotting the meetings.

The only resolution adopted during the autumn session was the resolution initiated by the parliamentary group of PSD, backed by the coalition government parliamentary groups, with the exception of the LS parliamentary group. This resolution defines the principles of the eventual agreement, the definitions and framework of the dialogue, and the normative acts and the timeframes. Likewise, the resolution regulates the structure, mandate, functioning, decision-making and oversight of the State Delegation, which will consist of 12 members.¹⁸ Regarding parliamentary oversight, the resolution provides for the establishment of the Parliamentary Dialogue Oversight Committee. The resolution was adopted on 15 December. The vote was attended by 61 MPs, of whom 59 voted 'for', while two other MPs abstained.¹⁹

14 The platform for the last phase of the dialogue with Serbia, containing only nine points, foresees that the dialogue process will be led by President Thaci and the dialogue should end with mutual recognition.

15 For more, see the news: <https://telegrafi.com/platforma-e-qeverise-se-kosoves-per-fazen-e-fundit-te-dialogut-serbine/> [Accessed on 24 August 2018]

16 For more, see the news: <http://rtv21.tv/terhiqet-nga-kuvendi-platforma-per-dialogun-me-serbine/> [Accessed on 24 August 2018]

17 For more, see: Resolution No. 06-R-008, adopted on 5 June 2018. Accessible at: http://kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/2018_06_11_Rezoluta%20nr.06-R-008.pdf [Accessed on 23 August 2018]-Resolution No. 06-R-003, adopted on 3 May 2018. Accessible at: http://kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/2018_05_07_Rezolute_Nr_06_R_003.pdf [Accessed on 23 August 2018]-Resolution No. 06-R-015, adopted on 15 December 2018. Accessible at: http://kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/2018_12_18_Rezoluta%2006-R-015.pdf [Accessed on 16 January 2018]

18 Members of the State Delegation are: Shpend Ahmeti and Fatmir Limaj (co-chairmen), Enver Hoxhaj, Avni Arifi, Behgjet Pacolli, Visar Ymeri, Dukagjin Gorani, Mahir Yağcılar, Dardan Gashi, a member of civil society, a representative of the Bosniak community, another representative from the opposition.

19 For more, see the voting: <http://votaimo.org/Public/PlenarySessions/ViewVotingActivity/650> [Accessed on 12 March 2018]



3. DIALOGUE IN THE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY OF KOSOVO

During 2018, the 14 parliamentary committees of the Assembly of Kosovo held a total of 414 meetings and 23 public hearings, discussing issues falling within the scope of their respective committees, as set out in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. The Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process and related topics were discussed in 44 committee meetings, being agenda items in 13 of them. If translated in percentage, issues related to the dialogue were discussed in 10% of the meetings, whereas they were agenda items in 3% of the meetings. Discussions on dialogue-related issues were conducted more during the spring session as opposed to the autumn session. Meanwhile, the most discussed topics related to this process were the implementation of the agreements reached under the dialogue and the future of this process. Specifically, the Committees discussed on the implementation of the Energy Agreement, the implementation of the Justice Agreement, Serbia’s lobbying against Kosovo, visits of Serbian officials to Kosovo and the fate of missing persons.

Discussions about the dialogue were followed with political hues, especially in the Foreign Affairs Committee. The members of this Committee from the ruling coalition and the opposition had differences in terms of the approach to topics related to the dialogue. Political differences emerged especially during the discussions on the First National Platform for Finalization of the Dialogue Project on 4 May 2018 and the Government Report on the Brussels Agreements discussed on 17 October 2018.

In the framework of their oversight role on the government, parliamentary committees of the Assembly invited five government ministers to report on issues related to the

dialogue. In addition, this issue was also raised in the framework of ministers’ reporting on other topics in a total of 13 committee meetings.

With regards to the Justice Agreement, the Minister of Justice Abelard Tahiri reported once, while the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Behgjet Pacolli, reported twice on Serbia’s lobbying against Kosovo. The Minister of Internal Affairs, Flamur Sefaj, reported once on the Kosovo application process for membership in Interpol, while the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Shyqiri Bytyqi, reported on the issue of diploma validation and the implementation of the Diploma Recognition Agreement between Kosovo and Serbia. In two of the committee meetings, the head of Kosovo delegation for the negotiations with Serbia, Avni Arifi, also reported. The committees that mostly discussed topics related to the dialogue were the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investment, the Committee on Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development, and the Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions. (See Table 1.3)

The Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investment had the greatest focus on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process, i.e. in 44% of its meetings. This is because the dialogue falls in the foreign policy domain and the Committee has been vested with a special role in this regard with the resolution adopted by the Assembly on 10 March 2011 regarding the dialogue. The most discussed topics in relation to the dialogue in this Committee were the state of implementation of existing Brussels agreements and the future of the dialogue. During 2018, the Committee on





Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with KDI, continued to organize coordination meetings between parliamentary committees on 19 March and 21 December 2018.

In addition, the Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development paid particular attention to the process of dialogue. The most discussed topic in this Committee in relation to the dialogue was the implementation of the Energy Agreement. Among other things, with the assistance of KDI, this Committee conducted a visit to KOSTT and invited energy sector

institutions to discuss the implementation of this agreement addressing the issues Kosovo is facing as a result of failure to comply with this agreement and the financial cost. In addition to the aforementioned activities, two parliamentary committees of the Assembly also conducted field visits to look closely at the state of implementation of Brussels agreements falling within the scope of these committees. The Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development of the Assembly of Kosovo conducted a visit at KOSTT, while the Committee on Budget and Finances of the Kosovo Assembly conducted a visit at the Kosovo Customs.

Tabela 1.3: Discussions in the Committees of the Assembly regarding the dialogue during 2018 (Spring and autumn session)

Committees of the Assembly	Number of meetings	Public hearing	The topic of dialogue as an item of the agenda	Raising the topic of dialogue out of the agenda	Dialogue in the presence of ministers	Reports of Ministers on Dialogue
Committee on Budget and Finance	28	1	1	4	1	0
Committee on Rights, Interests of Communities and Returns	24	0	0	0	0	0
Commission on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency	38	5	1	1	0	1



Committees of the Assembly	Number of meetings	Public hearing	The topic of dialogue as an item of the agenda	Raising the topic of dialogue out of the agenda	Dialogue in the presence of ministers	Reports of Ministers on Dialogue
Committee on European Integration	22	0	0	2	2	0
Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments	27	0	6	6	4	3
Committee for Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	48	3	0	2	1	0
Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development	46	3	4	7	2	0
Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Rural Development, Environment and Spatial Planning	29	0	0	0	1	0
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	25	2	0	0	0	0
Committee on Public Administration, Local Governance and Media	30	3	0	0	0	0
Committee on Internal Affairs, Security and Oversight of the Kosovo Security Force	22	2	1	3	0	0
Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions	35	3	1	5	2	1
Committee for the Oversight of Public Finances	26	1	0	0	0	0
Committee for the Oversight of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency	14					
Coordination meetings between Parliamentary Committees	2		1			

Total meetings



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Number of Committee Meetings:	414
- Number of Public Hearings:	23
- Dialogue as part of Daily Agenda:	14
- Dialogue outside of Daily Agenda:	30
- Reporting of Ministers regarding dialogue:	5
- Discussions related to Dialogue in presence of Ministers:	13



DURING 2018 WERE HELD TWO COORDINATION MEETINGS BETWEEN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES, ABOUT THE MONITORING AND SUPERVISING ROLE OF THE ASSEMBLY IN THE KOSOVO-SERBIA DIALOGUE PROCESS. ON MARCH 19, THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DIASPORA AND STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, IN CO-OPERATION WITH KDI, HAS ORGANIZED THE FIRST MEETING FOR THIS YEAR, AFTER TWO MEETINGS HELD DURING 2017

3.1 Coordination meetings between parliamentary committees

During 2018, two coordination meetings were held between the parliamentary committees regarding monitoring and oversight role of the Assembly in the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process. On 19 March 2018, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, in cooperation with KDI, organized the first meeting of this year after two meetings held in 2017. Representatives of the committees stressed the need for increased transparency and setting Kosovo's red lines in the dialogue process. It was also recommended to draft a joint letter of the committees addressed to the Government regarding the new phase of the dialogue, requiring that the Assembly be informed about the state dialogue of Kosovo and the new negotiation platform. It was also requested to initiate a resolution by the Assembly regarding the new phase of the dialogue, as well as the establishment of an inquiry commission on the implementation of the agreements reached.²⁰

The second coordination meeting for this year was organized on 21 December 2018. The discussion at this meeting focused on challenges of implementing the Brussels agreements which were identified in the Government report published in June 2018. Based on the evaluation of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, findings of this report show that Serbia has not implemented nearly two-thirds of the agreements reached so far, unlike the Kosovar side which has shown readiness and dedication, implementing almost all agreements. Moreover, the representatives of committees attending this meeting expressed their commitment to continue the monitoring of the dialogue process according to the scope of the committees.²¹

These meetings served to enhance cooperation between parliamentary committees in exchanging information and promoting more rigorous monitoring of the implementation of agreements. However, the meetings remained consultative as

20 KDI Announcement of 19 March 2018, at <http://www.votaime.org/Public/DialogActivity/Detail/180>

21 KDI Announcement of 21 December 2018, at <http://www.votaime.org/Public/DialogActivity/Detail/269>



often recommendations for joint actions failed to materialize due to different attitudes that the parliamentary parties share about the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue.

3.2 Field supervision of the implementation of Brussels agreements

During 2018, parliamentary committees conducted two field visits with the assistance of KDI to monitor closely the state of implementation of the Brussels agreements. On 22 March 2018, the Committee on Economic Development of the Assembly of Kosovo conducted a visit to KOSTT (Transmission, System and Market Operator of Kosovo). The purpose of this visit was to inform members of the Committee on Economic Development regarding the implementation of the Energy Agreement reached between Kosovo and Serbia under the Brussels Dialogue and the issue of energy billing in the northern part of Kosovo.

At this visit, members of the committee were informed that the reason for not implementing the energy agreement was Serbia's refusal to register the new company in Kosovo "Elektro Sever" according to the laws of the Republic of Kosovo. According to KOSTT representatives, the failure to implement this agreement was causing huge financial losses to Kosovo in general and KOSTT in particular. KOSTT representatives asked MPs to raise this issue in the Assembly and asked the Government to find a sustainable solution as soon as possible. This issue was raised in Assembly sessions of 16 and 26 April, and 5 June 2018, where a resolution requiring the Government to resolve the situation created in KOSTT and to stop the dialogue with Serbia on energy-related issues without implementing the existing agreement was adopted.

With the assistance of KDI, the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Assembly conducted a visit to the Kosovo Customs on 4 December 2018. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the MPs in person on the challenges and applicability of agreements within the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, which fall

within the scope of customs, such as IBM, free movement, customs stamps, collection of the customs incomes, the North Development Fund, as well as the implementation of the decision of the Government of Kosovo to impose the measure of 100 percent tax for the goods imported from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The meeting with the Customs Director, Mr. Bahri Berisha, and other Customs official served to inform members of the committee regarding the challenges and implementation of the agreements in question. An official report by the Kosovo Customs was sent to the members of the Committee on issues related to the dialogue with Serbia.





4. RECOMMENDATIONS

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THIS REPORT, THE KOSOVO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE (KDI) PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1

The Assembly of Kosovo shall be active in exercising effective oversight of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process by inviting the executive and all state institutions or mechanisms involved in the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process to regular reporting;

2

The Assembly of Kosovo shall hold regular discussions on the topics discussed and those to be included in the dialogue with Serbia. Also, the Assembly shall demonstrate consistency by addressing these issues on a continuous basis based on its constitutional mandate and oversight mechanisms available;

3

MPs shall be more active in overseeing the dialogue process by using the mechanisms available, such as parliamentary questions, interpellations, field visits, and parliamentary debates.

4

Parliamentary parties shall make serious efforts to overcome political divisions related to the dialogue process, aiming at building a unified Kosovo position in this process.

5

The Assembly of Kosovo shall play a proactive role in increasing accountability and transparency, aiming at inter-institutional coordination and encouraging civic participation in the process;

6

Parliamentary committees shall be more effective in overseeing the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process, focusing on the implementation of agreements reached so far and addressing issues that are expected to be discussed in this process by providing specific recommendations;

7

Parliamentary committees shall continue the coordination between them. The relevant parliamentary committees, based on their scope, shall, through the available mechanisms, address specific issues/topics related to the dialogue by providing specific recommendations to be addressed in the sessions of the Assembly.





ANNEX

THE WORK OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES IN RELATION TO THE DIALOGUE

Committee on Budget and Finance

During 2018, the Committee on Budget and Finance held a total of 28 meetings and a public hearing, where at five meetings it raised issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process. Energy Agreement and the issue of supplying electricity to the northern municipalities²² were

the most discussed topics in these meetings, which were raised in three of the five meetings. Another topic discussed was Kosovo’s membership in international mechanisms and the Justice Agreement, with a focus on the financial aspect. (See Table 1.4)

Table 1.4: Discussions in the Committee on Budget and Finance regarding the dialogue during 2018

	AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
07.02.2018	 Agenda Item	Review of KOSTT JSC Annual Financial Report for 2016;
28.03.2018	 Discussion	Energy Agreement
11.04.2018	 Discussion	Electricity supply in the North; Energy Agreement;
16.05.2018	 Discussion	Kosovo’s membership in international mechanisms;
24.05.2018	 Discussion	Justice Agreement

22 During the meeting of 11 April 2018, one of the members of the Committee on Budget and Finance asked the representative of the Energy Regulatory Office about the issue of non-payment of energy in the north by the Serb community, as a result of which the government had allocated 1 million euros for KOSST to cover losses. For more details, see the minutes of the meeting, available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_04_11_11_7362_al.pdf, p. 4 and 5. [Accessed on 22 August 2018]



However, issues related to the dialogue were included in the agenda of only one meeting of this committee, when KOSTT's annual financial report was reviewed. During this discussion, members of the committee asked to know if representatives attended the energy discussions made in Brussels, and also the reason why the Kosovo-Albania interconnection line is not being implemented.²³

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Bedri Hamza, was invited to one of the meetings where the issues related to the dialogue were raised, namely the meeting of 28 March 2018. Within his report on the unforeseen expenditures for 2018, Minister Mr. Hamza mentioned KOSTT's problems related to the non-implementation of the Energy Agreement. He also stated that Kosovo is being damaged as a result of non-implementation of this agreement and solutions that have been made by the Government to cover losses are short-term ones.²⁴

Committee on Rights, Interests of Communities and Return

During 2018, Committee on Rights, Interests of Communities and Returns held a total of 24 meetings. During these meetings, the members of the Committee did not discuss the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process, despite the fact that a large part of the dialogue agreements fall within the scope of this committee, as the dialogue agreements relate, inter alia, to the integration, the rights, and interests of the Serbian community.

Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency

During 2018, the Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency held a total of 38 meetings and five public hearings. Issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process were discussed at two committee meetings, while only in one they were included in the agenda, where the Minister of Justice, Mr. Abelard Tahiri reported, as well as the chairpersons of the KJC and KPC. The main reporting topic was the situation in the courts in northern Mitrovica. Also, within this discussion, members of the commission expressed their concern about the situation in the north and, as they called them, the instrumentalization of Serbian citizens. On this occasion, the chairperson of the commission expressed her concern that the court in the north of the country was dysfunctional since the 100% tax was imposed. Regarding these issues, Minister Mr. Tahiri reported that the situation in this part of the country was fragile after resignations of Serbian mayors. The Chairperson of the KJC, Mr. Nehat Idrizi, stated that he would invite the President of the Basic Court in Mitrovica to be informed about the situation created. While Mr. Bahri Hyeni from the Prosecutorial Council stated that there were no problems regarding the work of the Prosecution in Mitrovica. (See Table 1.5)

23 Meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance dated 7 February 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_02_07_11_7222_at.pdf, p.3. [Accessed on 22 August 2018]

24 Meeting of the Committee on Budget and Finance, dated 28 March 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_03_28_11_7301_at.pdf, p.3. [Accessed on 22 August 2018]



Table 1.5: Discussions in the Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency regarding the dialogue during 2018

	AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
06.03.2018	 Discussion	Implementation of the Justice Agreement;
04.12.2018	 Agenda Item /  Reporting	Discussion regarding the situation in the Kosovo Court in north Mitrovica; Guests: Minister of Justice, Mr. Abelard Tahiri, Chairperson of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Blerim Isufaj

Dialogue related issues were also raised in front of this commission in the meeting of 6 March 2018. In this meeting, the chairperson of the KJC, Mr. Nehat Idrizi reported, where among other things, the issue of the Justice Agreement was raised. Within his reporting on the judicial system, the commission was informed regarding the process and procedures for recruitment of judges, in the framework of the implementation of the Justice Agreement. During this discussion, the chairperson of the commission had requested information from the chairperson regarding the issue of recognizing the trails of parallel structures of Serbia in Kosovo, which acted under the constitutional framework of Serbia. While the response of the chairperson was that a commission would be

established to review all the cases and decisions issued by these structures.²⁵

Committee on European Integration

During 2018, the Committee on European Integration held a total of 22 meetings. Issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process was raised in two of the meetings held, but not as agenda items. The topics related to this process have been the developments in the dialogue in general, and the justice agreement. The Minister of European Integration, Mrs. Dhurata Hoxha attended these meetings (See Table 1.6)

Table 1.6: Discussions in the Committee on European Integration regarding the dialogue during 2018

	AGENDA ITEM/ DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
02.02.2018	 Discussion	Dialogue with Serbia in general;
19.04.2018	 Discussion	Dialogue in general; Integration of Serbian judges and prosecutors into the justice system

25 Meeting of the Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency, dated 6 March 2018. Available at, http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_03_06_11_7275_al.pdf



Table 1.7: Discussions in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments regarding the dialogue during 2018

	AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
26.01.2018	 Discussion	Review of the Work draft plan and program of the committee for 2018 (KDI's proposals on dialogue); Proposal to invite the Chief Negotiator Mr. Avni Arifi in reporting; Plan for a joint meeting of parliamentary committees regarding the dialogue
30.01.2018	 Discussion	Serbia's lobbying against Kosovo
31.01.2018	 Agenda Item /  Reporting	Reporting by Mr. Behgjet Pacolli, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of MFA, regarding Serbia's lobbying against Kosovo;
09.02.2018	 Diskutim	Regarding the invitation for reporting to Mr. Avni Arifi, Head of Negotiations with Serbia to report on the dialogue platform; Invitation for reporting on February 27, 2018 to Mr. Flamur Sefaj, Minister of Internal Affairs, to report regarding the Kosovo application process for membership in Interpol. Leadership of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of Coordination with other committees on monitoring the dialogue, together with KDI
20.02.2018	 Agenda Item /  Reporting	Reporting of the Head of Negotiations with Serbia, Mr. Avni Arifi regarding the Government's platform for dialogue
27.02.2018	 Agenda Item /  Reporting	Reporting of the minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Flamur Sefaj, regarding the Kosovo application process for membership in Interpol/ Agreement for representation and membership in organizations
29.03.2018	 Agenda Item /  Reporting	Reporting of the Head of Negotiations with Serbia, Mr. Avni Arifi regarding the Kosovo-Serbia discussions
12.04.2018	 Discussion	Serbia's obstruction of Kosovo's recognitions;
04.05.2018	 Agenda Item	Review of the state platform for finalization of the Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia for normalization of relations
12.06.2018	 Discussion	Withdrawal of recognitions from the impact of Serbia
17.10.2018	 Agenda Item	Review of Government Report on Dialogue;
19.12.2018	 Discussion	Reporting at the end of the year of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Behgjet Paloccoli, regarding the scope of the MFA/ Lobbying of Serbia against Kosovo



In the meeting held on 2 February 2018, the dialogue topic was raised within the discussion on the EU Enlargement Strategy for Western Balkan Countries, for which reported the Minister Mrs. Hoxha. The members of the committee expressed their concern regarding the EU approach towards Kosovo in comparison with Serbia, considering that Serbia was more favoured than Kosovo in the integration process, although it had been more destructive towards Kosovo regarding the fulfilment of the obligations of EU agendas.²⁶

Meanwhile, Minister Mrs. Hoxha clarified to the members of the committee that Kosovo and Serbia were asked to reach a legally binding final agreement to advance in the integration process. She pointed out also Kosovo's expectations and demands from the new phase of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, such as, dialogue to be more structured, transparent and more advanced. This dialogue shall also have a date of completion and a determined goal, which shall be the mutual recognition.²⁷

The next meeting of the committee in which the dialogue was raised was the one of 19 April 2018. Again, this issue was raised within the report of the Minister of European Integration, Mrs. Dhurata Hoxha, regarding the Kosovo Report 2018.²⁸ During this discussion, Minister Mrs. Hoxha informed the committee members that the engagement of Kosovo in the framework of the dialogue with Serbia was positively assessed in this report. Further, the integration of Serbian judges and prosecutors in the justice system, as part of the implementation of the Justice Agreement, achieved within the framework of the dialogue, was also positively assessed.²⁹

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments

The parliamentary committee that has mostly considered the issue of Kosovo-Serbia dialogue is the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments since the issue of the dialogue falls within the scope of this committee in the framework of foreign policy, but also by the resolution of the Assembly for the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia adopted on 10 March 2011. Point 6 of this resolution foresees that the nominee by the Prime Minister, the head of the Kosovo delegation for the dialogue with Serbia, among others, will regularly inform the Committee on Foreign Policy.³⁰ This committee discussed this topic in 12 out of 27 meetings held, while in six of the meetings, this topic was defined by the agenda (See Table 1.7). The most discussed topics during these meetings were the implementation of the agreements and the future of the dialogue process. Among other things, the committee discussed regarding Serbia's lobbying against Kosovo and news on withdrawal of Kosovo recognitions from different states, as a result of this lobbying. Other topics discussed were the red lines of Kosovo in dialogue, reformation of the dialogue, as well as the agreement on Kosovo's representation and membership in regional organisations.

The Committee discussed also regarding Kosovo Government platform on the dialogue at its meeting on 4 May 2018.³¹ After discussions, the committee had not approved the platform and recommended the Assembly not to approve it with the content proposed by the Government. Also, the Presidency of the Assembly was recommended to organize a parliamentary debate from which recommendations for building a consensual

26 Meeting of the Committee on European Integration, dated 2 February 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_02_02_11_7215_al.pdf, p. 3. [Accessed on 23 August 2018]

27 Ibid. p.5.

28 Full and accessible report on: <https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/sites/near/files/20180417-kosovo-report.pdf>

29 Meeting of the Committee on European Integration, dated 19 April 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_04_19_14_7380_al.pdf, p.2. [Accessed on 23 August 2018]

30 See Resolution on the Dialogue between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia, dated 10 March 2011 at http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/Rezoluta_per_dialogun_midis_R.Kosoves_dhe_R.Serbise_2.pdf

31 The session for discussion of this platform was organized on 5 June 2018, but before the discussion, the Government withdrew the platform for dialogue with the rationale to give time and space for building a broader national consensus and continuing further consultations. The Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Mr. Skender Reçica, was the first to announce in the Assembly the withdrawal of this document from review by the Assembly. See the session of the Assembly with agenda item, Review of the state-platform project for finalizing the dialogue. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/trans_s_2018_06_05_11_7463_al.pdf, p. 36. [Accessed on 25 August 2018]



state platform for the Republic of Kosovo for dialogue with Serbia would ensue.³²

At one of the meetings where the issue of dialogue was discussed, the reporting regarding the application process for membership in Interpol was made by the Minister of Internal Affairs of that time, Mr. Flamur Sefaj. During this meeting, the minister informed members of the committee that they were being prepared for lobbying for membership in Interpol, but that there were also opposing lobbying from Serbia and Russia.³³ The members of the committee linked the withdrawal of Kosovo's application for Interpol with the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process³⁴, but Minister Mr. Sefa denied such a linkage.³⁵

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Behgjet Pacolli has reported twice to the committee. He was invited in the meeting of 31 January 2018 by the committee to discuss, among other things, regarding the campaign by Serbia in relation to some states to persuade them to withdraw recognitions to Kosovo. In this regard, Minister Mr. Pacolli informed the deputies that Serbia has provided a budget of 300 million euros and a team of 20 experts to visit different countries of the world to lobby against Kosovo.³⁶ Minister Mr. Pacolli also mentioned this issue during his reporting in the meeting of 12 June 2018.³⁷

In addition to the ministers, the chief of negotiations with Serbia, Mr. Avni Arifi, reported twice to the committee³⁸, following the meetings within the Kosovo-Serbia technical

discussions.³⁹ During his reporting on 20 February 2018, Mr. Arifi informed the members of the committee that he was aiming for the negotiation process to be more comprehensive and invited the parliamentary parties to have a representative in the negotiating team. He also informed the committee about the meetings that would be held with the Serbian side at the end of the month, where obstacles in the implementation of existing agreements would be discussed.⁴⁰

Mr. Arifi reported again in the meeting of 29 March 2018, after three meetings held in Brussels under the technical dialogue. He informed the members of the committee that in these meetings was discussed about the implementation of agreements on freedom of movement, energy and justice. According to him, the Serbian delegation was interested in discussing only the association and no other topics and that in the communication of Serbia with the BE, they blamed Kosovo completely for not implementing the dialogue agreements.

On 17 October 2018, this committee discussed also the Government Report on the achievements and challenges in implementing the Brussels agreements. The members of the committee expressed their concerns regarding the lack of implementation of the dialogue agreements. At the end of the discussion, the committee proposed drafting a report with recommendations, following a detailed analysis of the dialogue process and the agreements reached during the seven years of the dialogue. However, in the absence of a quorum this proposal was not approved.

32 Meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, dated on 4 May 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_05_04_14_7396_al.pdf [Accessed on 25 August 2018]

33 Meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, dated 4 May 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_02_27_13_7261_al.pdf, p.2. [Accessed on 25 August 2018]

34 Ibid. p. 4.

35 Ibid. p. 5.

36 Meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, dated 31 January 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_01_31_10_7213_al.pdf, p. 2. [Accessed on 27 August 2018]

37 Meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investments, dated on June 12, 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_06_12_13_7476_al.pdf [Accessed on 27 August 2018]

38 Mr. Avni Arifi was appointed Head of Negotiations with Serbia at the Government's meeting of 12 January 2018. For more, see Decision no. 12/24 in, http://kryeministri-ks.net/wp-content/uploads/docs/Vendimet_e_Mbledhjes_s%C3%AB_24-t%C3%AB_t%C3%AB_Qeveris%C3%AB_s%C3%AB_Republik%C3%ABs_s%C3%AB_Kosov%C3%ABs_2018.pdf [Accessed on 1 September 2018]

39 Mr. Avni Arifi reported in the meeting of February 20 and of March 29, 2018. Minutes of meetings are available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_02_20_13_7245_al.pdf; and http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_03_29_14_7328_al.pdf [Accessed on 27 August 2018]

40 See the meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Strategic Investment, dated 20 February 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_02_20_13_7245_al.pdf [Accessed on 1 September 2018]



Committee on Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

During 2018, the Committee on Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship held a total of 48 meetings and three public hearings. Issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process were raised in only two meetings of this committee, on 19 January 2018 and 12 October 2018. (See Table 1.8)

In one of the meetings, the issue of textbooks for Serbs in Kosovo and Albanians in the Presevo Valley was raised. One of the members of the committee had raised the issue of textbooks considering that they had unconstitutional content

in which Kosovo was considered as part of Serbia. According to them, this was found also by a committee established for the evaluation of textbooks, but no action was undertaken.⁴¹

While at the other meeting, the issue of the curricula of Serbia was raised, with which the learning process for the Serb community in Kosovo is conducted. On this occasion, one of the members of the committee asked to know what MEST had done to get rid of Serbia’s curriculum, which according to him provokes interethnic hatred.⁴² The Minister of Education, who was reporting at the meeting, replied that this issue would not change without resolving the political problem in the Serb-majority municipalities in which the MEST had no access yet. He added that MEST plans to set up a commission to solve this problem.

Table 1.8: Discussions in the Committee for Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship regarding the dialogue during 2018

	AGENDA ITEM/ DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
19.01.2018	 Discussion	School textbooks for Serbs in Kosovo and Albanians in the Presevo Valley
12.10.2018	 Discussion	Regarding the curricula of Serbia, with which minorities of Kosovo learn

41 Meeting of the Committee for Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, dated 19 January 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_01_19_10_7174_al.pdf [Accessed on 27 August 2018]

42 Meeting of the Committee for Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth, Sports, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, dated 12 October 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_10_12_13_7640_al.pdf [Accessed on 29 December 2018]



Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development

During 2018, Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development

held a total of 46 meetings and three public hearings. Issues related to the dialogue process have been discussed by the Commission in 11 of these meetings, while in four of them issues related to the dialogue were also included as agenda items. (See Table 1.9).

Table 1.9: Discussions in the Committee for Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development regarding the dialogue during 2018

 AGENDA ITEM /DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
19.03.2018  Discussion	Chairman's announcement for a visit to KOSST, with the initiative of KDI;
27.03.2018  Discussion	Chairman's announcement after the visit to KOSTT, with the initiative of KDI;
29.03.2018  Agenda Item	Reporting of relevant energy institutions, invited representatives of ERO and KOSTT;
12.04.2018  Discussion	KOSTT problems;
12.06.2018  Discussion	Energy Agreement;
10.07.2018  Discussion	Energy Agreement;
17.07.2018  Discussion	Concerning the interruption of the signal of all unlicensed electronic communications operators, including the north of the country;
20.11.2018  Discussion	The chairperson asked the members of the committee to visit KOSTT, in order to obtain accurate information on the current situation regarding KOSTT membership in ENTSO-E. (With recommendation from KDI);
22.11.2018  Agenda Item	The Chairperson proposed that on 26.11.2018, the institutions that are involved in the KOSTT membership process at ENTSO-E, such as the Ministry of Economic Development, KOSTT, ERO and the representatives of the Prime Minister, be invited to the meeting. (With recommendation from KDI);
26.11.2018  Agenda Item /  Reporting	Reporting of representatives of law enforcement institutions regarding the NPP KOSTT membership process at ENTSO-E; - Guests: Lulzim Demolli, Luan Morina - MED, Halit Hoxha - MED, Ilir Shala, Kadri Kadriu - KOSTT, Arsim Janova - ZRRE;
10.12.2018  Discussion	Exchange of goods with Serbia;



The most discussed topic about the dialogue in this committee was the Energy Agreement. The committee also discussed the planning and conducting a visit to KOSTT, with the initiative of KDI. Other issues discussed during these meetings were KOSTT's problems as a result of non-implementation of the Energy Agreement, as well as imposing of a 100% tax on products of Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Minister of Economic Development, Valdrin Llluka, also attended two of the meetings when the issue of dialogue was raised.

On 22 March 2018, KDI within the memorandum of cooperation with the Assembly of Kosovo had a visit to KOSTT with the members of this committee. The purpose of this visit was to inform the members of the committee regarding the implementation of the Energy Agreement reached within the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue as well as the billing of energy in the northern part of Kosovo.⁴³

After this visit, on 29 March 2018, the committee invited the representatives of ERO and KOSTT in the reporting. The committee members had requested from the invited representatives to clarify on the progress, obstructions and obstacles to the implementation of the Energy Agreement, and to clarify why the Government had allocated one million Euro to KOSTT.⁴⁴ KOSTT representatives informed the committee members that KOSTT's problems had come due to this issue and the non-implementation of the energy agreement by Serbia.⁴⁵

On 26 November 2018, the committee, upon the recommendation of KDI, invited the institutions involved in the KOSTT membership process to ENTSO-E, respectively the Ministry of Economic Development, KOSTT, ERO and

representatives of the Office of the Prime Minister. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the committee regarding the situation in the energy sector, KOSTT membership in ENTSO-E, energy expenditure in northern municipalities and implementation of the Energy Agreement.⁴⁶ On this occasion, representatives of the energy institutions informed the committee members regarding the challenges of implementing the energy agreement and the difficulties faced by KOSTT as a result of the failure to implement this agreement.

Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Rural Development, Environment and Spatial Planning

During 2018, Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Rural Development, Environment and Spatial Planning held a total of 29 meetings. This committee raised the issue of Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, namely the North Development Fund only one time.

At the meeting held of 10 July 2018, in which the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development Mr. Nenad Rikallo was invited to report, one of the members of the committee expressed interest in this Development Fund, which includes the four northern municipalities, to who stated that he had doubts that it was divided on ethnic grounds. Therefore, the minister had not given an answer regarding this issue.⁴⁷

43 For more details of this visit, see: <http://www.votaimo.org/Public/DialogActivity/Detail/177>

44 The Government of Kosovo on March 5, 2018 made a decision to allocate EUR 1 million to KOSTT for covering the electricity supply expenditures of the four northern municipalities of Kosovo. This decision came after the Court of Appeal's decision that ERO did not have the right to invoice other citizens of Kosovo for electricity spent in these municipalities.

45 Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development of 29 March 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_03_29_10_7329_al.pdf [Accessed on 1 September 2018]

46 Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Infrastructure, Trade, Industry and Regional Development, dated on 26 November 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_11_26_12_7741_al.pdf [Accessed on 29 December 2018]

47 Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Rural Development, Environment and Spatial Planning, dated 10 July 2018. Available at, http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc_2018_07_10_11_7526_al.pdf [Accessed on 1 September 2018]



Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare

During 2018, the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare held a total of 25 meetings and two public hearings. Issues related to the dialogue process were raised at a committee meeting, but only as a discussion, not as an agenda item.

In its meeting on 18 April 2018, this committee discussed the irregularities of medicinal products transported from Serbia to Kosovo⁴⁸, where the Chief Executive of the Agency for Equipment and Medical Products reported in this regard⁴⁹. The committee asked the chief for information regarding smuggling and major irregularities of medicinal products, including fake and no banners ones, transported from Serbia to Kosovo. Chief Executive noted that smuggling of goods was part of the responsibility of the Inspectorate and the Customs. The members of the committee expressed their support to address their requests to the Ministry of Health, including on this issue.⁵⁰

Committee on Public Administration, Local Government and Media

The Committee on Public Administration, Local Government and Media during 2018 held a total of 30 meetings and three public hearings. However, during these meetings the Committee did not raise issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue process, despite the fact that several agreements reached within the framework of the dialogue fall within the scope of this Committee such as, inter alia, the Agreement on Civil Registers, Agreement on Cadastral Registers and the Justice Agreement.

Committee on Internal Affairs, Security and Oversight of the Kosovo Security Force

The Committee on Internal Affairs, Security and Oversight of the Kosovo Security Force during 2018 held a total of 22 meetings and two public hearings. Issues related to the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process were discussed by the Committee in four of its meeting, although these topics were not specified in the agenda. (See Table 1.10)

Table 1.10: Discussions on the dialogue in the Committee on Internal Affairs, Security and Oversight of the Kosovo Security Force during 2018

 AGENDA ITEM/ DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
06.02.2018  Discussion	Importance of continuing the dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia
27.03.2018  Discussion	Ban on entry of Serbian state officials into Kosovo
29.03.2018  Discussion	Related to recent developments in the northern part of Mitrovica, with special emphasis on the arrest of the senior Serbian state official, Marko Djuric
04.05.2018  Discussion	Implementation of Brussels agreements

48 Meeting of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, dated 18 April 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_04_18_10_7370_al.pdf [Accessed on 1 September 2018]

49 This reporting was conducted after the coordinating meeting of the parliamentary commissions, regarding the monitoring and oversight of the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue process, which, as an activity, was supported by KDI.

50 Ibid.



Topics related to the dialogue that were raised at the meetings of this Committee included the importance of continuing the dialogue and implementing the agreements reached in Brussels⁵¹. The most discussed topic was the ban on the entry of Serbian state officials in Kosovo and the arrest of senior Serbian Government official Marko Djuric, which was discussed at two meetings. According to the then Director of the Kosovo Police, Shpend Maxhuni, Djuric's arrest came after the latter failed to comply with the Government's decision to ban his entry into Kosovo. There were disagreements between the Committee members concerning this issue. Albanian members of the Committee estimated that Djuric's detention operation was in accordance with the Constitution and the applicable laws and was conducted in a regular manner by

the police, while members of the Serb community thought that excessive force was used during the operation.⁵²

Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions

The Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions held a total of 35 meetings during 2018. The dialogue process was discussed in seven of the meetings, while it was an agenda item in two of them. The issue of missing persons, discussed in six meetings, received the greatest attention by the Committee. Members of the executive attended three of the Committee meetings. (See Table 1.11)

Table 1.11: Discussions on the dialogue in the Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions during 2018

	AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION MATTER
22.01.2018	 Discussion	Missing persons
07.02.2018	 Agenda item / Reporting	Reporting by the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Shyqiri Bytyqi on the topic of diploma recognition and the non-implementation of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Diplomas between Kosovo and Serbia
14.02.2018	 Discussion	Missing persons
09.03.2018	 Discussion	Missing persons
06.06.2018	 Discussion	Missing persons; international representation of Kosovo and obstacles from Serbia
20.07.2018	 Discussion	Discussion on the issue of missing persons after the Summit held in London

51 Regarding the implementation of Brussels agreements, no information has been provided in the Kosovo Assembly website on what the minister reported concerning this issue.

52 Meeting of the Committee on Internal Affairs, Security and Supervision of the Kosovo Security Force, dated 29 March 2018. Available at: http://www.kuvendikosoves.org/common/docs/proc/proc__2018_03_29_11_7333_en.pdf [Accessed on 1 September 2018]



During these discussions, members of the Committee addressed the issue of amending and supplementing the Law on Missing Persons and the benefits of family members. In addition, the Joint Work Plan of the Government Commission on Missing Persons was presented in the meeting of 6 June 2018. During this discussion, members of the Government Commission were asked to include the issue of missing persons in the dialogue platform.

In the meeting of 7 February 2018, the Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Shyqiri Bytyqi, reported on the issue of diploma validation and the state of play regarding the implementation of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Diplomas between Kosovo and Serbia. The Committee had asked the minister to present the reasons why this agreement was not being implemented, mentioning the challenges of the citizens of Kosovo in terms of diploma validation. The Minister's response was that the non-implementation of the agreement was a political problem.

Committee for the Oversight of Public Finances

The Committee for the Oversight of Public Finances held a total of 26 meetings during 2018. Dialogue-related issues were raised in only one meeting of this Committee, namely the meeting of 5 October 2018. The employment of Serbian community officials in institutions was discussed at this meeting, in relation to which members of the Committee expressed their concern that they were not respecting the working hours. In this regard, the Committee issued the conclusion that the Ministry of Infrastructure should submit a written report on the number of employees of the Serbian minority as well as the number of those who did not respect the working hours as defined in the civil service rules.

Committee for the Oversight of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency

The Committee for the Oversight of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency held a total of six meetings during 2018. It is unknown whether this Committee raised issues related to the dialogue in any of its meetings as they are closed to the public.

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