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# List of abbreviations

<b>KDI</b>	Kosovo Democratic Institute
<b>AQT</b>	Citizens' Alliance for Transparency
<b>UNDEF</b>	United Nations Democracy Fund
<b>RCC</b>	Regional Cooperation Council
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>EBRD</b>	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
<b>GAP</b>	Green Agenda Action Plan
<b>EIP</b>	Economic Investment Plan
<b>MCC</b>	Millennium Challenge Corporation
<b>EBRD</b>	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
<b>AKP</b>	Kosovo Privatization Agency
<b>GIZ</b>	German Agency for International Cooperation
<b>JAICA</b>	Japan International Cooperation Agency
<b>APK</b>	National Forest Agency
<b>AMMK</b>	Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency
<b>UDP</b>	Urban Development Plan
<b>MDP</b>	Municipal Development Plan

# Introduction

Kosovo continues to face significant environmental challenges, which have a direct impact on the quality of life for its citizens. Air pollution remains one of the most serious issues, with the country continuing to experience alarming levels of pollution, primarily from coal-fired power plants and wood heating. PM2.5 and PM10<sup>1</sup> levels frequently exceed EU and WHO standards, harming public health, particularly the most vulnerable groups.<sup>2</sup> Kosovo leads the list of premature deaths due to high pollution levels, with approximately 2,370 deaths per million inhabitants.<sup>3</sup>

Kosovo, due to its geographical location and landlocked status, continues to be threatened by forest fires and floods. The World Bank has identified Kosovo as vulnerable to climate risks such as forest fires, floods, and landslides. Currently, 36.8% of Kosovo's total land area is at medium risk from fires, while 15.8% is at high risk.<sup>4</sup>

Another significant challenge for Kosovo is wastewater treatment. Construction of wastewater treatment plants is regarded as one of the most serious issues in the water industry.<sup>5</sup> Also, Kosovo is far from European Union standards in terms of population access to wastewater treatment plants, with the average standing at 86%<sup>6</sup> In Kosovo, the wastewater of only 8.15% of the population with access to public sewage managed by all RWCs is treated.<sup>7</sup> This year, according to the Law on Budgetary Allocations for the budget of 2025, Kosovo aims to reach a percentage of 45%.<sup>8</sup> This means that most of the wastewater in Kosovo is still discharged into the environment untreated, creating risks for public health and natural ecosystems.

On the other hand, the most recent European Commission report on Kosovo highlights that the country is still in the early stages of implementing the Green Agenda, particularly in the transportation, energy, and environment sectors.<sup>9</sup> The report also highlights challenges in implementing waste management legislation, stating that Kosovo has made some progress with the adoption of implementing legislation on the export, import, transit and transboundary movement of waste, as well as with the adoption of legislation on package waste. These measures have laid the foundations for extended producer responsibility and application of the "polluter pays" principle.<sup>10</sup> Progress has also been made in reducing the number of illegal landfills, from "747 in 2022 to 373 in 2023."<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> According to the World Bank, PM2.5 refers to particles with a diameter of up to 2.5 micrometers, while PM10 includes particles up to 10 micrometers. These solid particles and liquid droplets in the air can cause serious health problems, especially for the respiratory and cardiovascular systems. (World Bank, "Air Pollution: Understanding PM2.5 and PM10," [link](#)).

<sup>2</sup> Air Pollution and Human Health: The Case of the Western Balkans, UNEP, 2019, [Air-Quality-and-Human-Health-Report\\_Case-of-Western-Balkans\\_preliminary\\_results.pdf](#)

<sup>3</sup> European Environment Agency (EEA), Kosovo – Air Pollution Country Fact Sheet 2024, published on 10 December 2024, modified on 18 December 2024, available at: [Kosovo - air pollution country fact sheet 2024 | European Environment Agency's home page](#)

<sup>4</sup> World Bank, Kosovo Country Climate and Development Report, 2024, available at: [link](#)

<sup>5</sup> Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency, REPORT STATE OF WATERS IN KOSOVO 2020, available: [Shqip\\_WEB.pdf](#)

<sup>6</sup> ETC/ICM Report 1/2018: Outlook on Water and Climate Change Vulnerability in the Western Balkans. Available: [ETC/ICM Report 1/2018: Outlook on Water and Climate Change Vulnerability in the Western Balkans – Eionet Portal](#)

<sup>7</sup> ARRU, LEVEL OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY LICENSED PROVIDERS COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSE CONDITIONS 2022, published in 2023, available: [Service Level Report 2022 \(1\).pdf](#)

<sup>8</sup> LAW NO. 08/L-332 On Budget Allocations for the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo for 2025, Annex of performance by policy sectors, page 8, available at: [ActDetail.aspx https://www.kuvendikosoves.org/Uploads/Data/Documents/-PLmbindarjetbuxhetoreperBuxhetineKosoves2025\\_8TbDn5SXnY.pdf](#)

<sup>9</sup> European Commission, Kosovo Report 2023. Available: [https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/760aacca-4e88-4667-8792-3ed08cd65c3\\_en?filename=SED\\_2023\\_692%20Kosovo%20report\\_0.pdf](#)

<sup>10</sup> European Commission, Kosovo Report 2024, page 82, available at: [c790738e-4cf6-4a43-a8a9-43c1b6f01e10\\_en](#)

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, page 82.

However, the country suffers from limited inspection capacities, while the Law on Waste Management and the Integrated Waste Management Strategy need to be amended to include recycling targets, as well as to adopt inter-municipal waste management plans.<sup>12</sup>

These challenges highlight the importance of a multi-sectoral approach, as well as rapid and well-coordinated actions at the central and local levels, in addressing environmental issues. In this regard, municipalities, as primary institutions of local self-government, have a key role in environmental protection, as they are responsible for important issues such as waste treatment, development of sustainable transportation infrastructure, development and protection of green spaces, development of infrastructure for the management of polluted waters, and risk management for protection from fires and floods. This paper analyzes the performance of 11 mayors in Kosovo with regard to fulfilling their green promises<sup>13</sup> over the past three years since taking office. Having a clearer picture of the level of fulfillment of green promises by municipalities primarily aims at greater transparency and public accountability to citizens. It also improves understanding of how much these commitments have contributed and how well local green policies have been aligned with the objectives of the Green Agenda, an agreement reached by all governments in the Western Balkans region as an instrument of approximation with the European Union's Green Deal directive.

KDI measured the fulfillment of the green commitments of 11 mayors for the period 2021-2024, and the findings of this environmental scorecard resulted in specific recommendations for all stakeholders who have responsibility for the implementation of environmental policies and projects.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Green promises within a political electoral campaign refer to commitments to develop projects and policies aimed at protecting the environment, sustainable development and improving the quality of life through ecological policies, summary from: [What do political parties talk about when it comes to climate change? - The Connected Politics Lab](#)

# Executive summary

Mayoral candidates in Kosovo committed to a number of environmental projects during the 2021 local election campaign. However, an analysis of the programs by KDI and partner organizations of the Civic Alliance for Transparency (AQT) in 11 municipalities reveals that only a small portion of these commitments have been fulfilled. Specifically, by December 2024, only **27.27%** of green promises had been fulfilled, indicating a significant lack of accountability and an anemic approach to green governance.

Mayoral candidates' election programs, projects promoting environmental protection, and the expansion of green spaces had taken up a significant amount of space. Beyond the idea that green projects would be the focus of local government, they generally failed to establish themselves as well-analyzed projects, both in terms of technical implementation, time, the impact they would produce, or financial feasibility. Most of the green promises were more conceived as ideas and simple declarative formulations, such as "Maintenance and increase of green areas" (Bedri Hamza, Mitrovica), "Construction of bicycle paths" (Shpejtim Bulliqi, Podujeva), "Construction of beautiful parks and their maintenance" (Smajl Latifi, Rahovec), or "Opening and construction of new parks, including playgrounds for children" (Imri Ahmeti, Lipjan).



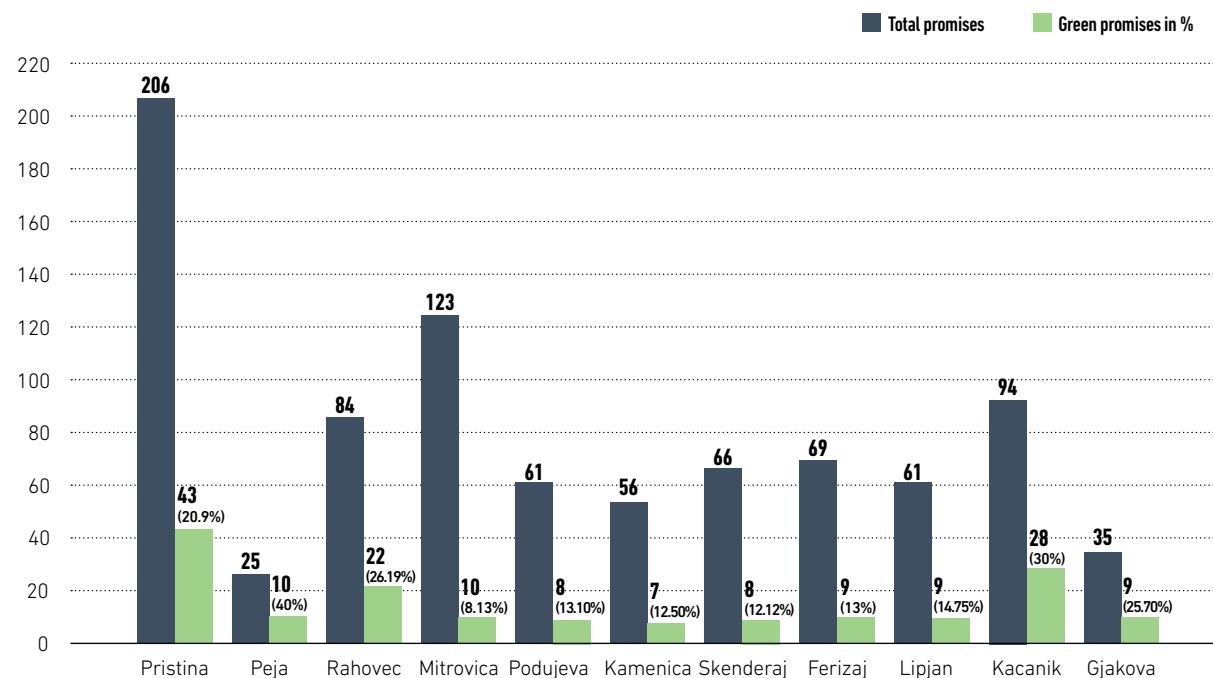
The lack of details on the manner and timelines of these projects' implementation, funding sources, community needs, environmental effects, exact locations or surfaces, maintenance and sustainability of the projects makes it difficult to understand whether these promises are built on the basis of feasibility or are simply part of the electoral campaign.

Analysis of election programs of 11 mayoral candidates revealed that out of the total of 1,816<sup>14</sup> promises for 38 municipalities, in the 11 municipalities subjected to this analysis, only 154, or 8.48% of them are related to environmental protection as green projects in general.

This graph represents the percentage of green promises within the election programs of the mayors of 11 municipalities for the 2021-2025 mandate, demonstrating how much space environmental commitments occupy in addition to the total promises in their election programs, where the average is around 20%:

<sup>14</sup> GAP Institute, Municipal ID Card, accessible: [Municipal ID Card](#)

Percentage of Green Promises within the Election Programs of the Mayors of Municipalities for the Mandate 2021-2025



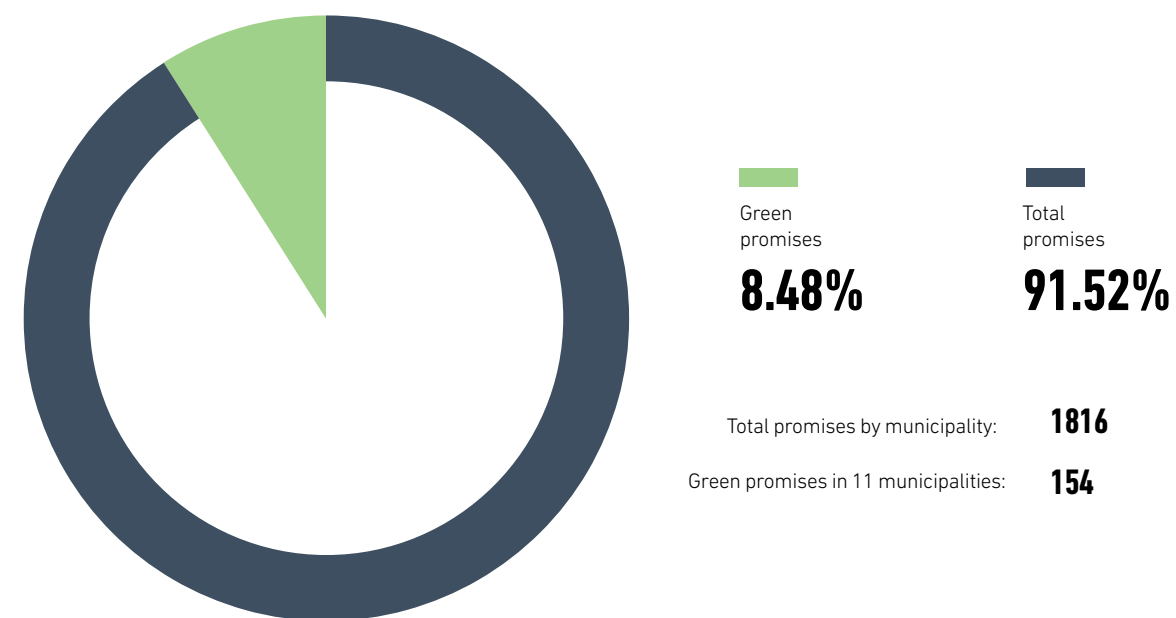
The 154 green commitments examined in 11 municipalities are diverse in nature and cover a wide range of green governance issues. Some of the pledges centered on increasing green space, creating parks, and reforestation. For example, Pristina has promised to create 250 hectares of green space, whereas Rahovec intends to afforest 17 hectares. Municipalities in Kaçanik, Gjakova, and Kamenica have also pledged to create green spaces.

Alternative transport was another promise, with projects such as construction of bicycle and walking paths in Pristina, Peja, Rahovec, Mitrovica, Podujevo, Kamenica and Skenderaj. Prishtina has also aimed to develop environmentally friendly public transport, including expanding the electric bus network. Meanwhile, Podujeva, Skenderaj and Kamenica have invested in the construction of new bus stations.

Another area with a lot of promise was increasing energy efficiency through energy-saving facades on public and private buildings, as well as installing solar panels on public buildings in Rahovec, Pristina, and Kaçanik.

Despite the diversity of promises, the analysis reveals that a significant portion of projects are still in the early stages of implementation or are primarily concerned with the creation of parks and green spaces. Meanwhile, more complex initiatives, such as implementing energy efficiency programs and creating sustainable waste management systems, continue to face significant challenges in implementation.

How much space did green management occupy within the electoral platform in the municipalities?



With regard to the ambitious commitments that Kosovo has made under the Green Agenda and Implementation Plan, the election promises and political offers of mayoral candidates in 2021 were generally not coordinated with these commitments.

Given that these election programs were voted on by citizens, the question is, were these promises kept? More importantly, how do they affect the real lives of citizens?

According to the analysis of KDI and partner organizations part of the Civic Alliance for Transparency (AQT) in 11 municipalities, the fact that only **27.27%** of green promises have been fulfilled, while the municipalities are already in their final year of government, indicates a significant lack of accountability in the implementation of green promises.

# Methodology

The Kosovo Democratic Institute (KDI), in collaboration with 11 local non-governmental organizations that are members of the informal coalition "Civic Alliance for Transparency," has monitored and evaluated the fulfillment of the green promises made by 11 mayors of municipalities, which were disclosed to citizens in the form of written election programs during the 2021 local mayor elections. Monitoring and evaluating municipal performance aim to increase transparency and institutional accountability for implementing green policies or projects.

The monitoring of electoral promises was done during 2024 and is based on public information from 2021-2024. The monitoring was completed on 31st of December 2024, and its findings reflect the situation up to that date. To assess municipalities' performance in terms of green governance, public data and documents (annual budgets of municipalities, Medium-Term Budget Frameworks, public contracts, work reports, etc.) were collected and analyzed. Information was also obtained through formal communications with representatives of municipal institutions and through verification of the status of project implementation on the ground, through visits.

The municipalities that are part of this assessment are Prishtina, Mitrovica South, Lipjan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Kaçanik, Rahovec, Skenderaj, Podujevo, Kamenica and Peja. The results of the assessment of the implementation of promises, i.e. municipal green projects, are categorized into 4 levels: *not started*, *started*, *semi-completed* and *completed*.

Monitoring in each municipality was carried out in cooperation with local partner organizations: "Mundësia" in Mitrovica, "POLIS" in Lipjan, "AvoNet" in Ferizaj, "Qeliza" in Gjakova, "Gjethi" in Kaçanik, "Center for Policy and Advocacy" (QPA) in Prishtina, NGO "SHL Kosova" in Rahovec, "Skenderaj Civic Initiative" (IQS) in Skenderaj, "Ekovizioni" in Podujeva, NGO "Fortesa" in Kamenica and "Syri i Vizionit" in Peja. These organizations contributed to the collection and verification of information.

Through this assessment, KDI hopes to strengthen local governance and raise awareness about the importance of implementing sustainable environmental policies in Kosovo. The assessment identifies best practices and encourages improvements in the implementation of green policies.



## MUNICIPALITIES' PERFORMANCE IN FULFILLING GREEN PROMISES

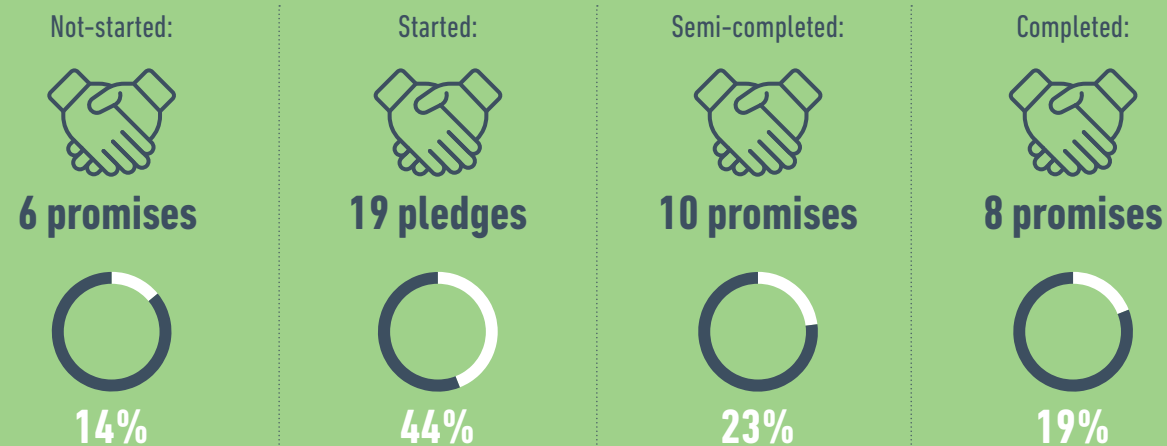
# Municipality of Pristina

A significant step toward making Prishtina a more sustainable and eco-friendlier city is represented by the green promises made in Mayor Përparim Rama's 2021 election platform. These include measures to enhance air quality, manage wastewater and waste sustainably, control alternative modes of transportation, increase green space, and use efficient energy. This program is generally assessed to be in line with the competencies and responsibilities of local government institutions, as most of the promises, including building facades, waste management, expanding green spaces, wastewater management, public transport, etc., are within the direct competence of municipalities. However, the challenge ahead remains whether the remaining projects will be able to be finalized within the governing mandate as promised during the electoral campaign.

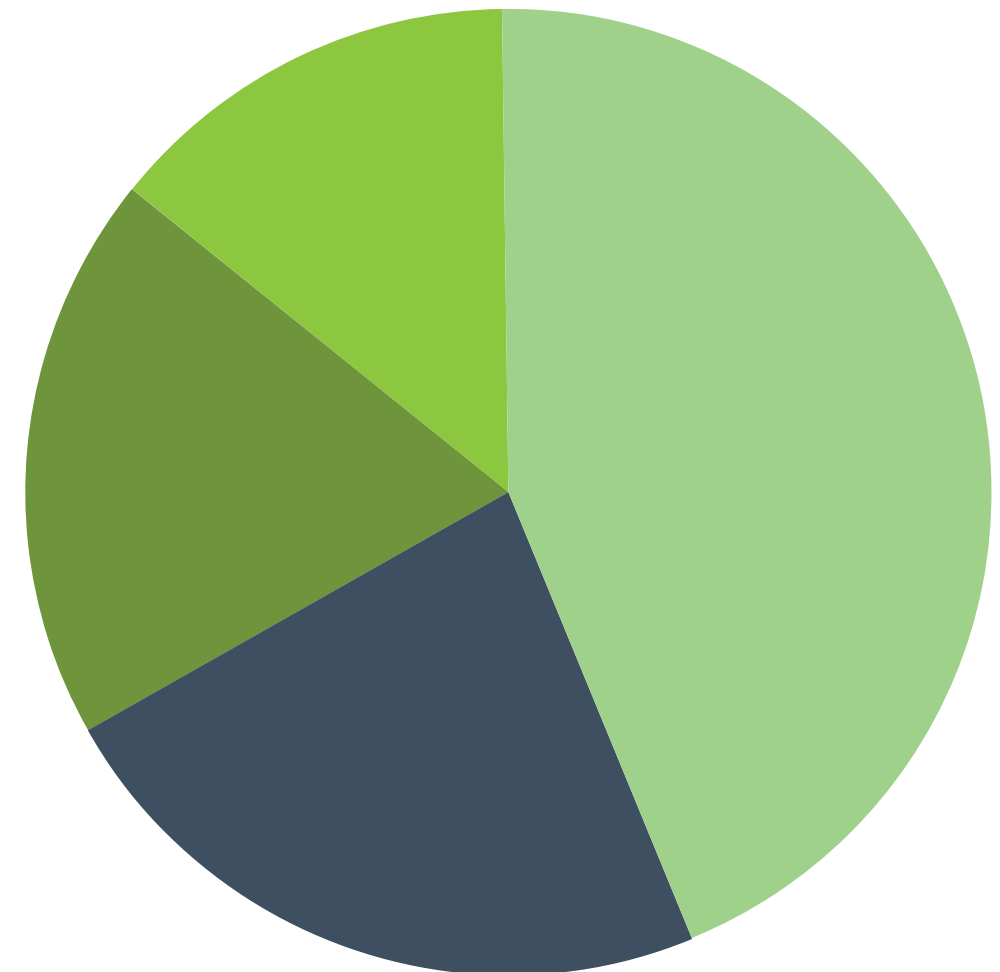
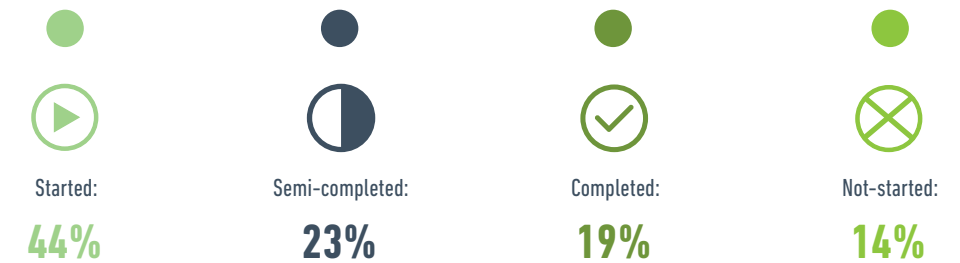
In the Municipality of Prishtina, the current mayor, Përparim Rama, had a written election program, but it is not accessible online. Out of 206 total promises made during the campaign, 43 focused on environmental issues, which accounts for 20.9% of the total promises. The election program includes green promises, but there are no precise or approximate budget estimates for these projects in the election program. In terms of deadlines, the election program also does not set precise deadlines for the implementation of green projects (such as specific time periods).

The level of fulfillment of the mayor's promises varies by area, reflecting some projects that have begun and a limited number of those that have been fully completed, as well as some projects that have yet to be implemented. Although some of them have been included in the 2025 budget, there are still projects that have not begun and no information on when they will be completed.

**In total, the level of fulfillment of green promises in the municipality of Pristina is as follows:**





## The level of fulfillment of green promises in the municipality of Pristina








Below, you can find the table showing the progress of realizing these promises in specific assessment categories:















The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)			
	Source	Assessment	
1	Regulation of river beds to provide protection from pollution and flooding.	A contract notice for this service was issued on 02.05.2024, and the cleaning of river beds and watercourses began in October 2024 with the aim of preventing floods and preserving the environment.	 <b>Started</b>
2	Regular water and soil analyses	The municipality has announced that there have been no developments regarding this activity.	 <b>Not-started</b>
3	Connecting the 'Center' area to surrounding neighborhoods via green platforms and alternative transportation routes.	Contracts have been signed for the construction of three temporary bridges, which will last until December 2024. The detailed project for connecting the Youth Palace to the Grandi has been completed and will be put out to tender in June 2024. In addition, a plan has been developed to connect the central area to the Aktash neighborhood.	 <b>Started</b>
4	From Fusha e Pajtimit to the villages of Makovc, Llukar, and Grashiticë, the river will be treated along its entire length, including sewerage, water supply, promenade, and atmospheric collector.	The sewage network in all of these locations is currently under construction. Following the completion of the sewage network, the municipality intends to invest in riverbed regulation. These projects are also planned for the 2025 budget.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
5	The city is investing in the separation of its fecal and atmospheric sewage networks.	The separation of the fecal and atmospheric sewage networks is now a contractual requirement for all city road infrastructure investments. This includes construction on road A and B, the city ring road, the Arberia neighborhood, Taslixhen, Mati, Muahxherët, and Kodër të Trimave. The investment amounts to 6 million euros.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
6	Solving the sewage problem in all villages of Prishtina during the first two years of the mandate.	The sewage network has been completed in Rimanishtë for a distance of 12 km, while in Mramor and Grashiticë, over 10 km have been built. Other investments have been made in Mramor, Grashiticë, Bardhosh, and Llukar. This project is planned to continue in the 2025 budget.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>







The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)			
	Source	Assessment	
7	The sewage network for the villages of Rimanishtë, Bardhosh, Besi, Bernice, Grashitice, Busi, Slivove, Kukavice, Dragoc, Novoselle, Siqevce, Radashec, Sharban, Koliq, Ballaban, Nishevc, Prapashtice, Dabishevc, Hajkobilce, Gillogovice and Kecekolle will be completed within two years.	The contract for the construction of the Barileva-Bardhosh-Prishtina road has been signed and over 80% of the road has been asphalted. No information has been found or provided for the other roads.	 <b>Started</b>
8	Launching a massive program that aims to create 250 hectares of green spaces and plant 800,000 saplings within four years.	In May 2024, the innovative drone afforestation was carried out to plant 3,000 trees as part of the Green Wings project in Kosovo and the region. Around 15,000 seedlings were planted in 2022 under contracts with the Directorate of Public Spaces and Parks Management. The municipality has announced that the mass planting-afforestation program will be reviewed in May 2025, and that the creation of 250 hectares of green space will continue. Furthermore, the implementation of the linear park in the Hospital neighborhood is being completed, providing spaces for socialization and various activities on an area of approximately 1.5 ha.	 <b>Started</b>
9	Connecting green areas by creating green corridors, which will allow citizens to move from one point of the city to another.	Green corridors on Rr. "Eqrem Qabej" will be completed by June 2024 as part of the first phase of the project. The roundabouts at the entrances to Prishtina, the Kosovo Flag Circle, and the Albanian Flag Circle have been renewed. The space at the Bus Station and the former Gërmia building have been completely regenerated. Also, green spaces have been recreated in Zahir Pajaziti and Nëna Terezë squares. The islands on Dëshmorët e Kombit Boulevard in Ulpianë have been completely revitalized. Also, green spaces have been revitalized in the Linear Park and on the road islands, as well as around Xhevdet Doda Street connecting to the Lakrishtë neighborhood.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
10	Creating a green belt in each neighborhood, which will consist of cultivated plants	In collaboration with Yarl, the Municipality of Prishtina has carried out seasonal planting in urban farms in the Ulpiana neighborhood at KultPlus. This activity aims to engage citizens in public spaces, building on the tradition and purpose of urban farms to improve community life and raise awareness of active citizenship and the common good.	 <b>Started</b>
11	Providing tax reliefs for companies that increase the number of environmentally friendly/electric vehicles		 <b>Not-started</b>





The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)		Source	Assessment
12	Launching an emergency program to eliminate asbestos from the roofs of numerous buildings and solar roofs for solar energy.	The feasibility study for identification of asbestos in the Capital City has been completed. In January 2024, the Municipality of Pristina presented the "Prishtina without asbestos" project.	 <b>Started</b>
13	Launch of the project for an inert and organic waste recycling plant.	By December 2024, only the 5-hectare location for the construction of an inert and organic waste recycling plant had been determined, and the municipality has stated that it is awaiting a government decision to approve the site.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
14	Regeneration of the waste collection network. Division of the city into five waste management zones	The zoning for waste management has been completed. Zone 1 – Neighborhoods: Tophane, Lakrishte, Centre, Pejton, Dardani and Ulpianë; Zone 2 – Neighborhoods: Arbëria and Kodra e Trimave; Zone 3 – Neighborhoods: Kolovica, Taslixhe, Sofali, Velani, Muhaxheret, Aktash and partly the Mati and Sunny Hill neighborhoods; Zone 4 – Hajvali and Zllatar villages, Prishtina e re neighborhoods and Hospital neighborhood, as well as partly Mati and Sunny Hill neighborhoods; Zone 5 – Shkabaj village, Industrial Zone and the Qendresa and Kalabria neighborhoods. The region has been equipped with new containers, the number of waste collection vehicles has been increased and the situation on the ground has been remedied.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
15	Designation of a collection point location for bulky waste (furniture, tables, chairs, televisions and other household appliances).	A tender has been announced for the selection of the economic bid for the collection of inert and bulky waste, and 5 locations have been determined for this process.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
16	Promoting bicycles and other alternative means of transportation	The project is being implemented; bicycle stations have been installed in 10 locations. Additionally, through various activities, the municipality promotes the use of alternative means of transportation.	 <b>Completed</b>

The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)		Source	Assessment
17	Facade of buildings	The facade and general renovation of the buildings in the "Ulpiana" neighborhood, known as the "four skyscrapers", has been completed. The municipality has announced that it plans to continuously intervene in the facade of the buildings in order to increase their energy performance. Also, the tender procedure has commenced (June 2024) for the facade of a part of the old buildings as the first phase in the "Dardania" neighborhood, "Ulpiana", "Agim Ramadani" streets, as well as "UÇK" and "Luan Haradinaj" streets.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
18	Creating natural oases throughout the city to regenerate flora and fauna.	During 2024, several green oases (mainly seasonal) have been created and regenerated in the city in different areas of the city such as: Aktash, Sunny Hill, Mat, along the streets "Agim Ramadani", "Muharrem Fejza", "Sylejman Vokshi", "Tirana", in Tulltore, in the "Adem Demaci" Park, the Park above the "1 Tetori" Hall, in the courtyard of the Faculty of History, the "Qafa" neighborhood (UÇK street). The urban pocket on Str. "Zekerija Cana" has also been completed, as well as in "Kodra e Trimave" an urban space has been regulated and near the "Fadil Vokrri" stadium along the road near the roundabout.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
19	Road maintenance will be decentralized into four areas.	Through contractor tendering for summer and winter maintenance, 10 economic operators for urban and rural areas have been engaged in the summer contract, and 14 economic operators in the winter contract. The contract supervision is carried out through 4 committees.	 <b>Completed</b>
20	Expansion of the central heating network.	Through the project by Termokos and KFW, the central heating network has been expanded in neighborhoods such as (Muharrem Fejza, Arbëria, Centre, in the city park and the center of Galibardi Street, Agim Ramadani Street); in the "Muharrem Fejza" neighborhood to supply 141 buildings, mainly for collective housing and the "Pavarësia" SHMU; Ulpiana- 23 buildings; Dardani- 13 buildings; Centre- 49 buildings; Arberia- 23 buildings. 182 new substations have been installed in Mati-1, 106 of which are functional.	 <b>Completed</b>
21	Increasing the frequency of bus lines from the center to the villages and vice versa.	The new bus line for the villages of Gllogovice, Dabisheve and Hajkobile has been implemented.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>

The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)	Source	Assessment
22 Creating green corridors that connect villages with the green areas of the city.		 <b>Not-started</b>
23 Opening of public toilets. These toilets will have an accessible space, with lights, water and will be maintained on an ongoing basis.	The construction of public toilets in the city - "Centre", "Tophane", "Dodona", "Sunny Hill", "Ulpiana", "Dardania", "Lakerishta", "Aktashi" is foreseen in the 2024 budget. Apart from the budget allocation, there is still no progress towards their implementation.	 <b>Started</b>
24 Drafting of a five-year regulatory plan for energy efficiency measures.	The municipality has announced that it is in the final phase of drafting the municipal energy and climate plan. As part of the 5-year plan with the EBRD project, they are identifying all public facilities to improve energy efficiency.	 <b>Started</b>
25 Renovation of public buildings to ensure efficient energy use, in primary and secondary school facilities, health centers, kindergartens, public administration, and public cultural buildings.	In December 2023, the Municipality of Prishtina signed an agreement with the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) to improve the energy efficiency of 47 public buildings. This project, valued at 6 million euros, includes the replacement of heating systems, doors, and windows, as well as thermal insulation of kindergartens, schools, and primary health care centers.  In 2024, a tender procedure was developed for the facade of public buildings in Block 1, which included thermal insulation.	 <b>Started</b>
26 Replacing inefficient lamps with LED technology luminaires in the public lighting system and in public buildings.	According to the Municipality of Pristina's official response, the public lighting maintenance project involves the replacement of light bulbs, and public lighting is currently covered with LED technology on up to 90% of the streets.	 <b>Completed</b>
27 Issuance of building permits based on criteria that will be established for buildings that comply with energy efficiency requirements.		 <b>Not started</b>

The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)	Source	Assessment
28 At least 20-25% of the water heating demand in public buildings will be covered by renewable energy.	Termokos has started drafting a concept document that will identify the real needs of consumers for sanitary water and through this document, the current potential of Termokos and the ability of the heating plant to supply its consumers with sanitary water during the winter season will be analyzed.	 <b>Started</b>
29 Preparation of a project proposal for installation of solar panels at bus stops (waiting points in the city). The energy produced by solar systems will serve to illuminate these points, as well as serve as a point for charging phones during waiting times.	The "Solar Parking Prishtina" project was completed in March 2024, contributing to the fulfilment of this promise. However, the Municipality is still in the process of fulfilling all promised commitments.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
30 Installation of thermal energy meters, contributing to a more rational use of thermal energy.	The "Prishtina HeatSave" project has been installing thermal energy meters in the "Termoko" heating system since May 2022, moving from billing by area to billing based on actual consumption. By March 2023, about 60-70% of the project had been implemented, covering over 20,000 customers. This project, funded by MCC with \$11 million, aims to use energy more rationally and reduce costs for customers.	 <b>Completed</b>
31 Construction of infrastructure to double the production capacity and transmission network of cogeneration from 140 MWt – 280 MWt.	Currently, the project is in the preliminary study phase, which will pave the way for its implementation.	 <b>Started</b>
32 Initiation of the project for the supply of thermal energy through solar energy.	On December 11, 2023, NP "Termokos" and the Ministry of Finance signed three agreements for the implementation of the "Solar4Kosovo" project. In December 2022, the Government allocated a 25-hectare plot for the construction of the solar plant, while in October 2022, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan was prepared. Currently, the project is in the technical preparation phase and construction is expected to begin in 2025, with completion within two years.	 <b>Started</b>
33 Preparing the city's infrastructure for electric cars.	The Municipality of Prishtina has announced that it is improving the infrastructure for electric vehicles. On July 23, 2021, the first electric car charging station was opened. In March 2024, the "Solar Parking Prishtina" project was inaugurated in the parking lot of Germia Park, which includes an electric vehicle charging station.	 <b>Started</b>

The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)		Source	Assessment
34	Installing various sensors to identify air pollutants.	In the gastronomy sector, sensors have been installed to measure noise levels and allowed decibels. For ambient sensors, there is currently no concrete data. While for water flow sensors, implementation has not yet commenced.	 <b>Started</b>
35	Construction of the Botanical Garden.		 <b>Not-started</b>
36	Providing public transport service 24 hours a day on urban lines.	Lines 1A, 4, 3, 1, operating hours have been extended until 24:00. The municipality has announced that it has foreseen that with the project of re-organization and addition of new lines, in coordination with the EBRD, the 24-hour public transport format will be implemented on urban lines during 2025.	 <b>Started</b>
37	Construction of at least two new wastewater treatment plants.		 <b>Not-started</b>
38	Renewal of the bus fleet, including private operators with zero percent environmental pollution, air conditioning, and entry/exit with a moving platform for mothers and people with wheelchairs.	The procurement phase with EBRD for 30 Urban Traffic buses is in the process of being announced. The renewal of the fleet of other private operators starts from January 2025 until the end of July 2025 according to the official response of the municipality.	 <b>Started</b>
39	Stimulating the use of public transportation, through the creation of parking spaces at the entrance to the city, where every citizen with a parking ticket can use public transportation.	The "Park and Ride" project of the Municipality of Prishtina, scheduled to start in September 2023 at the "Ramiz Sadiku" field, aims to ease urban traffic by offering parking spaces at the entrance to the city and the use of public transport with the same ticket. As of December 2024, there is no information on its implementation or completion. This model is included in the Regulation on the organization and use of parking lots of the Municipality of Prishtina, approved in December 2023.	 <b>Started</b>

The green promises of Mayor Rama (PRISHTINA)		Source	Assessment
40	Opening of new hiking and cycling trails in Bernic e Eperme a and the villages of Gollak.	The Pristina Municipality budget for 2023 includes a 200,000-euro investment for the development of new hiking and cycling trails. However, publicly available data does not provide specific information indicating that these funds are dedicated to Bërnica e Epërme and the villages of Gollak.	 <b>Started</b>
41	The zonal map of Pristina has been completed and approved.	The Pristina Municipality budget for 2023 includes a 200,000-euro investment for the development of new hiking and cycling trails. However, publicly available data does not provide specific information indicating that these funds are dedicated to Bërnica e Epërme and the villages of Gollak.	 <b>Started</b>
42	Completion and approval of detailed regulatory plans.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The detailed plan for Calabria has been approved by the Municipal Assembly and is in the relevant Ministry for approval.</li> <li>The plan for Arbëria block D-2 has been approved.</li> <li>The plan for Mati is in procedure.</li> </ol>	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
43	Accelerating the process of legalizing illegal constructions in Pristina.	The Municipality of Pristina has announced that legalization procedures have been delayed due to the responsible ministry's refusal to allow contract extensions for special service staff involved in the legalization process. Since May 2024, the process has resumed with newly hired personnel.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>

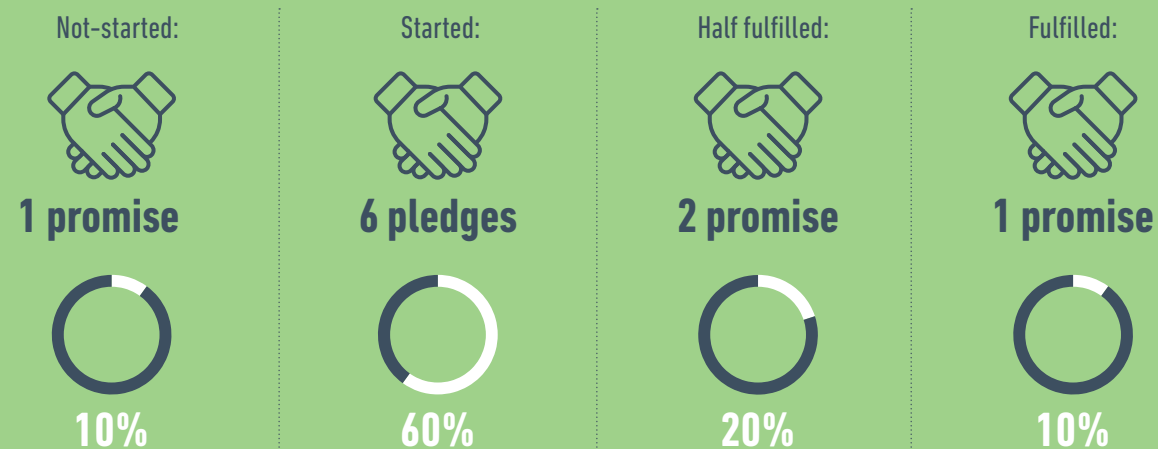
# Municipality of South Mitrovica

The electoral program of the Municipality of Mitrovica, under the leadership of Mayor Bedri Hamza, has presented several green promises aimed at improving environmental conditions and developing public spaces, mainly through investments in river infrastructure, waste management and increasing greenery. From a green perspective, these goals are extremely important for citizens and preserving biodiversity, providing a positive starting point for sustainable local development. However, the analysis shows that not all promises fully align with local level competencies - such as cleaning up industrial waste, which consequently create expectations that the municipality may not fully meet. On the other hand, while only a small number of promised projects have been successfully completed or have reached an advanced stage, most of the promises still remain in the initial phase.

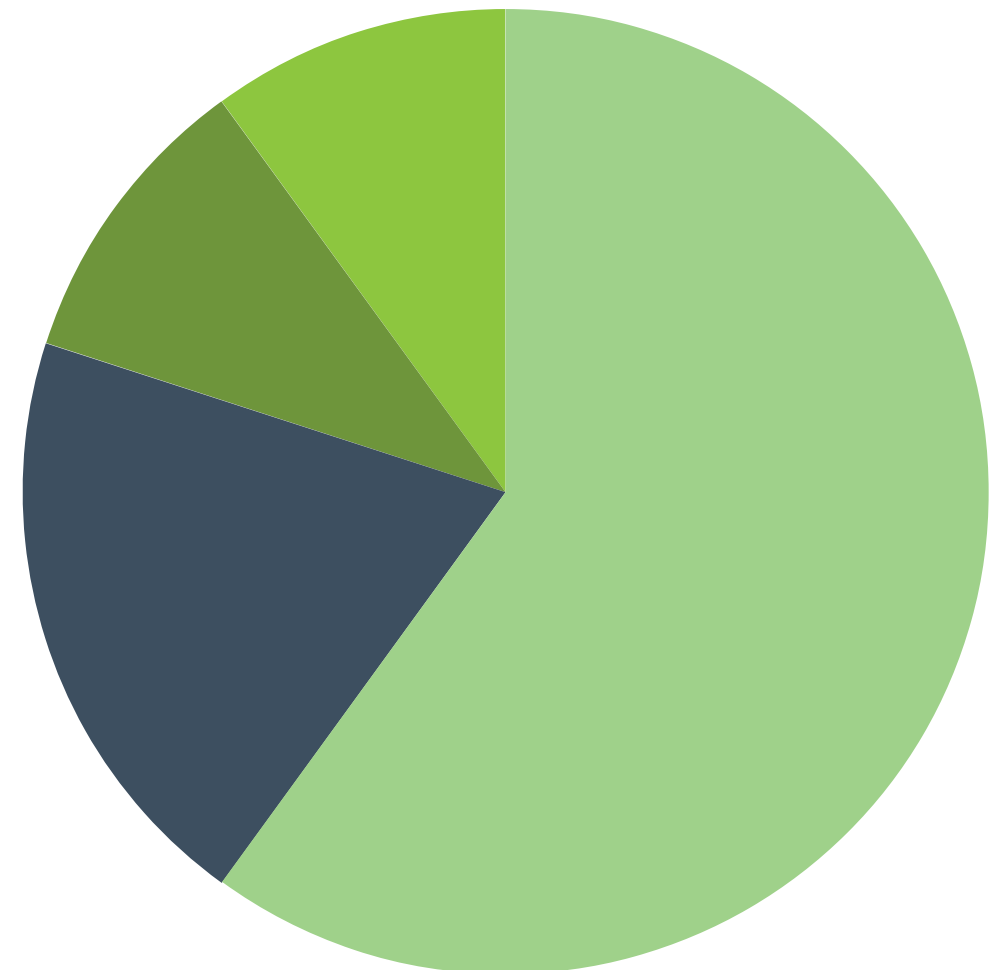
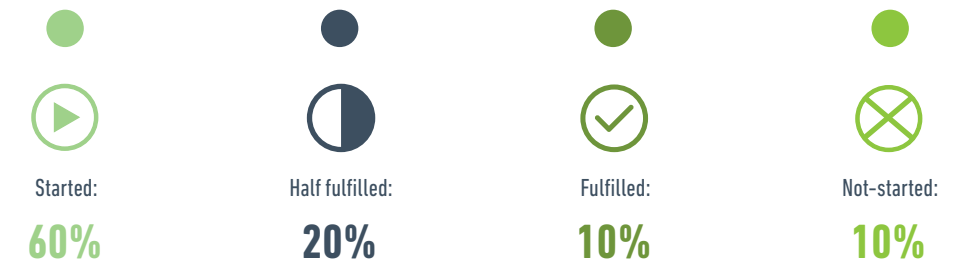
In the Municipality of South Mitrovica, the mayor had a written election program during the 2021 local elections, but it is not accessible online. Out of a total of 123 electoral promises made during the campaign, 10 promises are focused on environmental issues, accounting for 8.13% of the total promises. The election program does not include precise budget calculations for green projects. The exact budget dedicated during this mandate for green projects is not known since municipal institutions have not responded to the request for access to this information on this issue, but from the information obtained from the municipality's website, it is deduced that 246,011.70 euros have been dedicated for 2024. The mayor's election program does not set precise deadlines for the implementation of green projects. Also, the existing human capacity of the municipality was not considered when proposing these projects within the program.

From the analysis of the implementation of green promises, it is clear that most projects have only just begun, while a small part has progressed or been finalized. This situation highlights the need for a higher commitment from municipal structures towards fulfilling the promised projects so that the commitments to apply green practices are concretized in practice.







**In total, the level of fulfillment of green promises in the municipality of Mitrovica is as follows:**







**The level of fulfillment of green promises in the municipality of Mitrovica**



Below, you can find the table showing the progress of realizing these promises in specific assessment categories:

The Green Promises of Mayor Bedri Hamza)	Promise status	Evaluation of the fulfillment of the promise
1 Construction of a wastewater treatment plant.	On December 12, 2021, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Finance and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant in the city of Mitrovica, with a value of 4.6 million euros. This agreement was ratified on 06.04.2022 also by the Assembly of Kosovo. This project is led by the government and the water utility.	 <b>Started</b>
2 Installation of air quality measuring devices.	The municipality has secured funding for 2024 for this project, but according to the official response, there were problems with the tendering procedures, which caused delays in implementation. The matter has been re-entered into tendering procedures.	 <b>Started</b>
3 Cleaning of industrial waste in the Trepça Industrial Park (formerly Fafos).	This project is the responsibility of the government and the Privatization Agency of Kosovo (PAK), and is not within the competence of the local level.	 <b>It hasn't started.</b>
4 Integrated waste management.	In 2022, an inter-municipal memorandum of cooperation was signed between three municipalities (South Mitrovica, Vushtrri and Skenderaj) for integrated waste management. This memorandum was supported by the German GIZ, but its implementation on the ground has not started until December 2024.	 <b>Started</b>
5 Maintenance and expansion of green areas.	From January to June 2022, the municipality has started planting flowers in the city's public spaces. Also, 100 seedlings have been planted in the reservoir lake. In the village of Kaçandoll in Shala e Bajgores, 10,000 seedlings have been planted, while in some areas of the city, decorative trees have been planted and fences have been installed to protect green spaces. The municipality has announced that the planting will be an ongoing process.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
6 Regulation of the Ibar River bed from the IBCM college - to the bridge in Suhodoll - construction of the promenade.	In 2023, a contract was signed with the economic operator for the regulation of the Ibar River bed. Currently, the implementation of the second lot has begun, which includes the segment from the lake to the Ibar Bridge, while the third lot is expected to start in the first quarter of 2025.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>

The Green Promises of Mayor Bedri Hamza)	Promise status	Evaluation of the fulfillment of the promise
7 Construction of recreational and sports areas along the Ibar River from Liqeni – Kushtovë, on both sides of the river	It is budgeted for 2025.	 <b>Started</b>
8 Regulation of the Lushta Riverbed (Bair-Lushtë) – promenade	All works foreseen under the contract were successfully completed in January 2024.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
9 Sitnica Riverbed Adjustment–PIM Industrial Park–Bair Tunnel–Promenade	It is budgeted for 2025.	 <b>Started</b>
10 Trepça Riverbed Renovation – Promenade	It is budgeted for 2025.	 <b>Started</b>

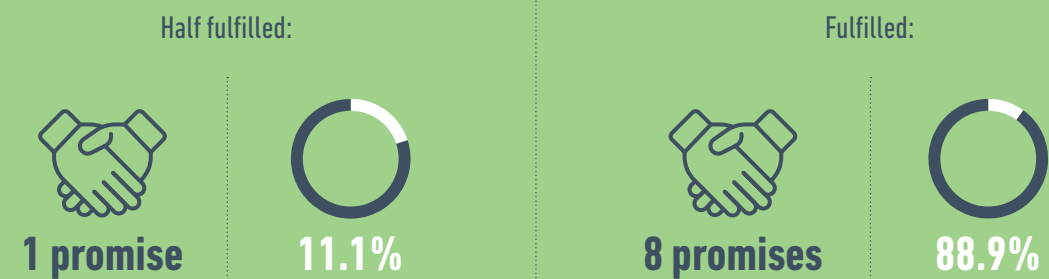
# Municipality of Ferizaj

The projects presented in Agim Aliu's electoral program for the Municipality of Ferizaj represent initiatives for improving the environment in this municipality. Interventions such as cleaning and regulating riverbeds, expanding parks and increasing waste management capacities are necessary for a city that is facing rapid urbanization and challenges related to urban congestion. The monitoring shows that most of the promises have been fulfilled, but it is important that the remaining initiatives are accompanied by other concrete steps in relation to the creation of green spaces, more advanced solutions for pollution management and sustainable development of urban infrastructure.

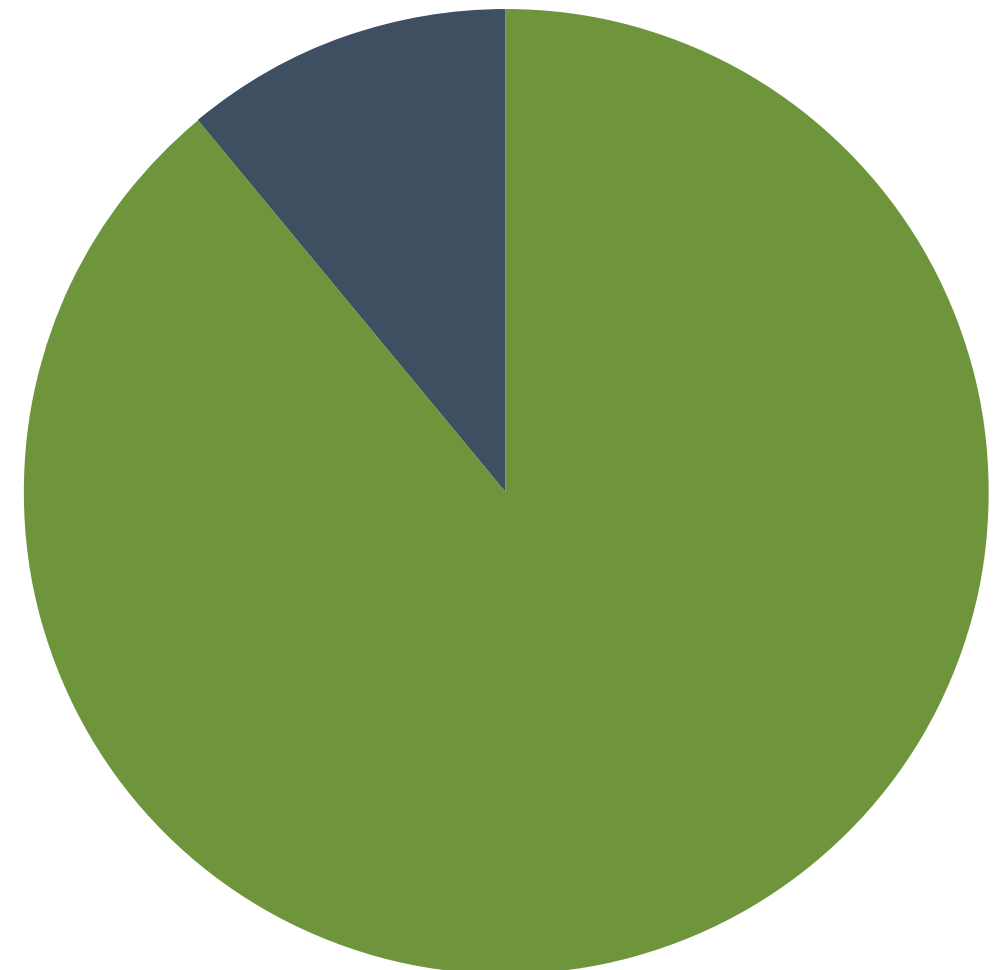
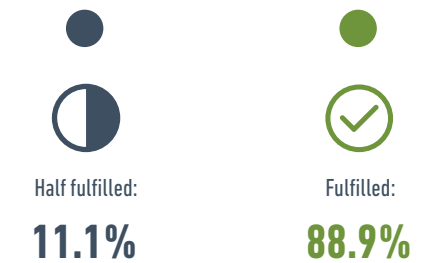
The Mayor of Ferizaj has published a written election program, which is accessible online. Of the 69 promises made during the campaign, 9 of them focused on environmental issues, which accounts for 13% of the total promises. The program includes green promises, but does not provide exact or approximate budget estimates for these projects specified in the platform. However, the total value of investments in environmental projects is €7,050,000.00, according to data received from the Municipality. Regarding the deadlines, the Municipality has emphasized that the projects are part of the governing platform and will be completed by the end of the mandate, but that there are no such time limits in the election program.

Regarding the level of implementation of green promises in Ferizaj, it appears that most of them have been fulfilled, including the continuation of the construction of wastewater collectors, the greening of intersections on city streets, the creation of bicycle parking lots, the expansion of recreational spaces and the improvement of waste management capacities. However, some projects, such as the regulation of river beds and lobbying to attract investors, remain still in progress or in the initial phase, for which further commitment is needed.

**In total, the level of fulfillment of green promises in the municipality of Ferizaj is as follows:**



**The level of fulfillment of green promises in the municipality of Ferizaj**



**Below, you can find the table showing the progress of realizing these promises in specific assessment categories:**

The green promise of Mayor Agim Aliu (FERIZAJ)			
	Data	Assessment	
1	Regulation of the riverbed from the Dudi Bridge to the village of Doganaj.	To prevent floods and protect households, lands and agricultural products, the Municipality of Ferizaj, through the Directorate of Public Services and Emergency, in May 2024 implemented a project to clean over 20 kilometers of river beds in the villages of Neredime, Balaj, Dremjak, Slivove, Babush and Mirash.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
2	Continuation of the construction of wastewater collectors.	The Municipality of Ferizaj signed four contracts for interventions in March 2023, which are extended to the villages of Sazli, Dardani, Greme and Mirosal. According to information from the municipality, these interventions are continuing to be implemented based on the requests of citizens.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
3	Greening of intersections on city streets.	For this commitment, for this reporting phase alone, mini-parks have been completed in Koshare (November 2023), in the village of Talinoc i Muhaxherëve (January 2024), Tërrn and Gaçka (May 2024). Greening has also been carried out at road intersections, such as "Ahmet Kaçiku" street (February 2024) and "Rexhep Bislimi" street (April 2024).	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
4	Bicycle parking.	The Municipality of Ferizaj, through the Directorate of Public Services and Emergency, has invested in the creation of new bicycle parking lots from June 2022 to 2023. During this period, 6 parking spaces have been arranged in the urban area (city center).	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
5	Expansion of the park in Koshare.	This project will be completed in November 2023 with the expansion of the park.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>

The green promise of Mayor Agim Aliu (FERIZAJ)			
	Data	Assessment	
6	Mountain trails for hiking and biking.	In cooperation with the Swiss Contact organization, the Municipality has defined 60 km of mountain hiking and cycling trails. This area has also been marked in 2022.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
7	Doubling the budget for park maintenance.	In Ferizaj, park maintenance is carried out by public companies, such as NPL "Ambienti" and KRM "Pastërtia", and a contracted private company. During the years 2022-2023, there was a twofold increase in service costs, where a service that cost €0.25 per unit in 2022 now costs €0.50. In 2023, a three-year contract of €1.6 million was initiated with a private operator, bringing the total amount for the maintenance of public spaces to over €3 million for the next three years.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
8	Lobbying for investors for waste treatment and recycling.	The Municipality has developed cooperation with foreign companies regarding waste treatment and recycling in February 2023, such as the companies "Indaver" from Belgium and "Doosan GMBH" from Germany and the company Erdi Rproduct LLC in Kosovo, where the Municipality has issued a construction permit for the waste recycling factory.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
9	Increasing the capacity of the company "Pastertia".	For the needs of the "Pastertia" RWC, 3 trucks for waste collection were purchased with co-financing from the "Pastertia" RWC and GIZ, worth €100,000, while the procedure was led by the RWC. Another 14 trucks were obtained from the Clean Environment Competition (8 from the Japanese JAICA and 6 from the German GIZ). Currently, the "Pastertia" RWC in Ferizaj has 7 trucks. Also, the Municipality of Ferizaj has completed the construction of a facility for the "Pastertia" RWC, where the transfer is expected to take place during the first half of 2025. Also, 60 1.1m <sup>3</sup> containers and 100 120L containers have been distributed, mainly for businesses, with new investments for 2024.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>

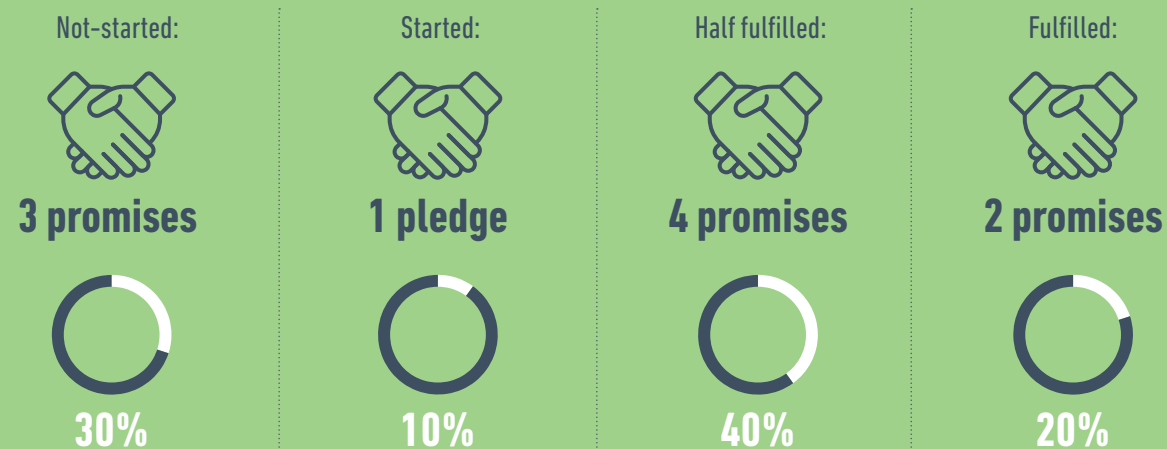


# Municipality of Peja

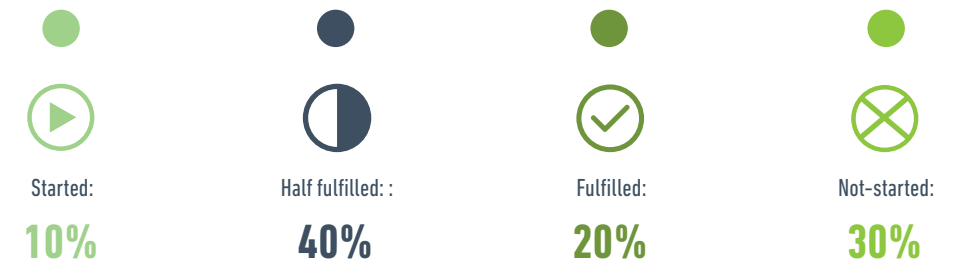
The electoral program of the Municipality of Peja, under the leadership of Mayor Gazmend Muhaxheri, has included a series of promises for the development of infrastructure, with a focus on improving mountain tourism, managing water resources and wastewater, and creating green recreational spaces. The initiatives presented are within the municipal competences, including investments in the road network, water and environmental infrastructure, with some progress already visible. The analysis of progress shows that some of these projects need a faster pace of implementation and a greater commitment in order to achieve concrete and tangible results for the community.

In the Municipality of Peja, the current mayor did not have a written election program. During the electoral campaign, the mayor made 25 promises, of which 10 focused on environmental issues, which accounts for 40% of the total election promises. Regarding the budget estimates, the municipality announced that funds dedicated to green projects have been allocated, with the budget allocated as follows: 120,000 euros in 2022, 230,000 euros in 2023, 100,000 euros in 2024 and 160,000 euros in 2025.







In the Municipality of Peja, the level of fulfillment of green promises made during the electoral campaign is as follows:







## The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Peja



Below, you can find the table showing the progress of realizing these promises in specific assessment categories:

The green promises of Mayor Gazmend Muhaxheri (PEJA)		Assessment
	Data	
1	Asphalting of the road 12 km from the city towards the Rugova area for the purpose of using the National Park.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
2	The expansion of capital investments in the villages of Rugova, especially with sewage and water supply.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
3	Installation and repair of sewage in the "7 Shtatori" neighborhood.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
4	Development of four small ski centers: in Bogë, Shkrel, Koshutan and Podi i Jakupit. The municipality creates road, energy and water infrastructure in these areas.	 <b>It hasn't started.</b>
5	Adjustment of the Lum-bardhi riverbed up to the village of Pepiq.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
6	Construction of a health park and construction of a pine park on an area of about 40 hectares.	 <b>Started</b>

The green promises of Mayor Gazmend Muhaxheri (PEJA)		Assessment
	Data	
7	The creation of the promenade from Patriarkana to the village of Potraq, worth about 6 million euros	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
8	Finalization of the wastewater treatment plant in Kuqishte.	 <b>It hasn't started.</b>
9	Drafting and finalizing regulatory plans.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
10	Construction of a wastewater treatment plant in Trestenik.	 <b>It hasn't started.</b>

# Municipality of Rahovec

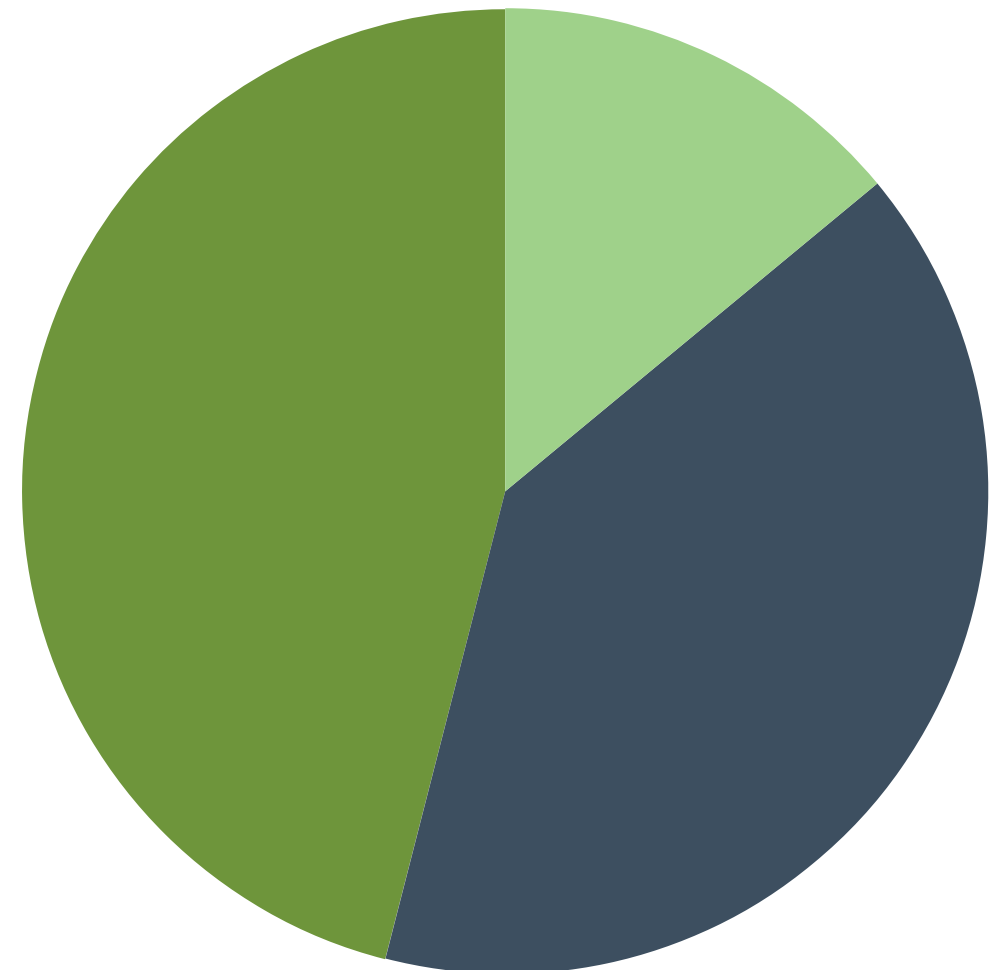
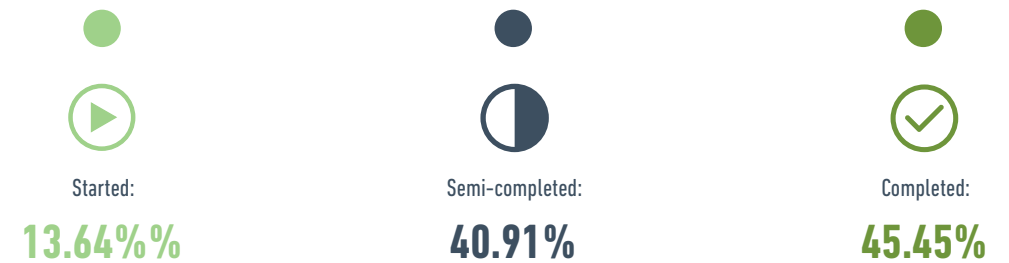
The electoral program presented by Smajl Latifi for the Municipality of Rahovec includes promises in the fields of agriculture, green energy, water infrastructure, environmental protection and the creation of recreational spaces. The main initiatives include the expansion of the irrigation system, wastewater treatment, cleaning of illegal landfills, the construction of trails and parks, as well as investments in renewable energy. Overall, the majority of projects have made progress towards implementation, while a small number still remain in the initial stages.

Regarding the election program for the Municipality of Rahovec, the mayor had a written one, but it is not available online. Out of 84 promises made during the campaign, 22 focused on environmental issues, which accounts for 26.19% of the total promises. The green promises do not have precise or approximate budget estimates specified in the election program. In terms of deadlines, the program did not set precise deadlines for the implementation of green projects. Also, this program did not consider the existing human capacity of the municipality to implement these projects.







In total, the level of fulfillment of green electoral promises for the Municipality of Rahovec is as follows:












## The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Rahovec








Below, you can find the table showing the progress of realizing these promises in specific assessment categories:

Green Promises of Mayor Smajl Latifi (RAHOVECI)		Assessment
	Data	
1	Energy efficiency in schools. Energy efficiency projects have been completed in several schools, including the "Rilindja" School in Çifllak, the "Faik Konica" School in Celina, the "Skender Kastrati" School in Gexha, the "12 Maji" School in Ratkoc and the "Gëzim Hamza-Piktori" School in Rahovec. All contracts have been signed with the Kosovo Energy Efficiency Fund.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
2	Increase in vineyard areas/plantations. The area planted with vineyards has increased from 2,322 hectares to 2,336 hectares, an increase of 14 hectares. The financial investment in this sector has been 295,000 euros.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
3	Construction of a large storage center for storing the grapes of all winegrowers in Rahovec. The construction of a large storage center for grape storage is underway, with investments from the municipality. An additional 60,000 euros have also been allocated from the performance grant for this purpose.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
4	Subsidizing insurance policies to protect vineyards from natural disasters. In 2023, the Direct Payments Program included insurance subsidies, with the Ministry covering 75% of the cost, the Municipality of Rahovec 15%, and farmers 5%. For 2024, the Ministry's Direct Payments Program does not include insurance coverage, but the Municipality of Rahovec has decided to cover an additional 15% of the policy value, according to the official response from the municipality.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
5	Sponsoring the law to declare Rahovec a special agricultural zone The Municipality of Rahovec has submitted written requests to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Assembly of Kosovo for the declaration of Rahovec as a special agricultural zone, but so far the request has not been included in the legislative agenda.	 <b>Started</b>
6	Opening of drainage channels on lands where water collects as a result of precipitation Work on opening and repairing drainage channels has continued in several villages such as Çifllak, Ratkoc, Celinë and Dri i Bardhë. All of these projects are still in progress.	 <b>Started</b>

Green Promises of Mayor Smajl Latifi (RAHOVECI)		Assessment
	Data	
7	Expansion of the irrigation system for agricultural lands The first phase of the project financed by the World Bank, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and JSC "Dukagjinil" has been completed. The second phase of this investment project in the irrigation system is expected to begin. The investment in this phase will amount to a total of 10 million euros, the project is a continuation of the 4.2 million euros, started years ago. The project is expected to be implemented until 2026.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
8	Increasing the area of greenhouses The municipality has prepared free projects for farmers and has offered opportunities for the construction of greenhouses on an area of 84 ares more. Also, the procurement procedure for the construction of new greenhouses has been initiated and every year a call for applications from farmers is opened.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
9	Support for fruit and vegetable collection and processing centers The Municipality of Rahovec has supported the "Agro Celina" fruit and vegetable collection point, for the supply of seedlings and other materials for the cultivation of the "Kurnishon" cucumber. Through this subsidy, "Agro Celina" has been obliged to contract the nurseries operating in our municipality to cultivate cucumber seedlings and distribute these seedlings to farmers free of charge, with the only condition that they deliver the production to the "Agro Celina" collection center. This program has been supported in the amount of 56,000 euros.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
10	Elimination of illegal waste dumps and transformation of these spaces into greenery The Municipality of Rahovec has continued to clean up illegal waste dumps in Rahovec, on the road to Malisheva and Suhareka, where decorative trees have been planted. Illegal dumps have also been cleaned up in the villages of Krushe e Madhe, Gur i Kuq, on the transit road to Rahovec and in the village of Brestoc, while in Hoç e Madhe, from the observations of December, it was noted that the dump has not been remediated. The Municipality has also signed a contract for the elimination of illegal dumps wherever they are created.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
11	Afforestation of bare areas In cooperation with the Kosovo Forestry Agency, the municipality has afforested 17 hectares with 45,000 seedlings.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>

Green Promises of Mayor Smajl Latifi (RAHOVECI)		Assessment
	Data	
12	Construction of new parks. The completion of park construction is in progress in several villages of Rahovec, including Çifllak, Pataqan i Epërm, Krushë e Madhe and Brestoc.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
13	Renovation and facade of shared social housing facilities. The works have been completed on the social housing facility in the city of Rahovec. There is no information about other interventions in such facilities.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
14	Regulation of river and stream beds Work to regulate river beds is ongoing in several villages, including Celina, Polluzhe, Malësi të Vogël and Brestoc.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
15	Treatment of atmospheric waters in the city The treatment of stormwater on "Gëzim Hamza" Street in the city has been completed for the first and second segments, with a total length of 600 meters. In addition, manholes and water collectors have been arranged on the following streets in the city: "Mulla Cufa," "Xhelal Hajda," "Selajdin Mullabazi," "Avdullah Bugari," and "Shejh Myhedini." The 300-meter segment on "Shejh Myhedini" Street has also been completed (this street will be fully treated with 780 meters of stormwater channel), as well as on "Ali Sokoli" Street – 380 meters and on "Fahredin Hoxha" Street – 95 meters. Work will continue with the treatment of stormwater on "Gëzim Hamza" Street as well.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
16	Sewerage collectors and plants together with the government and donors Several segments with wastewater collectors have been completed in several settlements, including Rahovec with 4 segments on the "Vëllezërit Frashëri" street, at the social housing facility, on the main road at the exit to Xërxë and in the Upper Neighborhood, in Gexhë - 1 segment in the Himaj Neighborhood, in Ratkoc - 4 segments above the village cemetery, on the "Martin Camaj" street, at the village stream and the "Valon Hoti" street under the railway, in a length of 600 m, in Dobidol, the entire sewage network has been completed, in the village of Mrasor - 1 segment, Malësi e Vogël - 1 segment, in the village of Dejnë - 1 segment, in a length of 1400 m, in Çifllak - 1 segment of 700 m.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
17	Green energy will be practiced in the installation of solar panels in public buildings. The project to install solar panels in the "Mizahir Isma" gym facility in Rahovec has been completed - a donation from the Italian KFOR, 30,000 euros. The project to install wind turbines in the Zatriq mountain has also begun, worth around 90 million euros.	 <b>Started</b>

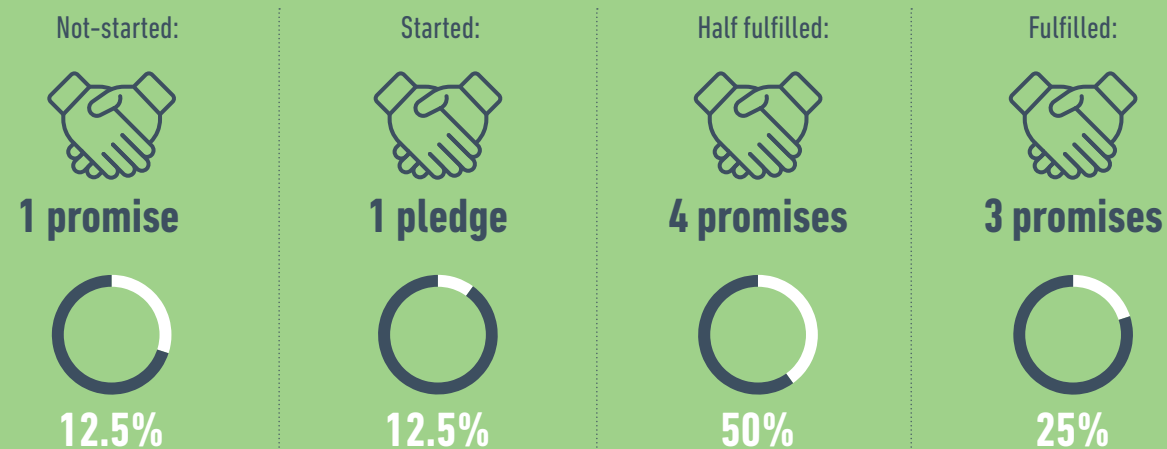
Green Promises of Mayor Smajl Latifi (RAHOVECI)		Assessment
	Data	
18	Cycling trails New bicycle paths have been built on the "Ibrahim Rugova" road, the KLA transit road, and the Rahovec-Hamoc-Fortesë road.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
19	Sports fields in every village and neighborhood where municipal property exists Sports fields have been completed in various villages such as Malësi e Vogël, Dejnë, Gur të Kuq and at the "Gëzim Hamza" school in Rahovec.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
20	Drafting detailed regulatory plans The municipality has approved development and regulatory plans for the period 2023-2032, including: Urban Mobility Plan, Local Road Transport Plan, Waste Management Plan and Natural Disaster and Other Hazards Risk Assessment Plan for the Municipality of Rahovec.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
21	Extending spatial planning to villages With the approval of the Municipal Development Plan, spatial planning has also begun in villages, where through this plan construction zones and areas designated for businesses have been designated.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
22	Approval of the Municipal Development Plan The Municipal Development Plan 2023-2032 was approved on December 15, 2023 and entered into force.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>

# Municipality of Gjakova

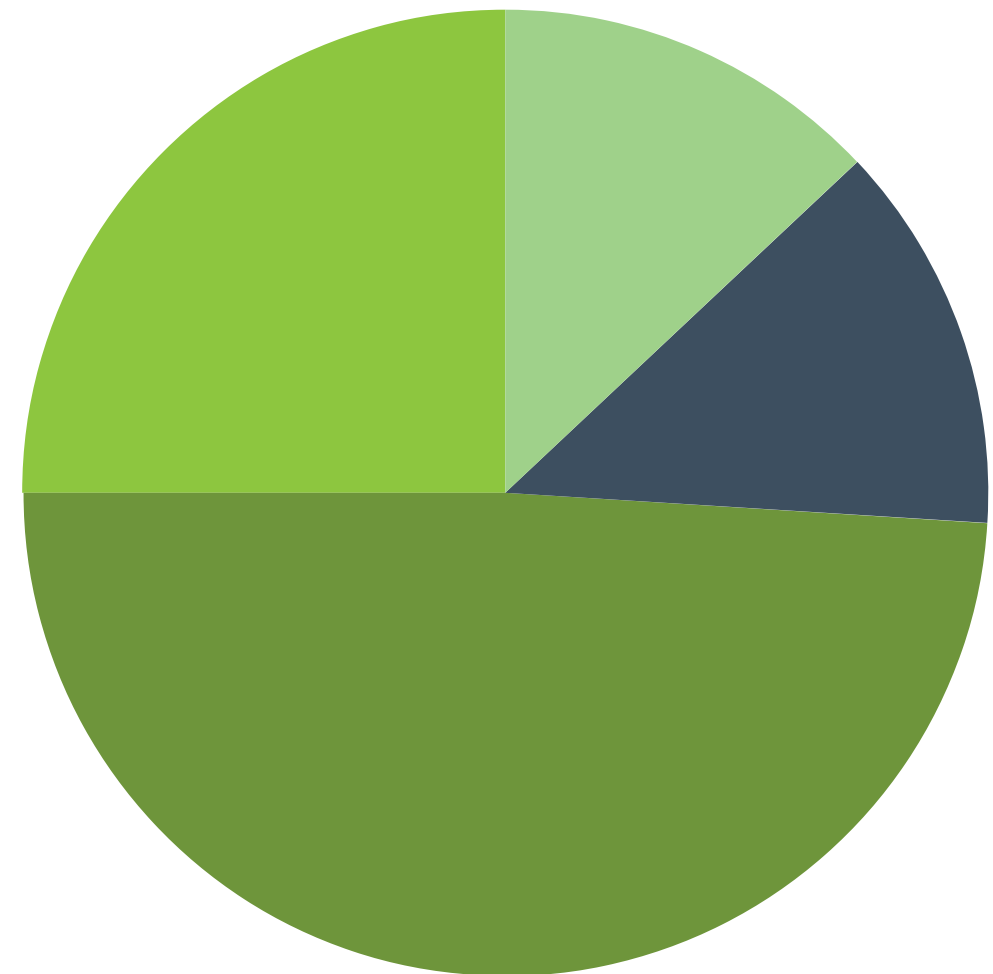
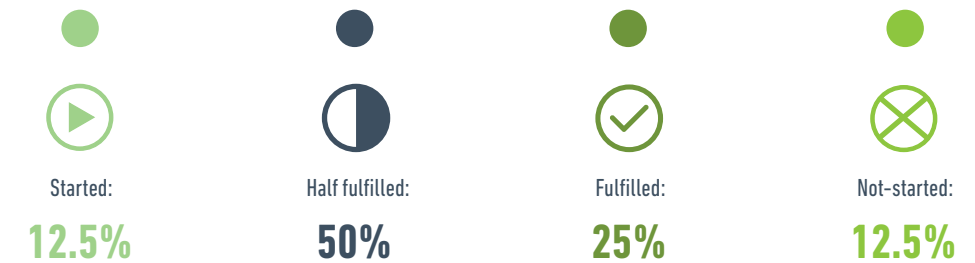
The electoral program of the Municipality of Gjakova, presented by Mayor Ardian Gjini, is based on a series of promises that include interventions for environmental protection and management, namely the construction of irrigation canals, wastewater treatment, river regulation and the implementation of efficient technology such as LED public lighting. During the assessment of the implementation of this program, it is noted that, although some projects have been successfully implemented, others are still in progress or face delays, highlighting the need for further engagement and more practical monitoring. This electoral program, although not published online, contains a total of 35 promises made during the campaign, of which 9 are focused on environmental issues, which constitute 25.7% of the total promises. In the electoral program, green projects do not have defined financial values and an exact value for all green investments is not known, as the Municipality of Gjakova has not provided complete information on the total expenses incurred so far in this regard. Regarding the timelines, the program mentions deadlines for the implementation of projects, but not for all initiatives. Meanwhile, the program also does not provide a detailed analysis of the municipality's existing human capacities for the implementation of green projects.

Overall, the realization of Mayor Gjini's electoral promises reflects mixed progress: most projects have completed implementation or are half-fulfilled, while there are also promises that are being implemented with delays or have not started at all.






In total in the municipality of Gjakova, the level of fulfillment of green promises is as follows:







## The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Gjakova



Below, you can find the table showing the progress of realizing these promises in specific assessment categories:

Green Promises of Mayor Ardian Gjini (ĐAKOVË)		Assessment
	Data	
1	Construction of irrigation canals and water dams for farmers/cultivators. From 2022 to 2024, the construction of irrigation canals was carried out in the villages of: Dobrigje, Dujakë, Palabardh, Planqor, Shqiponjë, Popoc, Dobrosh, Batushë, Molliq, Stubëll, Nivokaz, Babaj i Bokës, Dujakë, Rracaj and Bitesh-Palabardh. Also, as part of the 'Social Audit' activity in November, we conducted field visits to closely observe and evaluate the works after the construction of irrigation canals and dams in the villages of Shishman and Shqiponjë.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
2	Extension of the sewage network in the "Gjakova e Re" area and in the "Rezina" area The extension of the sewerage network in the first segment of the Llukac River has been completed. In December 2024, works are underway in the second segment, where work is being done to complete the extension of the sewerage. Meanwhile, for the third segment of this project, administrative processes and preparations to start field works are being carried out.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
3	Construction of a wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater treatment plant has been completed and is now operational, along with the two main collectors. In addition, the rehabilitation of the canals in 25 segments has been completed and the extension of the collector in the north of the city, at the exit to Peja, has been completed. This plant is managed by the Regional Water Supply Company "Gjakova" JSC.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>
4	Regulation of the Llukac riverbed. The regulation of the Llukac Riverbed has been completed in the first segment. The works in the second segment are in the final phase. Meanwhile, for the third segment of this project, administrative processes and preparations to begin field works are underway.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
5	The entire public lighting system in the city will be replaced by conventional bulbs in the LED system. During 2023, a total of 183,999.00 euros were invested for the expansion of the public lighting network in the territory of the Municipality of Gjakova. Also, a total of 144,998.00 euros were allocated and spent for the contract for the maintenance of the public lighting line in the Municipality of Gjakova. In relation to the contract entitled "Maintenance of public lighting," with procurement number 632-24-797-1-1-1, concluded on 16/04/2024 between the Municipality of Gjakova and the contractor, on 25/10/2024, this contract was terminated by mutual agreement between the parties. Following this development, on 14/11/2024, the Mayor of Gjakova Municipality has decided to appoint support officers who will monitor the new agreement for the maintenance of public lighting, which has been concluded between the Municipality of Gjakova and KRM Çabrati. This process aims to ensure effective management and a sustainable service for public lighting throughout the municipality.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>

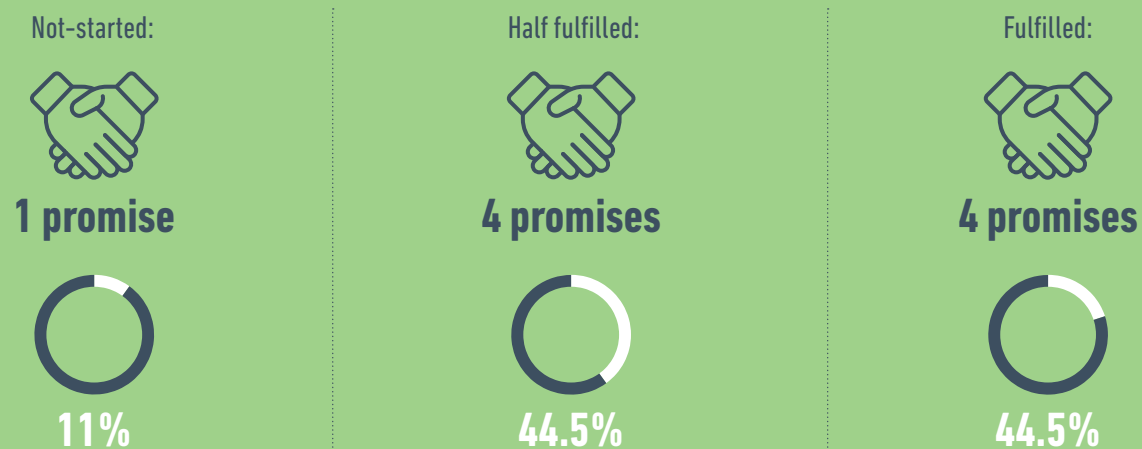
Green Promises of Mayor Ardian Gjini (ĐAKOVË)		Assessment
	Data	
6	Over four years, 1 million euros will be invested in the creation of parks and sports fields in villages. According to the Audit Report on the Annual Financial Statements of the Municipality of Gjakova for 2023, Issue A3 has identified delays in the completion of contracted works. Specifically, the project for the construction of tennis courts, with a value of EUR 241,552 and a contract signed on 01.09.2023, was not implemented according to the dynamic plan foreseen for 90 days. As a result, there was a delay of approximately two months in the completion of this project.  Meanwhile, during this period, several other infrastructure projects have been completed, including: - Construction of the sports field in Rogovë i Hasit, - Construction of the sports field in the yard of the "Zekeria Rexha" school in Gjakova, - Construction of the sports field in the village of Gërquinë, - Playground in the First Local Community, and - Renovation of the sports field in the "Ukshin Miftari" school in Skivjan.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
7	Functionalization of the public company "City Architect" The Municipality of Gjakova has completed all necessary legal procedures for the establishment of the Municipal Public Enterprise "City Architect". The complete and required documentation has been submitted to the Public Enterprise Management Unit, thus fulfilling all obligations foreseen by the legal framework. Currently, the municipality has announced that it is awaiting the decision from the Government of Kosovo for the finalization and official establishment of this enterprise, which is expected to play a key role in the urban development and strategic planning of the city.	 <b>Started</b>
8	Drafting a regulatory plan for the tourist spot "Maja e Kurorës". Walnuts, hazelnuts and chestnuts will be planted in this area Until December 2024, there is no information regarding the initiation of the drafting of the regulatory plan for the tourist spot "Maja e Kurorës".	 <b>It hasn't started</b>
9	Approval of the Municipal Development Plan and Zonal Map In April 2022, the Municipal Development Plan was approved, while in May 2024, the Zonal Map was also approved.	 <b>Fulfilled</b>

# Municipality of Lipjan

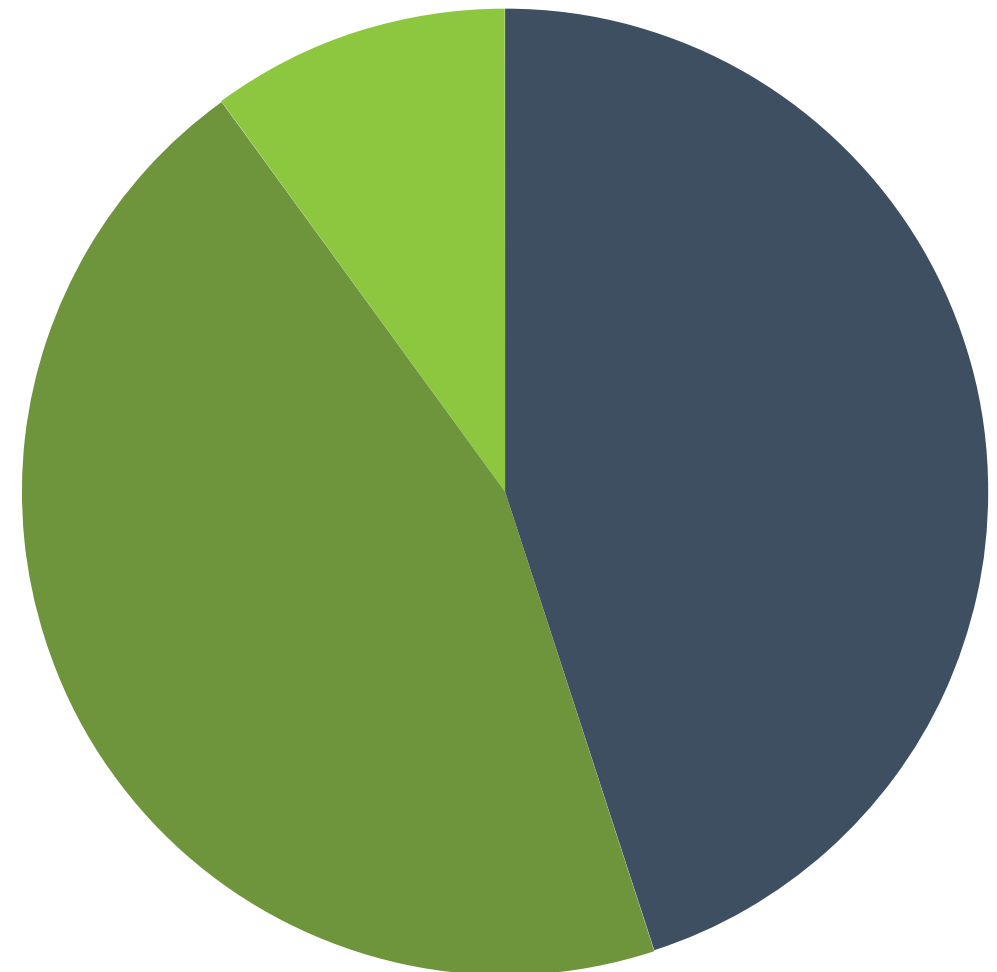
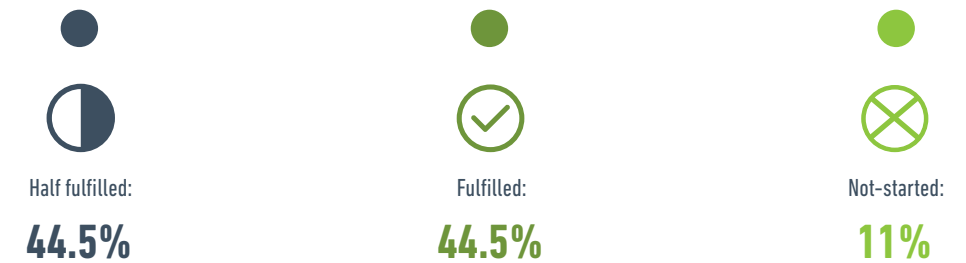
The electoral program of the Municipality of Lipjan includes promises focused on improving the environment, managing natural resources and developing public spaces. These projects, such as opening and maintaining rivers, building parks, regulating river beds and planting ornamental trees, address tangible needs for the community, contributing to improving the quality of life, reducing floods and creating recreational spaces for citizens. All of these projects are in line with the competencies of the local level.

In the Municipality of Lipjan, the mayor had a written election program during the 2021 local elections, but it is not accessible online. Out of a total of 61 electoral promises made during the campaign, 9 are focused on environmental issues, accounting for 14.75% of the total promises. The election program does not include precise budget estimates for green projects. However, based on the data available in the annual municipal budgets, the value of funds dedicated to the implementation of green projects so far amounts to €4,423,102.90. Meanwhile, the total budget for green projects for this mandate is €5,499,076.30, which includes both completed projects and those currently in the implementation process and expected to be completed during 2025. The mayor's election program does not set precise deadlines for the implementation of green projects.

In the Municipality of Lipjan, the level of fulfillment of green promises made during the electoral campaign is as follows:







The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Lipjan



Below, you can find the table showing the progress of fulfilling these promises in specific assessment categories:



Green Promises of Mayor Imri Ahmeti (LIPJAN)	Data	Assessment	
1	Opening and maintenance of rivers in order to prevent flooding in agricultural lands.	At the beginning of 2022, several procurement procedures were launched for the project "Maintenance of rivers in the Municipality of Lipjan". A contract was approved on 03.01.2022, but its documents have not been made public. On 26.07.2023, the contract "Opening-cleaning of rivers and maintenance of public spaces in villages" was signed, which is valid until 26.07.2025. Works under this contract are underway.	 Semi-completed
2	Construction of parks over the underground parking space.	On 19.09.2023, the contract entitled "Construction of the underpass, continuation of the construction of the square, construction of the central city park and underground parking in Lipjan" was signed. According to the contract, the work will be carried out for 300 working days, divided into three fiscal years, 2023-2024-2025, divided according to budgetary funds, no later than 15.08.2025.	 Semi-completed
3	Continuation of works on the adjustment of the "Sitnica" river bed (phase II).	In cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure, the Sitnica riverbed has been adjusted ("phase II"). The works began in the second half of 2022 and were completed in August 2023.	 Completed
4	Summer and winter maintenance of local roads.	In the city of Lipjan, several important contracts have been signed for the maintenance and cleaning of public infrastructure. These include contracts for the cleaning and maintenance of roads during the summer and winter seasons, the maintenance of parks, parking lots and public spaces, the cleaning of cemeteries and tombstones, as well as the opening and cleaning of rivers.	 Completed
5	Establishment of the Public Municipal Enterprise "Ulpiana" which will be given competence for environmental protection	On 29.04.2021, the Municipal Assembly of Lipjan approved the decision (Prot. No. 15-352-21925) to initiate the procedures for the establishment of the Public Enterprise "Ulpiana". The decision with the accompanying documents was sent to the ministry in 2021, but the procedure has not continued.	 Semi-completed
6	Opening and construction of new parks in the city's suburban areas	On 20.12.2022, a contract was signed with the title: "Construction of parks and playgrounds for children in primary schools, in the villages: Kraishta, Glllogoc, Rubofc, Bujan, Medvec, Topliqan, Krojmir, Baica, Shala, Magura, Puturovc, Smallusha, Llugaxhi, Babush i Muhaxherevë, Banulla, Dobraja e Madhe, Lipjan, phase II". This contract was completed on 31.08.2023. From this contract, the works on the construction of parks and playgrounds for children in primary schools in the villages: Dobraja e Madhe, Kraishta, Rubovc, Banulla, Babush i Muhaxherevë, Llugaxhi, Smallusha, Shala, Krojmir, Topliqan, Baica, Puturovc, Medvec, Magura, Bujan, Glllogoc, Lipjan - phase II", have been completed.  On 15.07.2022, a contract was signed entitled: "Construction of children's playgrounds in Lipjan, Sllovi and Gadime". The works under this contract have been completed.	 Completed

Green Promises of Mayor Imri Ahmeti (LIPJAN)	Data	Assessment	
7	Planting ornamental trees in public spaces of the city	On 11.11.2022, the contract (Procurement No. 613-22-10506-5-2-1) was signed, entitled: "Adjustment of public spaces in the Municipality of Lipjan". Within the framework of this contract, 80 ornamental trees were planted. On 05.10.2022, the contract no. 613-22-8327-1-2-1/C672 was signed, entitled: "Supply and planting of ornamental trees on city streets and local roads". Under this contract, 500 ornamental trees were planted in public spaces.  On 11.08.2023, a contract was signed (Procurement No. 613-23-4249-5-1-1/C808), entitled "Opening and construction of new roads within the city of Lipjan (Afrim Zhitia Street, Bashkim Krasniqi Street, Haradin Bajrami Street, Haxhi Kleqka Street), Lot 1. Within the framework of this contract, 170 ornamental trees were also planted. The works from this contract have been completed.  According to an announcement dated 16.11.2023, the Municipality of Lipjan has received a donation of 60 seedlings from the Microfinance Institution Finca Kosova, which were planted in the city of Lipjan.	 Completed
8	Construction of riverbeds in villages	On 10.11.2022, the announcement was published on the works on the riverbeds in Gadime të Epërme, Smallusha, Glllogoc and on the Janjevka River. On 08.09.2022, the contract was signed, entitled: "Construction of the riverbed in the village of Smallusha". The works under this contract have been completed.  On 17.08.2022, the contract entitled: "Adjustment of the Janjevka Riverbed in the Konjuh neighbourhood in Lipjan" was signed. The works under this contract have been completed.  On 16.08.2022, the contract entitled: "Construction of the riverbed in Glllogoc" was signed. The works under this contract have been completed.  On 18.07.2022, a contract was signed entitled: "Continuation of the construction of the riverbed in Gadime". The works under this contract have been completed.  On 09.06.2023, the contract entitled: "Construction of stream (river) beds in the city of Lipjan" was signed. The works under this contract have been completed.  On 07.07.2023, a contract was signed entitled "Construction of the river bed in the village of Gadime and asphaltting of the road around the river". This contract was completed on 15.10.2023. The works under this contract have been completed.  On 07.07.2023, a contract was signed entitled "Construction of the riverbed in the village of Smallusha, second phase". This contract was completed on 10.10.2023. The works under this contract have been completed.  There are still villages in need of such intervention.	 Semi-completed
9	Construction of a water supply system for the villages of Vershec, Leletiq, Baica and Akllap.		 Not started

# Municipality of Skenderaj

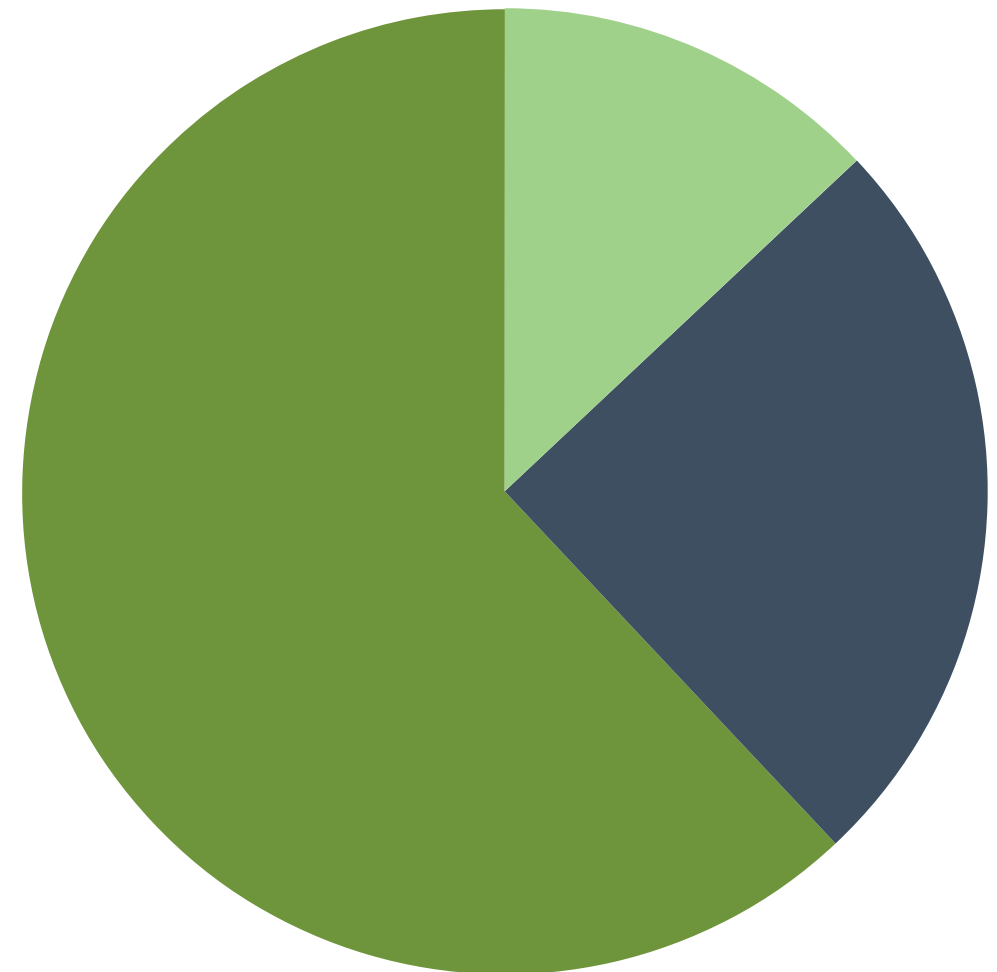
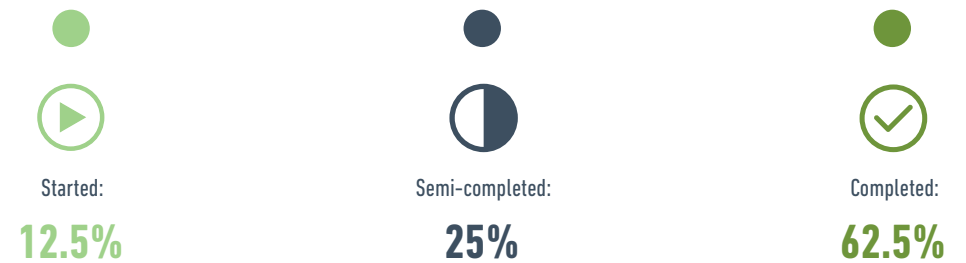
The electoral program of the Municipality of Skenderaj, led by Fadil Nura, includes a series of promises focused on the development of environmental infrastructure, improving public services and protecting the environment. The main initiatives include expanding the sewage network, building walking trails, improving the supply of drinking water and improving public transport. These promises fall within the municipal competences and have marked significant progress. Overall, most of the projects have been completed or are in advanced stages of implementation, while some initiatives still remain in the preparatory process.

Out of a total of 66 electoral promises made during the campaign, 8 are focused on environmental issues, accounting for 12.12% of the total promises. The mayor's election program does not set precise deadlines for the implementation of green projects, and regarding the budget dedicated to green projects during the governing mandate, the Municipality of Skenderaj has not provided information.






In the Municipality of Skenderaj, the level of fulfilment of green promises made during the electoral campaign is as follows:






## The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Skenderaj



Below, you can find the table showing the progress of fulfilling these promises in specific assessment categories:

Green Promises of Mayor Fadil Nura - Skenderaj		Assessment
	Data	
1	<p>Extension of sewage systems to villages</p> <p>It has been included in the budget for 2023 and the forecasts for 2024. On 07.09.2022, contract 643-22-7688-5-1-1/325 was signed with the group of economic operators and the works have now been completed in the local communities: Qirez, Klina e Eperme, Turiqec, Prekaz, Polac, Runik, Likoc, Rezalla.</p>	 <b>Completed</b>
2	<p>Commitment to the implementation of the project to increase the drinking water capacity in Shipol - Brus</p> <p>This project is regional, since Skenderaj is supplied with water from Mitrovica, and the only step that has been taken in this direction is the meetings of the mayors with the heads of the regional water supply in Mitrovica.</p> <p>Meanwhile, on 02.12.2024, a new contract was signed for the continuation of sewerage in the local community with number 643-24-8804-5-1-1/c521.</p>	 <b>Started</b>
3	<p>Construction of hiking trails in Çiçavica, Radisheva, Tushila and Kuçica</p> <p>Budgeting and contracting of the EO for this promise gives it the assessment as 'started'.</p>	 <b>Started</b>
4	<p>Start of construction of the Kuçica dam</p> <p>On 31.07.2024, the contract notice was issued by the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning.</p> <p>On 06.11.2024, a contract award notice was issued, while on 18.11.2024, a contract signing notice was issued.</p> <p>The initial project has also been drafted, while the municipality has created the spatial conditions for investment in the construction of this dam.</p> <p>The number of this contract is 2024/210-24-7597-2-1-1.</p>	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
5	<p>Creation/construction of a bus station in the city</p> <p>This project was awarded through an expression of interest and was given to a private company with a concession for 99 years.</p> <p>The station is already completed.</p>	 <b>Completed</b>

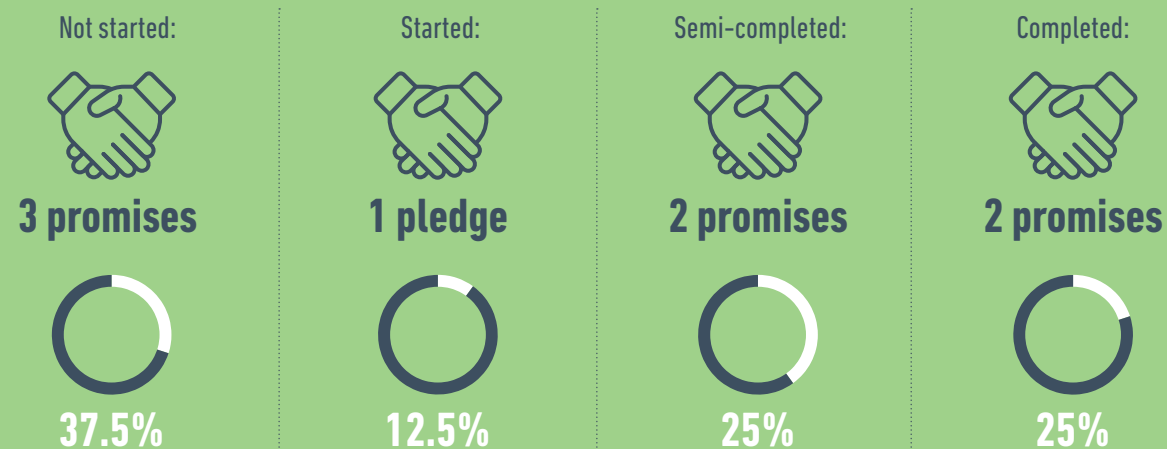
Green Promises of Mayor Fadil Nura - Skenderaj		Assessment
	Data	
6	<p>Renovation and adjustment of facade of residential buildings near the square and buildings from the 60s and 70s</p> <p>The project was implemented through bonuses where the companies contracted to carry out other works had an agreement to do the facade of the buildings within the framework of the initial agreement. The buildings in question were renovated and facades were adjusted.</p>	 <b>Completed</b>
7	<p>Water pipes will be installed in the six villages of the Çirez community</p> <p>On 19.06.2023, contract number 643-23-2581-5-1-1 was signed with the economic operator for the extension of the sewage network in the local community of Çirez and the works were completed at the end of 2023.</p>	 <b>Completed</b>
8	<p>Regulation of walking and jogging paths (repeated with promise 3)</p> <p>On 08.04.2024, the second phase of the contract for the continuation of the works was signed, on 30.05.2024, the contract award notification was made, and on 07.06.2024, the contract signing notification was made with number 643-24-3275-5-2-1.</p> <p>While from the situation on the ground, the project has been implemented and the walking paths are functional.</p>	 <b>Completed</b>

# Municipality of Podujeva

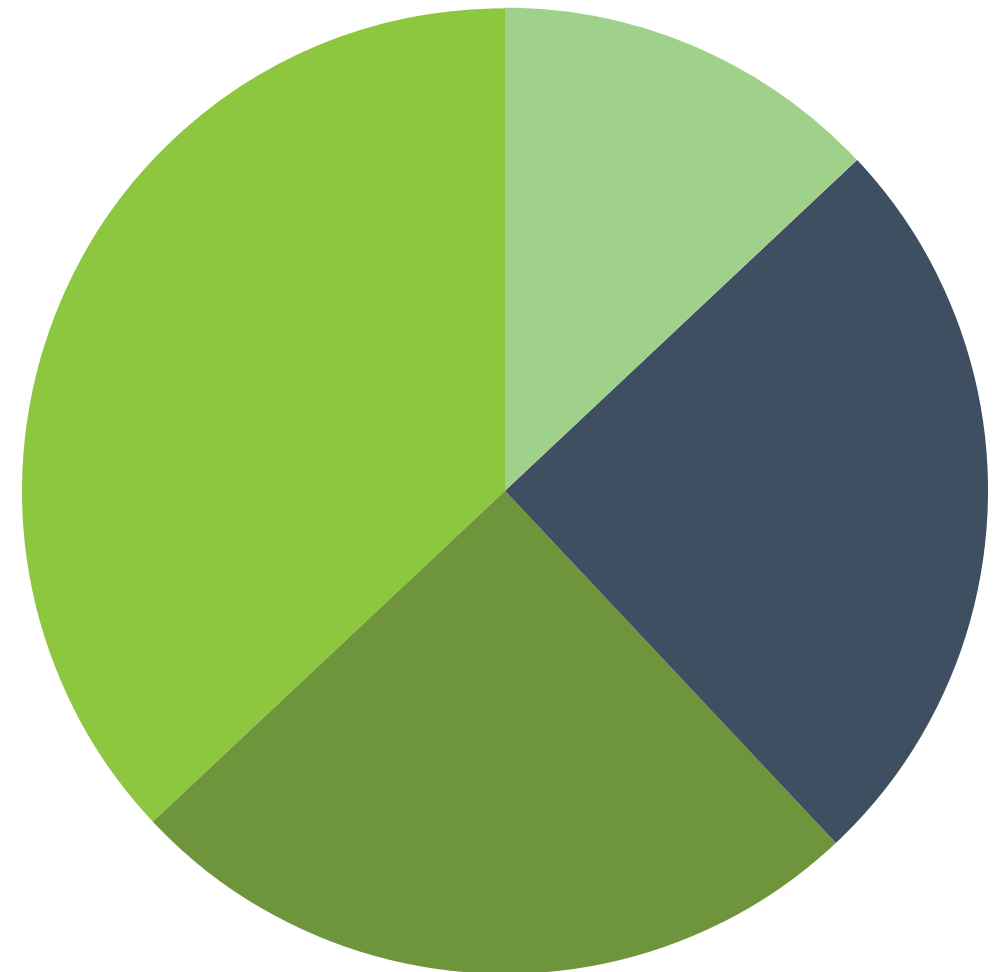
The electoral program of the Municipality of Podujeva, under the leadership of Mayor Shpejtim Bulliqi, includes promises oriented towards the development of agriculture, management of natural resources and improvement of urban infrastructure (urban mobility). The main initiatives include the construction of bicycle paths, the expansion of the drinking water supply network and the irrigation system for agricultural lands, as well as the planting of trees and the afforestation of green areas. All these promises are within the competence of local government.

In the Municipality of Podujeva, the mayor had a written election program, but it is not accessible online. Out of 61 promises made during the campaign, 8 focused on environmental issues, which accounts for 13.1% of the total promises. The election program, however, does not present precise or approximate budget estimates for these projects. In terms of timelines, no precise deadlines have been set for the implementation of green projects. Also, the program does not examine the existing human capacity of the municipality to implement promises or green projects.









In the Municipality of Podujeva, the level of fulfilment of green promises made during the electoral campaign is as follows:



The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Podujeva



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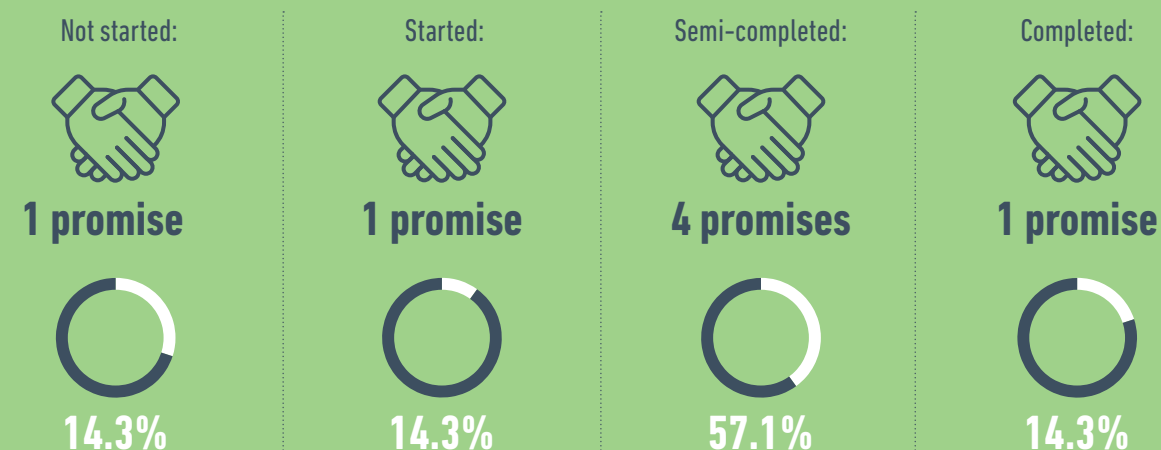
Green Promises of Mayor Shpejtim Bulliqi (Podujeva)	Data	Assessment
1 Construction of an irrigation system for agricultural lands in the Llap River valley	On 16.07.2024, the contract notice for the Drafting of the project for the irrigation system of agricultural lands was announced, but on 05.12.2024, the notice for the cancellation of the procurement activity was announced, which returns the initiation to ground zero.	 <b>Not started.</b>
2 Afforestation of forest areas	There has been no activity of this nature.	 <b>Not started.</b>
3 Planting 20 thousand trees in the city	The municipality on 07.10.2024 signed a contract for the planting of 1150 ornamental trees in the urban area.	 <b>Started</b>
4 Drinking water supply for every village and city neighbourhood		 <b>Not started.</b>
5 Regulation of traffic within the city through the mobility plan	The mobility plan for regulating traffic within the city was approved in September 2022, based on which this issue continues to be addressed.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
6 Construction of bicycle paths	Bicycle paths are being built on the streets which are currently being reconstructed, such as: "Sken-derbeu" Street, "Hakif Zejnullahu" Street. "Xhemail Mustafa" Street is also in the process.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
7 Construction of the bus station	The new bus station in Podujeva was inaugurated on June 19, 2024.	 <b>Completed</b>
8 Peace Park Renovation	In November 2022, the works that had begun in August 2022 for the renovation of the peace park were completed.	 <b>Completed</b>

# Municipality of Kamenica

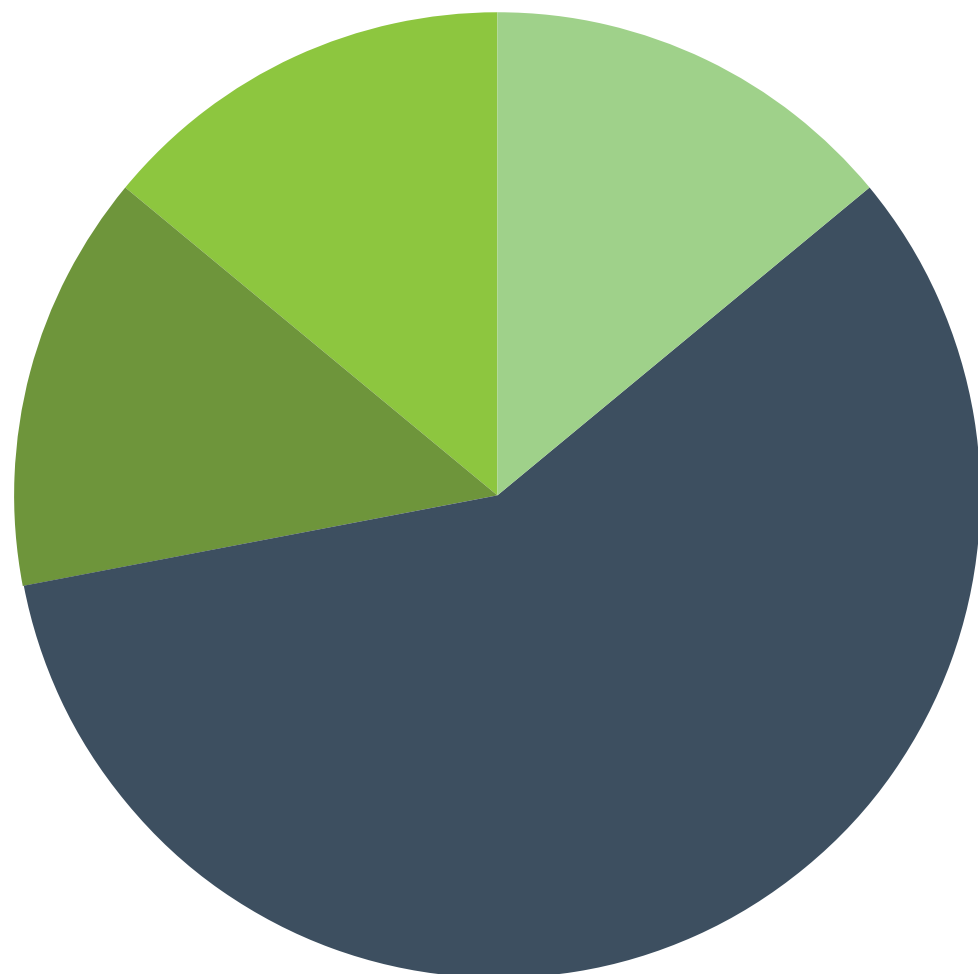
The electoral program of the Municipality of Kamenica, presented by Mayor Kadri Rahimaj, focuses on several green promises aimed at improving environmental conditions, waste management, alternative transport and wastewater management. Most of these initiatives fall within the competence of local government. The exception is the athletics stadium project, which is financed and managed mainly by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS), which bears the main responsibility for its implementation. When assessing the progress of these promises, it is noted that some projects have reached important stages of implementation, while others have not yet started or are facing delays.

In the Municipality of Kamenica, the current mayor had a written election program, but it is not accessible online. Out of 56 promises made during the campaign, only 7 were focused on environmental issues, i.e., 12.5%. There was no precise budget calculation for these projects, but based on the contracts implemented and those in process, the total value of green investments amounts to 4,384,986 euros. Despite these investments, no precise deadlines have been set for the implementation of the projects, and the existing human capacity of the municipality for their implementation has not been considered within the framework of the program.

In total, the level of fulfilment of green electoral promises for the Municipality of Kamenica is as follows:



The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Kamenica



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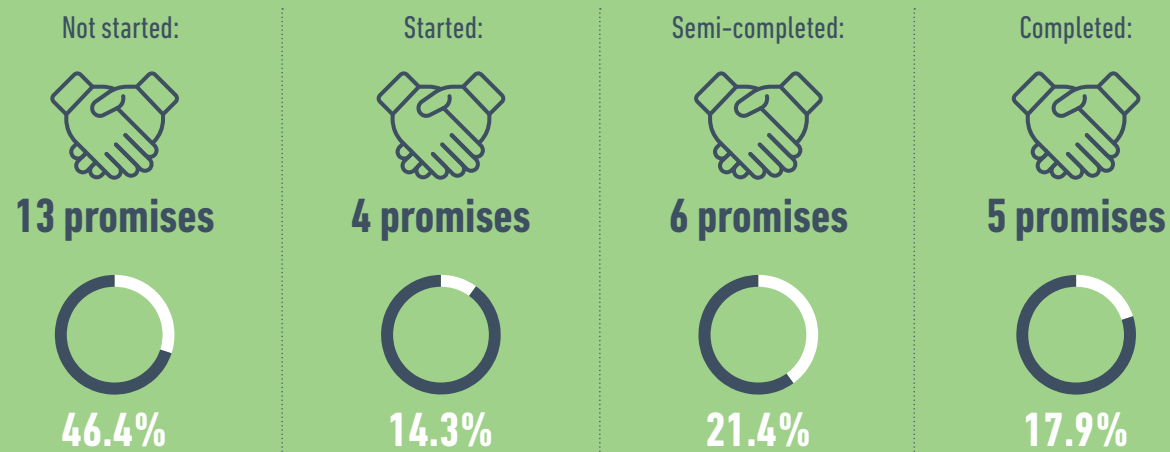
Green Promises of Mayor KADRI RRAHIMAJ (KAMENICA)	Data	Assessment
1	Drafting a plan for afforestation of bare areas.	Not started.
2	Construction of the athletics track. On November 27, 2024, the cornerstone was laid in Novoselle for the first athletics stadium in Kosovo, which will include a 100-meter auxiliary track.	Started
3	Designation of sites for solid waste disposal. In September 2024, two solid waste landfills were built, one in the village of Kolloleq and the other in the village of Mocare.	Completed
4	Creation of bicycle paths. A green park in the city square has been completed, and the renovation of a park at the House of Culture has begun. Also, work is in the final phase for the park in the Yellow Valley.	Semi-completed
5	Creation of green spaces. A green park in the city square has been completed, and the renovation of a park at the House of Culture has begun. Also, work is in the final phase for the park in the Yellow Valley.	Semi-completed
6	Arrangement of bus shelters. In 2023, a tender process was conducted for the construction of bus shelters in the localities of Hogosht, Shipashnice e Poshtme, Hodonoc, Topanice, Koretin and Kamenica. In this context, the opening of tenders for this project was held on October 25, 2023. In 2024, the contract with the operator was terminated due to negligence in the performance of the works. So far, work has only been done on the bus shelters in the city and in Topanica.	Semi-completed
7	Wastewater treatment through the collector system. The project has been completed in Kopernica and Karaçeva, while in Koretin it remained unfinished for a length of 250 meters of the river. However, the works to complete this segment have resumed in December 2024.	Semi-completed

# Municipality of Kaçanik

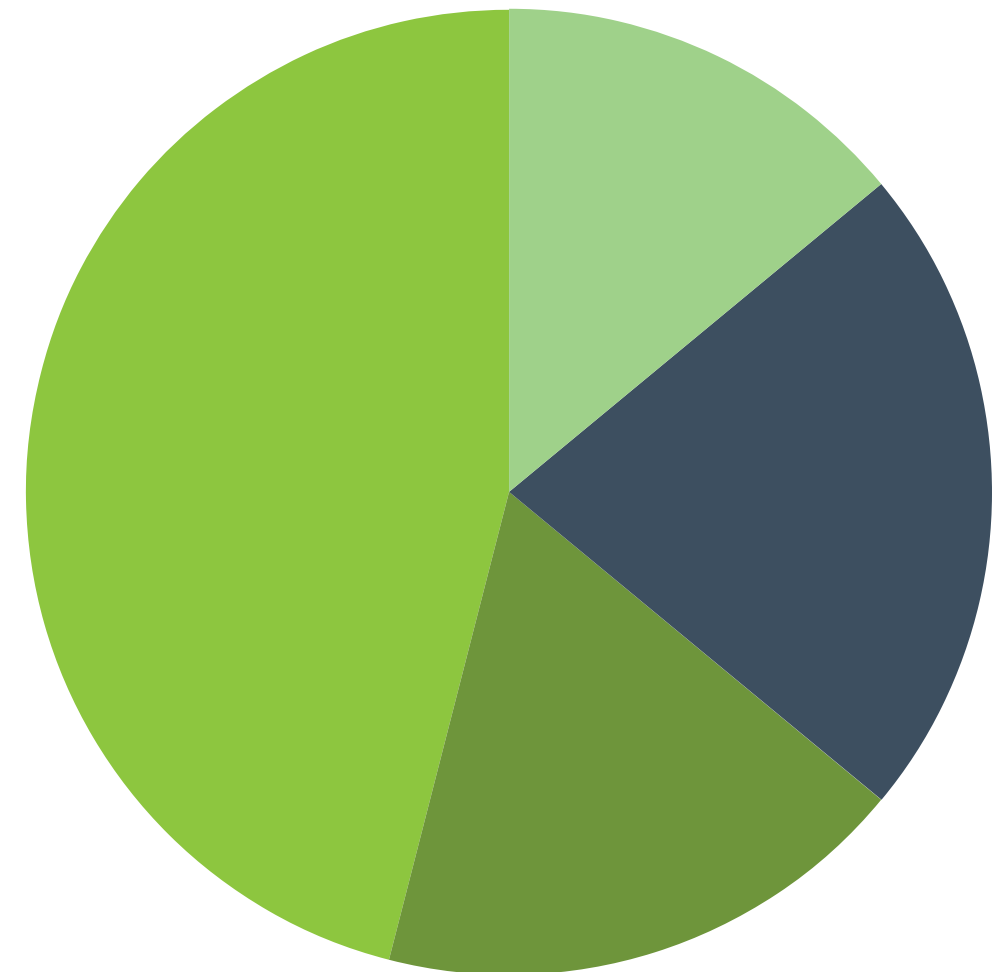
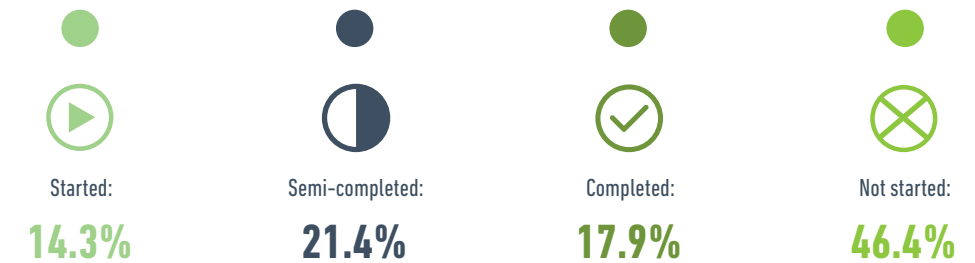
The electoral program of the Municipality of Kaçanik, presented by the Mayor Besim Ilazi, has included promises for investments in irrigation of agricultural lands, expansion of water supply networks in urban and rural areas, construction of sewage collectors, improvement of stream beds and waste management, as well as increasing energy efficiency. It is worth noting that, although the Municipality of Kaçanik has launched several projects and fully implemented some, a very large number of promised initiatives have not yet received the necessary impetus.

In the Municipality of Kaçanik, the mayor had a written election program, but it is not accessible online. Out of a total of 94 electoral promises made during the campaign, 28 focused on environmental issues, which accounts for 30% of the total promises. The election program includes green promises without budget estimates for these projects. However, based on calculations from budgeted projects over the years, the total amount of investments dedicated to green projects promised during the campaign is 1,298,550.89 euros. Not all of these funds have been spent, as many projects are still in the initial stages or in the implementation process, as can be seen in the analysis below. In terms of human capacities, the projects in the mayor's program are divided according to the relevant directorates.










In the Municipality of Kaçanik, the level of fulfilment of green promises made during the electoral campaign is as follows:












## The level of fulfillment of green promises in the Municipality of Kaçanik













Below, you can find the table showing the progress of fulfilling these promises in specific assessment categories:

The Green Promises of Mayor Besim Ilazi (KAÇANIK)		Data	Assessment
1	Allocation of 50,000 euros for the repair and creation of irrigation canals for agricultural lands.	The municipality has budgeted 50,000 euros for the construction of irrigation canals in the villages of Biqec, Kovaqec and Dubrave for 2024.	 <b>Completed</b>
2	Construction of the Kaçanik – Hani i Elezit bike path, along the Lepenc River.		 <b>Not started</b>
3	Construction of a drinking water treatment plant in Sepetin-Dubrava.		 <b>Not started</b>
4	Increasing capacities and expanding the water supply network in the upper parts of the urban area.	In 2023, the contract for the project to increase water capacities in Bajnica and Kaçanik i Vjetër and rehabilitation of the network in the urban area of Kaçanik was finalized. As part of the project, water supply capacities in rural areas were increased. This project cost the municipality 144,941.60 euros.	 <b>Completed</b>
5	Construction of the water supply network in the village of Ivaje, after receiving assistance from the Government.	In 2023, the primary water supply network in this village was built, 6 km long.	 <b>Completed</b>
6	Introducing management to existing water supply networks in villages that are not under management.	In 2023, the municipality has signed an agreement with the regional company "Birfurkacioni" for the management of the water supply network in the localities of Dubrave-Doganaj-Elezaj-Nikaj-Reke-Soponice-Koxhaj and the village of Stagove. Several villages are still in the process of being connected.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
7	Construction of the Gerlica wastewater collector.	It was introduced as a budget code with the 2025 draft law; 50,000 Euros have been allocated for 2025; 100,000 Euros have been allocated for 2026; 147,500 Euros have been allocated for 2027.	 <b>Started</b>
8	Declaration of public interest of the location for the construction of the wastewater treatment plant.		 <b>Not started</b>
9	Construction of a new sewage network in the village of Begraca.	Works are in the final phase for the sewage network in Begraca.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>

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10	Drafting of the sewage collector project, Sllatine - Guri Shpuar		 <b>Not started</b>
11	Construction of the Lepenc Riverbed, Bob – Kovacec segment		 <b>Not started</b>
12	Construction of the Nerodime Riverbed, Xhamia e Dëshmorëve - Runjeva segment	The project "Construction of the Nerodime Riverbed in Kaçanik" is expected to begin in January 2025 and end in December 2027. According to the budget plan, 300,000 euros will be allocated in 2025, around 1,500,000 euros in 2026, while 2,200,000 euros will be allocated in 2027, bringing the total value of the project to 4,000,000 euros.	 <b>Started</b>
13	Construction of stream beds	The municipality has planned investments for the construction of stream beds for 2025. Procurement procedures are expected to begin later. The value of the project is around 150,000.00 euros.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
14	Feasibility study of Lake Ivaja		 <b>Not started</b>
15	Drafting the new municipal waste management plan 2022-2026	The Municipal Waste Management Plan 2023-2027 has been drafted and approved by the municipal assembly.	 <b>Completed</b>
16	Establishment of a municipal waste management company, with the assistance of the Government of Kosovo		 <b>Not started</b>
17	Building the company's technical capacities for waste management.	The MLGA has cancelled the tendering for the purchase of a vehicle planned with the funds of the Municipal Performance Grant-Clean Environment, in the amount of 110,000.00 euros, (funds received from the municipality of Kaçanik), with the justification that the code of this project was not transferred from 2023 to 2024.	 <b>Semi-completed</b>
18	100% coverage of the territory with waste collection service.	According to data reported by the municipality to KEPA (Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency) for 2023, it is shown that the coverage of the territory with waste management is 100%.	 <b>Completed</b>



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19	Waste billing by the municipal administration.		 Not started.
20	Start of waste separation at source (composting).	Work is underway to draft an inter-municipal plan for integrated waste management (Ferizaj and Gjilan region), which is expected to begin with the implementation of the 3R strategy (reduction, reuse and recycling) of waste.	 Started
21	Implementing efficiency measures in existing networks - installing a solar panel system.	All public lighting networks are now equipped with efficient LED lights, but solar panels have not yet been installed.	 Semi-completed
22	Implementation of efficiency measures in public facilities.	The project «External insulation and implementation of efficiency measures at the LSS «Nazmi Osmani» has been tendered for a value of 93,160.00 euros.	 Started
23	Drafting a new municipal plan for efficiency energy 2022-2026.		 Not started.
24	Facade renovation of old buildings in the city, which will continue until all buildings' facades are renovated.	The first phase, the rough construction, was finalized in March 2023. The entire work is planned to be completed by the end of 2023.	 Semi-completed
25	Planning and solving the problems of illegal landfills and designating a landfill for solid waste		 Not started.
26	Drafting a map for protection against natural hazards		 Not started.
27	Drafting a map for the water supply and sewerage network		 Not started.
28	Drafting a land tenure/use map		 Not started.

# The Green Agenda for the Western Balkans and the Local Reality

The Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, also known as the Sofia Declaration<sup>15</sup> is an important initiative that aims to align the region's policies with the objectives of the European Green Deal<sup>16</sup> which serves as the European Union's (EU) new growth strategy towards building "a modern, climate-neutral, resource-efficient and competitive economy."<sup>17</sup> This agenda aims to promote sustainable development through five main pillars: 1) decarbonization, 2) circular economy, 3) elimination of pollution, 4) sustainable agriculture, and 5) protection of nature and biodiversity.<sup>18</sup>

According to the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) report on the implementation of the Green Agenda Action Plan for the Western Balkans, Kosovo has made some initial steps in this process, especially in terms of the legal framework.<sup>19</sup> Specifically, the Law on Climate Change<sup>20</sup> and the Energy Strategy 2022-2031 have been drafted and adopted<sup>21</sup> which constitute important steps towards alignment with the objectives of the Green Agenda. The KDI report for 2023 also highlights progress in this regard, including the Law on the Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources, but emphasizes that Kosovo is still in the initial phase of fulfilling the obligations of this agenda.<sup>22</sup>

The Action Plan for the Implementation of the Green Agenda also emphasizes that the Western Balkans, through municipalities, has a great potential to promote "green development"<sup>23</sup> and to increase environmental awareness among citizens, given that municipalities, within their own competences, address important segments intertwined within the five pillars of the Green Agenda. Specifically, the competences of municipalities in Kosovo, such as waste management, wastewater treatment, eco-friendly local transport, digitalization and the development of smart cities<sup>24</sup> are in line with the objectives of the Green Agenda. In addition, other areas such as local heating and energy

15 Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), *Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, 2020*, available at: <https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf>.

16 The European Green Deal is a comprehensive strategy of the European Union (EU), presented in December 2019, that aims to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050.

17 Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), *Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, 2020*, available at: <https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf>.

18 Ibid.

19 RCC, *Implementation Report 2022 of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans Action Plan*, available at: [Regional Cooperation Council | Green Agenda for the Western Balkans Action Plan - Implementation Report 2022](https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf)

20 RKS: Law on Climate Change, available at: [2024\\_4be7add9-41cf-48b0-af67-faeab78cc8bc.pdf](https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf)

21 RKS: Energy Strategy 2022 – 2031, available at: [Strategjia-e-Energjise-e-Republikes-se-Kosoves-2022-2031.pdf](https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf)

22 KDI: KOSOVO IN THE BERLIN PROCESS: To what extent have the commitments for the Common Regional Market and the Green Agenda been fulfilled, available at: [Raporti i dytë i monitorimit: Kosova në Procesin e Berlinit: Deri në çfarë mase janë përmbushur angazhimet për Tregun e Përbashkët Rajonal dhe Agjendën e Gjelbër? - KDI](https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf)

23 Green development is defined as an economic model that aims to foster sustainable growth while preserving natural ecosystems, reducing environmental impact and promoting social justice. This model includes policies and practices that support the efficient use of natural resources, reducing carbon emissions and developing clean technologies. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), *Green Economy: A Briefing Paper, 2011*. Available at: <https://www.unep.org>.

24 Action Plan for the Implementation of the Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans 2021-2030, available at: [Regional Cooperation Council | Action Plan for the Implementation of the Sofia Declaration on the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans 2021-2030](https://www.rcc.int/download/docs/Leaders%20Declaration%20on%20the%20Green%20Agenda%20for%20the%20EB.pdf/196c92cf0534f629d43c460079809b20.pdf)

efficiency, maintenance of green spaces and biodiversity, sustainable tourism and ecological agriculture are also part of the measures that can and should be implemented at the municipal level. However, "Kosovo municipalities are not included in any structured mechanism at the state level to coordinate on the obligations arising from the Green Agenda and that fall under their responsibility."<sup>25</sup>

The Municipality of Prishtina has taken several steps in developing infrastructure for smart cities, while the Ministry of Economy and the Municipality of Gjilan have signed an agreement for the project "Piloting the Smart City Concept (Neutral Host)." The "Smart City Kosova" project is another project that aims to collaborate between five universities from different countries to develop a National Strategy for Smart and Sustainable Urban Development. This project also includes the creation of specific smart city strategies for seven cities in Kosovo: Prishtina, Prizren, Ferizaj, Peja, Gjilan, Vushtrri and Lipjan.<sup>26</sup>

Central and local institutions often fail to fulfil their public commitments, including those related to environmental projects and initiatives. In the period 2021–2024, the fulfilment of electoral promises for 38 municipalities reached only 42.13%<sup>27</sup> (update June 2024), while according to the analysis of KDI and partner organizations part of the Civic Alliance for Transparency - CAT in 11 municipalities that are the subject of this analysis, the fact that only 27.27% is the full fulfilment of green promises from 2021 until the end of the last year of this mandate (December 2024) indicates an extremely low level of implementation. Consequently, over 70% of the promises have either been partially fulfilled or have not started. This situation shows the urgent need to strengthen the more responsible approach of municipalities towards their promises, and in particular green promises that should contribute to more sustainable and responsible policies in the implementation of the Green Agenda.

The promotion of green projects, although seen as a necessary and attractive strategy by mayoral candidates and political parties during the election campaign, has not been materialized to the appropriate extent in local government practice. The insufficient level of knowledge in the field, especially regarding the obligations that Kosovo and its institutions had assumed by signing the Green Agenda, and the complexity of implementing these projects due to the lack of proper analysis, human and financial capacities have caused municipalities to lag behind in their implementation.

Despite Kosovo's commitments to align national policies and projects with the EU Green Deal, the Western Balkans Green Agenda Agreement and Action Plan, their implementation has been weak and slow, often due to the lack of a multi-sectoral, inter-institutional approach and structured coordination between central and local level institutions. Also, "there is a significant lack of institutional capacities to effectively implement these commitments, for which the government, in regional meetings, has requested assistance to increase and strengthen institutional capacities in the implementation of this Agenda."<sup>28</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Interview with Lorena Sekiraga, Expert on Regional Issues within the Cabinet of the Prime Minister, RKS, on February 12, 2025, who emphasized: "Currently, there is no formal coordination mechanism between the central and municipal levels for the Green Agenda. Communication has been mainly done through contact points for each pillar of the agenda. The same challenges are also present in the region and are expected to be addressed during 2025."

<sup>26</sup> KDI: KOSOVO IN THE BERLIN PROCESS: To what extent have the commitments for the Common Regional Market and the Green Agenda been fulfilled, available at: [KDI\\_Raport\\_i-dyte-i-monitorimit\\_Kosova-ne-Procesin-e-Berlinit.pdf](https://www.kdi.org/raport-i-dyte-i-monitorimit-kosova-ne-procesin-e-berlinit.pdf).

<sup>27</sup> GAP Institute, Municipal ID. Available at: <https://www.institutigap.org/lajme/2808>

<sup>28</sup> Interview with Lorena Sekiraga, Expert on Regional Issues within the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, on February 12, 2025, who emphasized: "One of the main challenges is that the action plan for the implementation of the Green Agenda is too general and needs to be further specified for each country - this is the general impression throughout the region. Also, the region currently does not have the necessary capacities for the effective implementation of this plan. For this reason, the challenge of the lack of institutional and financial capacities to fulfil the obligations from the Green Agenda, as well as the need for further support, has always been mentioned. It is expected that these issues will also be addressed by the Regional Cooperation Council itself during 2025."

A clearer structure of cooperation between the central and local levels would help in a more efficient implementation of sustainability policies, ensuring that municipalities have the necessary support and resources to meet the objectives of the Green Agenda.

### How Informed Are Municipalities About the Green Agenda?

The fulfilment of green electoral promises is closely tied to broader commitments to the green transition and sustainable development. Many of the pledges made by mayors during the 2021 municipal election campaign should not be seen solely as local projects, but rather as part of the country's wider objectives to contribute to the green transition of Kosovo and the region. Achieving this requires deep reforms in sectors such as energy, circular economy, pollution control, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture.

In Kosovo, although the central government holds the primary responsibility for developing green policies and reforms, the Green Agenda Action Plan clearly assigns a significant share of the implementation duties to municipalities. Local authorities play a crucial role in translating green commitments into concrete actions—through projects aimed at reducing pollution, improving public transport, managing waste, preserving biodiversity, enhancing air quality, and more.

An analysis of the implementation of green promises by municipalities revealed a key issue: a lack of awareness among local authorities about the Green Agenda and their obligations under it. To better understand the underlying reasons, KDI conducted a survey with 11 municipalities. The aim was to gather insights into the level of awareness, involvement, capacity, and challenges that local authorities face in this process. Municipalities were asked whether they are familiar with the Green Agenda's key documents, how they received the information, whether they coordinate with others, whether clear communication channels exist with central institutions or among themselves, and if they have participated in informative meetings or workshops related to the Agenda.

According to the findings, all municipal officials surveyed reported that they had heard of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans. Key sources of information include social media, official EU documents, trainings provided by NGOs and donors, as well as traditional media. Of those surveyed, 73% said they had read the main Green Agenda document, while 27% had not consulted it yet. Regarding the Action Plan, 82% stated they were informed, whereas 18% were not. These findings indicate a relatively good level of awareness, but also point to the need for improved access to more detailed information and supporting materials. This highlights the importance of more structured initiatives to deepen understanding and enhance effective implementation of green commitments at the local level.

When asked about their participation in meetings related to the Green Agenda or its implementation, 82% of officials said they had attended at least one meeting, workshop, or public discussion in the past three years. These events were mostly organized by NGOs, donors, and central public institutions. On the other hand, only 55% of officials reported being aware of any inter-institutional coordination mechanism, with most responses reflecting a lack of clarity or full understanding of such mechanisms.

While municipalities are actively implementing a variety of projects that contribute directly to the goals of the Green Agenda, the financial backing for these projects remains heavily reliant on donors. Some projects receive support from municipal budgets, the central government, or dedicated funds such as the Kosovo Energy Efficiency Fund.

One of the main challenges identified is the absence of a regular mechanism for reporting progress on green projects. Even though these projects are part of the Green Agenda Action Plan, it remains unclear whether municipalities are reporting in a structured manner to the central government. This creates gaps in monitoring and evaluation. Only 27% of officials stated that their municipality has a formal reporting practice, and even then, the reporting is typically directed toward the institutions funding the projects rather than to the central government. Meanwhile, 64% are unsure whether such a mechanism exists, and 9% confirmed that their municipality does not have one. This lack of clarity makes it difficult to form a national picture of the Green Agenda's progress and hinders the ability to compare results and challenges between municipalities.

In summary, the high level of municipal involvement (82% participation in Agenda-related meetings and 100% in green project implementation) indicates strong engagement in environmental sustainability. However, the fact that some municipalities are implementing green projects without realizing their connection to the Green Agenda underscores the need for better coordination and awareness of the strategic framework and long-term goals. Moreover, the finding that 27% of officials have not read the core Agenda document, and 45% are unaware of coordination mechanisms, reflects the need for more effective communication and a structured approach to information sharing. With only 27% of municipalities following a regular reporting practice, and the majority either uncertain or lacking such mechanisms entirely, there is a clear need for a unified reporting framework to improve progress tracking and accountability.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## For the Mayors of Municipalities:

- Mayors must provide human and financial resources to implement the green projects promised during the campaign.
- Environmental projects should be based on municipal development plans, budget projections, local self-government legislation and be harmonized with national environmental policies, including long-term objectives and the action plan produced by the regional agreement on the Green Agenda.
- Municipalities should establish periodic reporting mechanisms for citizens on the progress of promised projects, including progress and challenges.
- Municipalities should plan budgets and resources for the long-term maintenance of green projects, ensuring their sustainability.
- Mayors and municipalities themselves should intensify regional cooperation on issues arising from their obligations for waste management, wastewater management or water resources.
- The exchange of good practices between municipalities that have been successful in green projects should be encouraged.
- Municipalities should build environmental education policies and implement policies that sanction environmental polluters.
- Providing tax breaks or incentives for enterprises that apply environmentally friendly practices, such as renewable energy or sustainable waste management.
- Support for farmers who apply ecological agricultural practices, such as agroforestry or the use of water-saving techniques.
- Municipalities should establish community recycling centres.

## For central institutions:

- The government should establish a communication, monitoring and reporting mechanism with municipalities to ensure the integration and implementation of the Green Agenda at all levels of governance.
- The government should increase the engagement of relevant stakeholders in the design and implementation of environmental policies in accordance with the obligations undertaken as a state within the framework of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans.

- The government should turn the environmental tax into environmental investments.
- The government, in cooperation with municipalities, should promote the treatment of recyclable waste and invest in the necessary infrastructure for its treatment.
- The government should promote sustainable transportation through subsidies for ecological interurban public transportation.

#### For citizens:

- Citizens should monitor and hold mayors accountable for their environmental promises.
- Citizens should engage in public consultations, budget hearings, and citizen initiatives to influence policies that affect the environment and their quality of life.
- Citizens should report environmental degradation through various forms, including using the [kdi-green.org](#) platform.
- Citizens can contribute by participating in voluntary organizations to contribute to environmental protection.

#### For political entities:

- The election programs of candidates for mayors and political entities, with an emphasis on projects related to green governance, must be well-specified, measurable, and provide details on the technical implementation plan, feasibility and financial cost, timelines, locations, the effect that these projects will produce, and above all, demonstrate their basis in community needs.
- Electoral promises should be based on local self-government competencies to guarantee enforceability and accountability.
- The election programs of candidates for mayors and political entities must reflect the objectives of the Green Agenda, namely the obligations that Kosovo has undertaken within the framework of this agreement, with special emphasis on those that fall under the responsibility of municipalities.
- Political entities and mayoral candidates should work with citizens to inform them about the details of election programs, to strengthen transparency and accountability.

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