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Complaint = Decision

Mechanism for resolving  
electoral disputes



Effective electoral  
justice system

Administration of  
electoral justice = Full  
guarantor of the law

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This document is drafted in the form of a report by the Election Complaints and Appeals Panel. The document contains data on the legal basis of the Election Complaints and Appeals Panel establishment and advancement. Data on the processing, review and adjudication of complaints and appeals for all elections organized in Kosovo from 2000 to 2017 are also presented.

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## **List of abbreviations**

<b>CRF</b>	Candidate Results Form
<b>DRMF</b>	Data and results matching form
<b>CEC</b>	Central Election Commission
<b>PSC</b>	Polling Station Council
<b>LLE</b>	Law on Local Elections
<b>LLG</b>	Law on General Elections
<b>OSCE</b>	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
<b>KP</b>	Kosovo Police
<b>CRC</b>	Counting and Results Center
<b>PP</b>	Political Parties
<b>SRSG</b>	The Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
<b>ECAP</b>	Election Complaints and Appeals Panel
<b>UNMIK</b>	United Nations Mission in Kosovo
<b>SECAP</b>	Secretariat of the Election Complaints and Appeals Panel
<b>OPPRC</b>	Office for Political Parties Registration and Certification



## **Introduction**

The history of elections in post-war Kosovo and the resolution of electoral disputes begins in 2000. Kosovo has made great progress in organizing elections and resolving electoral disputes. For the first time in the post-war Kosovo, Municipal Assembly elections - Local Elections were held on October 28, 2000, while the Kosovo Assembly Elections were held on November 17, 2001.

To decide on a complaint or appeal, ECAP conducts investigations and evaluates any evidence available. Each complaint or appeal shall be adjudicated by a panel of at least three members (judges). The decisions of this institution are binding for the Central Election Commission (CEC) and the parties participating in elections. The ECAP may review any of the decisions made for reasons provided by law. ECAP decisions can only be appealed to the Supreme Court of Kosovo, which is the last instance of resolving electoral disputes. These decisions have execution power.

During the period 2000 - 2017, ECAP managed to administer, process and adjudicate on all complaints and appeals within the legal deadlines, thus meeting its legal obligations. During this period of time, the elections have been followed by a large number of complaints and appeals, due to irregularities that have followed the electoral processes over the years.

Violations and irregularities identified by stakeholders have been managed thanks to the effective and professional work of ECAP over the above mentioned time period.

Electoral integrity as a precondition for the functioning of the rule of law was dictated by guaranteeing the free vote, efficient electoral justice, which was best guaranteed by ECAP.

Based on the functions and responsibilities of ECAP, and when compared with the functions and responsibilities of other institutions that take decisions regarding electoral disputes of the same nature in the region and beyond, it can be concluded that ECAP is a unique institution in the Western Balkans and Europe.



The publication of this document in the form of a broader report is a continuation of ECAP's commitment and performance to advance electoral justice, the election appeals process, and to enhance transparency. The data presented in this publication, in addition to the stakeholders involved in the election and the resolution of electoral disputes, may also serve different scholars for research studies in this field.

This publication will provide information on: competencies, ECAP composition, administration of complaints and appeals, how to file complaints and appeals, nature of violations, sanctions for violations and other statistical data for all electoral processes from 2000 to 2017, including necessary explanations for readers.

## Background

The integrity of an electoral process is the best indicator of democracy in a country and of guaranteeing a free vote. With its expertise over the years, ECAP has proven to be a warrantor of this integrity.

As an independent, impartial, efficient and transparent body, ECAP has its own history of creation. During the years 2000 - 2017 ECAP is characterized by substantial changes in its competences and composition, ensuring capacity building of this institution and integrity of the electoral processes in Kosovo.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, in accordance with the authorization vested to him by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, pursuant to Regulation no. 1999/1, as amended, of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) of 25 July 1999, authorising the Interim Administration in Kosovo, by UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/21 of April 18, 2000, established the CEC<sup>1</sup>.

Pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 4, subparagraph 3, point (i) of UNMIK Regulation no. 2000/21 of April 18, 2000 on the Establishment of the CEC, one of the functions and responsibilities of the CEC, as set out in this Regulation, has been the establishment of an election complaints body which ensures that actions / sanctions will be taken and addressed against any violation of election rules and any rules or regulations governing elections. The establishment and existence of this body is also foreseen by UNMIK Regulation no. 2000/65 of 19 December 2000 amending UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/21 of April 18, 2000 on the Establishment of the CEC, Article 4, paragraph 4, subparagraph 3, point (j)<sup>2</sup>.

Article 7, paragraph 7.2, point (e) of UNMIK Regulation No. 2004/9 of 27 April 2004 on the Central Election Commission (CEC)<sup>3</sup>, among the responsibilities

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<sup>1</sup> Source: UNMIK Regulation no. 2000/21 on the Establishment of the Central Election Commission.

<sup>2</sup> Source: UNMIK Regulation no. 2000/65 on Amending UNMIK Regulation no. 2000/21 on the Establishment of the Central Election Commission.

<sup>3</sup> Source: UNMIK Regulation no. 2004/9 on the Central Election Commission.

and functions of the CEC, explicitly envisages the establishment of a commission for complaints and appeals.

Therefore, from 2000 to 2002 the Complaints and Appeals Commission acted as a sub-commission within the CEC, while from 2004 to 2007 the ECAC was appointed and established as an independent body, with an interim mandate with limited competences by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) in Kosovo to decide on complaints and appeals permitted in relation to the electoral process as set forth in regulations, administrative instructions, and with the electoral rules that were in force at that time.

Election Complaints and Appeals Commission ECAC, was designated as an independent body with full power by Chapter 8 of UNMIK Regulation no. 2004/12 dated 05 May 2004 on the Elections for the Assembly of Kosovo<sup>4</sup>. Pursuant to this Regulation, the ECAC was appointed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General - the SRSG at least two (2) months prior to the election. With the mandate conferred with this Regulation, the ECAC was an independent body with the power to decide on complaints and appeals allowed in relation to the electoral process as set forth in the regulations, administrative instructions, and electoral rules in force.

The composition of the ECAC was as follows: one (1) head of the commission and three (3) or four (4) members of the commission appointed by the SRSG's decision, in consultation with the CEC chairman.

This regulation also sets out the ECAC's Procedure for adjudicating complaints, deciding who has the right to appeal, the means and sanctions for violations, accreditation procedure of election observers, and which cases of election Complaints / Appeals can be appealed against the decisions of the CEC in the ECAC.

ECAC was also established as an independent body by UNMIK Regulation no. 2007/27 dated 29 August 2007 on Municipal Elections in Kosovo<sup>5</sup>. As per

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<sup>4</sup> Source: UNMIK Regulation no. 2004/12 on Elections for the Assembly of Kosovo.

<sup>5</sup> Source: UNMIK Regulation no. 2007/27 on Municipal Elections in Kosovo.

Chapter 8 of this Regulation, the establishment of the ECAC was mandatory to take place no later than sixty (60) days before the due date for elections, on the basis of appointments by the Head of the Supreme Court, the SRSG appoints a panel of judges from the Supreme Court of Kosovo and the district courts, who will serve as ECAC members.

Pursuant to the competences conferred with this Regulation, the ECAC is an independent body with the power to decide on complaints and appeals permitted in relation to the electoral process as set forth in the applicable regulations, administrative instructions, and election rules. The exercise of the functions and responsibilities of the ECAC shall be without prejudice to the authority of the SRSG to ensure full implementation of UNSCR 1244 of year 1999 and the Constitutional Framework, to take appropriate action when necessary.

The ECAC consisted of five (5) members of the Commission, including one (1) Head of the Commission and four (4) members of the Commission. At least two (2) of the Commission's members are international judges. The ECAC may hold meetings in panels attended by at least three (3) members, attended by at least one (1) international judge. The international judge is the presiding officer of the Commission in all panels.

The most significant changes occurred with the adoption of the Law on General Elections (LGE) and the Local Elections, which established the ECAC as an independent and permanent body competent to decide on complaints and appeals related to the electoral process. Whereas later in 2010, with the amendments and supplements to the LGE, the composition, powers and designation of the ECAC - Election Complaints and Appeals Commission are changed and replaced by the "ECAP" - Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP).

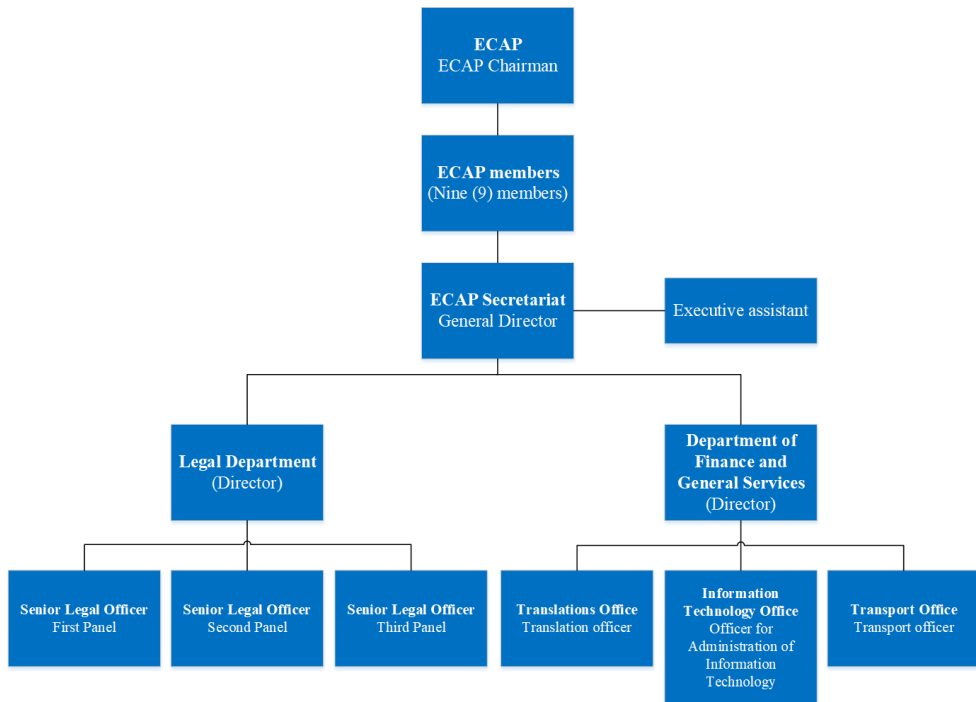
### **Time period from 2008 - 2017**

With the Law on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo - LGE (Law no. 03 / L-073) and the Law on Local Elections in the Republic of Kosovo (Law no. 03 / L-072) which also established the ECAC, pursuant to Article

115, Paragraph 1 of the LGE, the ECAC is a permanent independent body competent to decide on complaints and appeals related to the electoral process as set forth in this Law and the Electoral Rules. The ECAC consisted of five (5) members, including the Chairman, who is appointed by the Head of the Supreme Court of Kosovo for a term of four (4) years and may hold meetings in panels of at least three (3) members. The Head of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, pursuant to the aforementioned law, has appointed ECAC members from among the judges of the Supreme Court and the district courts. There is a change in name from ECAC to ECAP (Election Complaints and Appeals Panel), from 5 members now changed to 10 members, nominated by the judiciary: the Supreme Court appoints the ECAP Chair, while other members are appointed by the district court judges, there has also been a change in the panel's decision-making power so that ECAP decisions from 2010 have binding executive powers over CEC decisions, since that prior to 2010 the decisions of the former ECAC had a guiding character on the decisions of the CEC. Another change took place in 2010, in terms of imposing a fine on political parties, so that before 2010 the former ECAC was entitled to impose a fine on a political party up to 200,000 euros, whereas, after 2010, ECAP has the right to impose a fine on a political party up to 50,000 euros.

The ECAP shall be assisted in exercising its responsibilities by the Secretariat which shall be responsible for all administrative matters related to the functioning of ECAP, the receipt of complaints, appeals, filing, translation, case investigation, maintenance of the official address, enabling interested parties at any time to access ECAP decisions, in all official languages, preparing the necessary panel material and other administrative work as provided by the law.

## ECAP ORGANOGRAM



During recent years, ECAP has seen an increase in terms of secondary legal infrastructure such as: internal rules which define and determine aspects of internal functioning, but some of them refer to or set rules in relation to the administration of complaints and appeals, decision-making, fines on parties that violate the Code of Conduct, etc. In terms of infrastructure, ECAP is up-to-date, it is complete in this regard and coordinated to the highest standards.

Within the ECAP, there are two permanent commissions consisting of ECAP members:

1. The Commission on Legal Affairs consisting of 5 (five) members of the panel,
2. The Commission on Budget and Personnel consisting of 5 (five) members of the panel.

The above mentioned ECAP changes speak best for the transformation and empowerment of this institution over the years, where in addition the ECAP has transformed over the years in terms of increasing professional expertise in decision making.

ECAP is guided by several basic principles: legality, independence, impartiality, efficiency, transparency, accountability, integrity, credibility and the principle of cooperation.

These basic principles of ECAP give it greater responsibility and continuous advancement in terms of decision making, transparency in publication, development of contemporary methods, with the sole aim of increasing the credibility for the public in general but also for other electoral stakeholders in particular.

From 2010 and onwards, through the lessons learned, ECAP has continuously evaluated, analyzed and modified aspects of professional development, considering previous years as lessons learned, to improve eventual failures and to build professional capacity towards preparation about the challenges of the future.

Nowadays we can say that with its functioning, operation and professional capacities, ECAP can serve as a model of an independent, professional, impartial and effective institution towards the protection of free vote, guarantee of electoral integrity, which can be taken as a model in the region and beyond.

## Elections in Kosovo 2000-2017

Table no. 1 provides general information on all election cycles held from 2000 to 2017, including municipal assembly elections, second round of municipal assembly elections, extraordinary elections for mayors, elections when the voting process has rerun and the Kosovo Assembly elections, as shown in the table below.

**Table 1.** *Election processes in Kosovo 2000 - 2017*

No	Election processes	Election date
1	Municipal Assembly Elections	28.10.2000
2	Kosovo Assembly Elections	17.11.2001
3	Municipal Assembly Elections	26.10.2002
4	Kosovo Assembly Elections	23.10.2004
5	Kosovo Assembly Elections	17.11.2007
6	Elections for Municipal Assembly and Mayors	17.11.2007
7	Second round of mayor elections	07.12.2007
8	Elections for Municipal Assembly and Mayors	15.11.2009
9	Second round of mayor elections	13.12.2009
10	Revoting for Mayor in Prizren and Lipjan	31.01.2010
11	Revoting for Mayor in Gjilan	14.03.2010
12	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Istog	11.04.2010
13	Second round of Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Istog	09.05.2010
14	Municipal Assembly Elections and Mayor Election in Partesh	20.06.2010
15	Second round of Mayor Elections in Partesh	18.07.2010
16	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Rahovec	21.11.2010
17	Second round of Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Rahovec	19.12.2010
18	Kosovo Assembly Elections	12.12.2010
19	Revoting for Kosovo Assembly Elections in Municipalities of Glogoc, Skenderaj, Lipjan, Malisheva, and Decan.	09.01.2011
20	Revoting for Kosovo Assembly Elections in the Municipality of Mitrovica	23.01.2011



No	Election processes	Election date
21	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Ferizaj	29.04.2012
22	Second round of Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Ferizaj	27.05.2012
23	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Kaçanik	17.06.2012
24	Municipal Assembly and Mayor Elections	03.11.2013
25	Revoting for Municipal Assembly and Mayor Elections in the Municipalities of North Mitrovica, Zvecan and Partesh	17.11.2013
26	Second round of Mayor Elections	01.12.2013
27	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in the Municipality of North Mitrovica	23.02.2014
28	Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly	08.06.2014
29	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Graçanica	18.01.2015
30	Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Glllogoc	04.12.2016
31	Second round of Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Glllogoc	18.12.2016
32	Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly	11.06.2017
33	Municipal Assembly Elections	22.10.2017
34	Second round of Mayor Elections	19.11.2017
35	Revoting for Mayor Elections in Partesh	19.11.2017
36	Revoting for the second round of Mayor Elections in Istog	17.12.2017

## **Procedure of administration and adjudication of complaints and appeals**

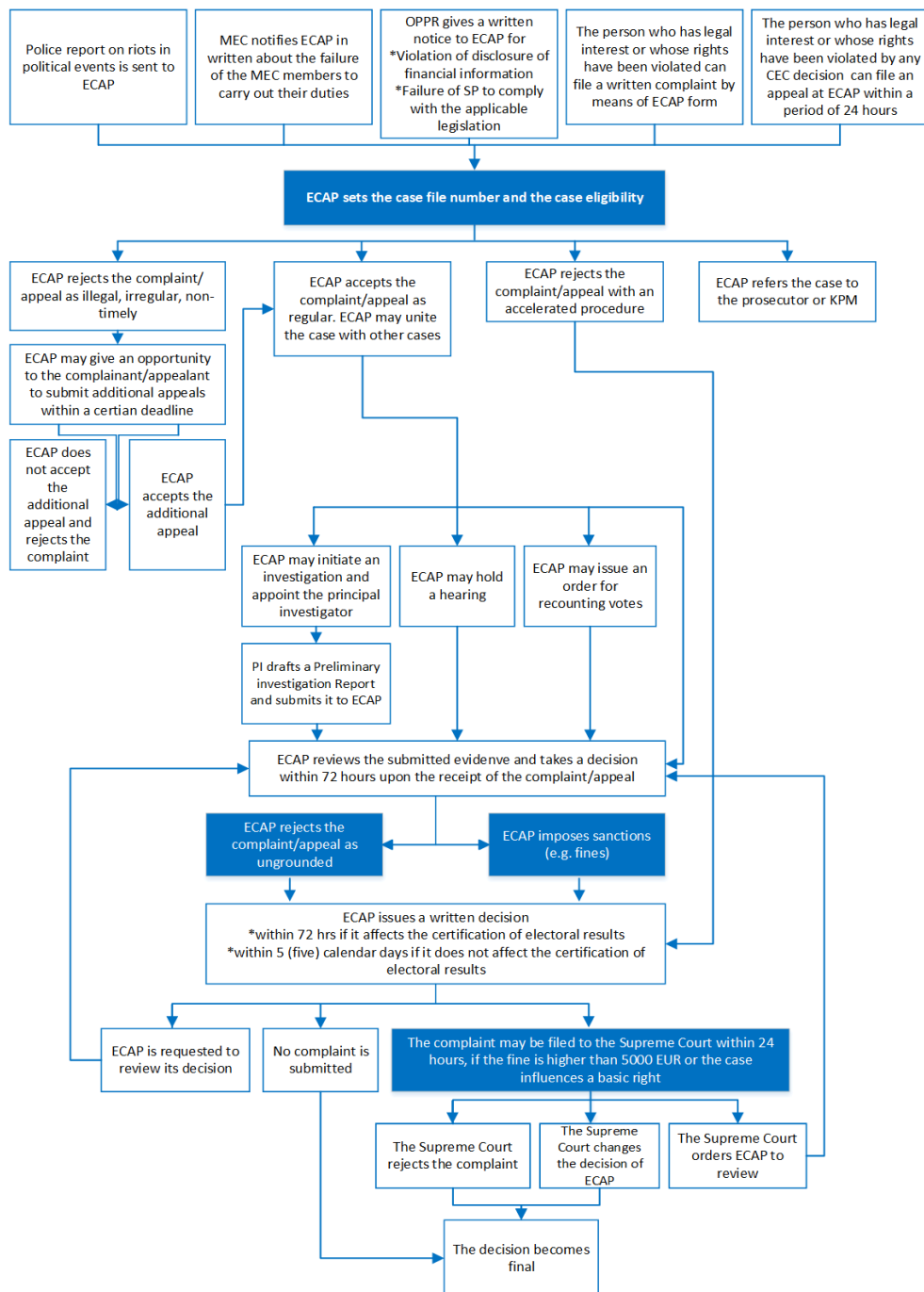
The ECAP, based on the LGE, its rules and procedures, receives the complaints, protocols them, where each complaint is identified with its own separate number, to be further processed. The Panel shall examine the complaint and, if necessary, return it to the complainant, if it does not comply with the requirements of Article 118 of the LGE, the Rules and Procedures of the ECAP, for the submission of a complaint.

Before deciding on a complaint, the Panel shall conduct the necessary investigation and administration, depending on the nature and type of the complaint. In this way, the Panel may, during its electoral processes and within its competence, request information from: Kosovo Police, Municipal Election Commissions, OPPRC, CEC, but not limited to these institutions, as each institution is obliged to provide ECAP assistance, according to the LGE.

ECAP has the right to dismiss a complaint as irregular, untimely, impermissible, reject it as ungrounded, accept it as grounded, declare it incompetent on the subject matter and with a view to accelerating and economizing the proceedings, ECAP has the right to aggregate complaints when they are identical on content.

To explain in more detail the course of administration and how to decide on a complaint or appeal, you can refer to the diagram below.

## Diagram of how complaints and appeals are processed and administered in ECAP



## **Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2000**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC), at that time acting as the Election Sub-Commission on Complaints and Appeals within the Central Election Commission, received 319 complaints on municipal assembly elections held in 2000: on the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process. Also during this election process, ECAC received and adjudicated 4,852 complaints related to voters outside Kosovo.

**Table 2.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2000*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For irregularities on election day	125
		For counting	2
		For other stages of the electoral procedure	192
2	Appeals from voters outside Kosovo	Registration of voters outside Kosovo	4,852
<b>Total:</b>			<b>5,171</b>

## **Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2001**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC), for the Kosovo Assembly Elections held in 2001, received 276 complaints: on the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process. Also during this election process the ECAC received and adjudicated 5,089 complaints related to voters outside Kosovo.

**Table 3.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2001*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For irregularities on election day	41
		For other stages of the electoral procedure	235
2	Appeals from voters outside Kosovo	Registration of voters outside Kosovo	5,089
<b>Total:</b>			<b>5,365</b>

### **Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2002**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC) received 294 complaints on Municipal Assembly Elections in 2002: on election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process. Also during this election process ECAC received and adjudicated 1,425 complaints related to voters outside Kosovo.

**Table 4.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2002*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For irregularities on election day	53
		For other stages of the electoral procedure	241
2	Appeals from voters outside Kosovo	Registration of voters outside Kosovo	1,425
<b>Total:</b>			<b>1,719</b>

## Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2004

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC), in 2004, was set up as a special body appointed by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) (no longer a sub-commission of the CEC) but continued to remain an interim body which for the Kosovo Assembly Elections received a total of 254 complaints: on the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 5.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2004*

Year: 2007			
No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For irregularities on election day	73
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		For other stages of the electoral procedure	135
Total:			254

## Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2007

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC), for the Kosovo Assembly elections held in 2007, received a total of 390 complaints, for all stages of the electoral process.

**Table 6.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2007*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints	For all stages of the electoral procedure	390
<b>Total:</b>			<b>390</b>

### **Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2009**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC), established by law on general elections in 2008, as an independent and permanent institution, received 544 complaints for municipal assembly elections in 2009: for the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 7.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2009*

<b>No.</b>	<b>Complaint / Appeal</b>	<b>Alleged violations by complaints / appeals</b>	<b>Number of complaints</b>
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	Violation of Code of Conduct	122
		On irregularities during the voting process	292
		Inconsistency of votes during counting	60
		For the distribution of seats for Municipal Assemblies	10
		Failure to declare financial report during election campaign	40
2	Appeals on electoral procedure	Appeals filed against CEC decisions	20
<b>Total:</b>			<b>544</b>

### **Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2010**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Commission (ECAC) was changed to the Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), this institution for the Kosovo Assembly elections, held in 2010, received a total of 454 complaints and appeals: for all stages of the electoral process.

**Table 8.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Kosovo Assembly elections of the year 2010*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	Violation of Code of Conduct	180
		On irregularities during the voting process	255
2	Appeals on electoral procedure	Appeals filed against election results	19
<b>Total:</b>			<b>454</b>

### **Complaints and appeals filed in the extraordinary elections for the Mayor of Ferizaj of the year 2012**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for the Extraordinary Mayor Election in the Municipality of Ferizaj, held in 2012, received 91 complaints: on the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 9.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the extraordinary elections for the Mayor of Ferizaj of the year 2012*

by Party of the year 2012			
No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For starting the election campaign before the date set for the campaign	13
		For the election campaign	22
		For breaking electoral silence	15
		On irregularities during the voting process	41
Total:			91



### **Complaints and appeals filed in the extraordinary elections for the Mayor of Kacanik of the year 2012**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for the Extraordinary Mayor Elections in the Municipality of Kacanik, held in 2012, received 29 complaints: on the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 10.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the extraordinary elections for the Mayor of Kacanik of the year 2012*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For the election campaign	11
		For breaking electoral silence	4
		On irregularities during the voting process	14
Total:			29

### **Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2013**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for the 2013 municipal assembly elections, has received and decided on 1,064 complaints and 45 appeals: on election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process, and has also adjudicated 16,410 appeals against Central Election Commission decisions rejecting applications to register as voters outside Kosovo.

**Table 11.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Municipal Assembly elections of the year 2013*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For starting the election campaign before the date set for the campaign	33
		For the election campaign	258
		For breaking electoral silence	32
		On irregularities during the voting process	254
		For the preliminary result	225
		For the final result	262
2	Appeals for electoral procedure	Appeals against CEC decisions	45
3	Appeals from voters outside Kosovo	Registration of voters outside Kosovo	16,410
<b>Total:</b>			<b>17,519</b>

### **Complaints and appeals filed in early elections for Kosovo Assembly of the year 2014**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for the early elections for the Assembly of Kosovo held in 2014, received and decided on 326 complaints and 15 appeals: on election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process, and has also adjudicated 9,172 appeals against Central Election Commission, decisions rejecting applications to register as voters outside Kosovo.

**Table 12.** *Complaints and appeals filed in early elections for Kosovo Assembly of the year 2014*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For starting the election campaign before the date set for the campaign	3
		For the election campaign	153
		For administration in CRC	6
		For breaking electoral silence	36
		On irregularities during the voting process	46
		For the preliminary result	21
		For the final result	61
2	Appeals for electoral procedure	Appeals against CEC decisions	15
3	Appeals from voters outside Kosovo	Registration of voters outside Kosovo	9,172
<b>Total:</b>			<b>9,513</b>

### **Complaints and appeals filed in the Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Glllogoc of the year 2016**

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for the Extraordinary Elections for Mayor of Glllogoc, held in 2016, received and adjudicated 17 complaints: on the election campaign, the counting and other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 13.** *Complaints and appeals filed in the Extraordinary Mayor Elections in Glllogoc of the year 2016*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For starting the election campaign before the date set for the campaign	3
		For the election campaign	2
		For breaking electoral silence	3
		On irregularities during the voting process	9
Total:			17

## Complaints and appeals filed in Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly of the year 2017

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for the early elections for the Assembly of Kosovo, held in 2017, received and adjudicated on 400 complaints and 21 appeals: for the election campaign, for the counting and for other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 14.** *Complaints and appeals filed in Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly of the year 2017*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For the election campaign	177
		For breaking electoral silence	88
		On irregularities during the voting process	67
		For the preliminary result	2
		For the final result	66
2	Appeals for electoral procedure	Appeals against CEC decisions	21
<b>Total:</b>			<b>421</b>

## Complaints and appeals filed in Municipal Assembly Elections of the year 2017

The Election Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), for municipal assembly elections held in 2017, has received and adjudicated 1,142 complaints: on the election campaign, counting and other stages of the electoral process.

**Table 15.** *Complaints and appeals filed in Municipal Assembly Elections of the year 2017*

No.	Complaint / Appeal	Alleged violations by complaints / appeals	Number of complaints
1	Complaints about the electoral procedure	For starting the election campaign before the date set for the campaign	35
		For the election campaign	226
		For breaking electoral silence	57
		On irregularities during the voting process	195
		For the preliminary result	89
		For the final result	540
Total:			1,142

### **The overall number of complaints and appeals for the period 2000 - 2017**

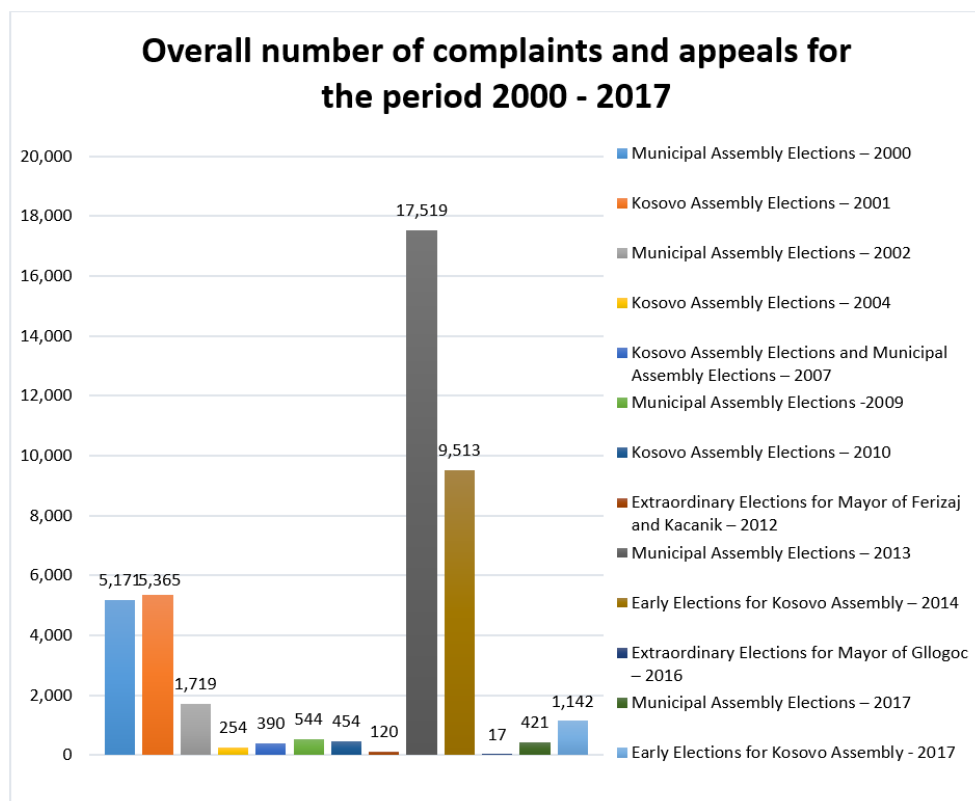
This section reflects the total number of complaints and appeals filed during the election process for the period 2000 - 2017. During this period, the total number of complaints and appeals reaches 42,629. This reflects best on the workload of ECAP and former ECAC during this period, at the same time reflecting the results of this institution, the importance of which is now evident to all election stakeholders.

In order to provide a clearer picture to the reader, complaints and appeals are generally shown in two time periods, where the division criterion will be the management of the Panel by internationals and locals.

Table No.16 shows the division of complaints and appeals for two periods, 2000 - 2007, when the ECAC was internationally managed and after 2007, when the ECAC, now ECAP, was taken over by local management.

**Table 16.** *The overall number of complaints and appeals for the period 2000 - 2017*

<b>No.</b>	<b>Management of ECAC by internationals</b>	<b>Number of complaints/appeals</b>
1	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2000	5,171
2	Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2001	5,365
3	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2002	1,719
4	Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2004	254
5	Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2007	390
6	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2007	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>12,899</b>
<b>No.</b>	<b>Management of ECAC and ECAP by locals</b>	<b>Number of complaints/appeals</b>
7	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2009	544
8	Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010	454
9	Extraordinary elections for Mayor of Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012	120
10	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013	17,519
11	Early elections for the Assembly of Kosovo - 2014	9,513
12	Extraordinary elections for Mayor of Glllogoc – 2016	17
13	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2017	421
14	Early elections for the Assembly of Kosovo - 2017	1,142
<b>Total:</b>		<b>29,730</b>
<b>Overall number:</b>		<b>42,629</b>



### **Complaints and appeals filed at former ECAC and current ECAP, from 2009 to 2017, from different parties**

Table No. 17 lists all complaints and appeals filed in former ECAC and current ECAP, from 2009 to 2017<sup>6</sup>, by political parties, civic initiatives, independent candidates, and other natural and legal persons having a legal interest.

<sup>6</sup> At the time of drafting of this document by ECAP, there has been no sharing of data on complaints and appeals filed by various parties contesting the elections or having a legal interest for the years 2000-2007, since The ECAC was under international administration at that time.

**Table 17.** *Complaints and appeals filed at former ECAC and current ECAP, from 2009 to 2017, by different parties*

No.	The party that filed a complaint at former ECAC and current ECAP from 2009-2017	Municipal Assembly Elections- 2009		Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010		Extraordinary Mayoral Elections Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012		Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013		Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly- 2014		Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2017		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2017		Total complaints and appeals
		Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Total
1	Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	25	-	18	-	-	-	40	1	2	-	-	-	59	47	192
2	Democratic Alternative for Kosovo (DAK)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3	Alliance New Kosovo (AKR)	50	1	52	1	-	-	18	1	15	2	-	-	21	21	182
4	Alternative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	10	23
5	Aktivna Građanska Inicijativa (AGI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
6	Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN)	-	-	39	-	12	-	27	-	2	-	37	-	128	-	245
7	Bošnjačka Jedinstvena Lista (BJL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3
8	Bošnjačka Stranka Demokratske Akcije Kosova (BSDAK)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
9	Bošnjačka Unija Kosova (BUK)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
10	Centar Demokratske Unije (CDU)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
11	Crnogorska Demokratska Partija (CDS)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
12	Democracy in Action	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
13	Democracy Plus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	46
14	Fryma e re (FER)	-	-	42	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
15	G.I. Krilo Naroda	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
16	Democratic Initiative for Integration (DII)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
17	Initiative for Progress (IfP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
18	Jedinstvena Srpska Lista (JSL)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
19	Kosova Demokratik Turk Partisi (KDTP)	1	-	1	2	-	-	4	-	7	-	4	1	-	2	22
20	Democratic Union (DU)	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13



No.	The party that filed a complaint at former ECAC and current ECAP from 2009-2017	Municipal Assembly Elections- 2009		Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010		Extraordinary Mayoral Elections Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012		Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013		Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly- 2014		Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2017		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2017		Total complaints and appeals
		Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Total
21	Građanska Inicijativa Zajedno za Opstanak (GIZZO)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
22	International Crisis Group Prishtina (INCGP)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
23	I.Q. Koha	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
24	Hrvatska Stranka Kosova (HSK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
25	Drenas Citizens' Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
26	Malisheva Citizens' Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
27	International Crisis Group	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
28	"Zavičaj" Citizens Initiative	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
29	Municipal Election Committee (MEC)	13	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	27
30	Vakat	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	10
31	Central Election Committee (CEC)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
32	Gracanica Municipality	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
33	Polling Station Council (PSC)	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	8
34	Kosovo Democratic Institute (KDI)	-	-	1	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	71	-	26	-	108
35	Kosovo Turk Adalet Partisi (KTAP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	6	2	1	1	3	1	22
36	Kosova Turk Birligi (KTB)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
37	Kosovaki Nevi Romani Partia (KNRP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
38	Koalicija Za Gora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
39	Democratic League of Dardania (DLD)	26	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
40	Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	120	4	29	1	23	-	84	3	14	-	58	1	59	92	488
41	Integration and Development Movement	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
42	Vetëvendosje Movement	-	-	173	1	61	-	155	2	124	-	71	-	106	54	747
43	Srpska Lista	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	1	2	12	1	3	7	35

No.	The party that filed a complaint at former ECAC and current ECAP from 2009-2017	Municipal Assembly Elections- 2009		Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010		Extraordinary Mayoral Elections Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012		Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013		Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly- 2014		Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2017		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2017		Total complaints and appeals	
		Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Total	
44	Movement for Unity (MU)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
45	Nova Demokratska Stranka (NDS)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
46	“Vepro Drejtë” NGO	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
47	Citizens’ Initiative for Prizren	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
48	Initiative for Kosovo (NISMA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	13	69	89	
49	Ashkanli Party for Integration (PAI)	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	18	
50	“Gruda” NGO	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
51	“Sveta Trojica” NGO	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
52	National Democratic Front Organization (NDFO)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
53	“Krahët e Hapur” NGO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
54	National Front (NF)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
55	Justice Party (JP)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	
56	Democratic Party of Kosovo Asahkanli (DPKA)	2	-	6	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	2	2	5	-	21	
57	Democratic Party of Kosovo(DPK)	113	5	52	-	23	-	127	1	65	1	60	-	75	188	710	
58	Green Party of Kosovo (GPK)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
59	Narodna Crnogorska Partija Kosova (NCPK)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
60	Social Democratic Party of Kosovo (SDPK)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	
61	Albanian Demo Christian Party (ADP)	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	19	
62	Traditional Albanian Party (TAP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
63	Progresivna Demokratska Stranka (PDS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	9
64	Partija Kosovskih Srba (PKS)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	4	-	-	-	21
65	United Roma Party of Kosovo (URP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2



No.	The party that filed a complaint at former ECAC and current ECAP from 2009-2017	Municipal Assembly Elections- 2009		Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010		Extraordinary Mayoral Elections Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012		Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013		Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly- 2014		Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2017		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2017		Total complaints and appeals	
		Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Total	
89	Albanian Citizens' Initiative for Kllokot	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
90	Jedinstvena Goranska Partija (JGP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	
91	Jedinstvena Unija Goranaca (JUG)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
92	Political Party Registration and Certification Office (PPRCO)	33	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	
93	Independent Candidate	20	3	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	37	
94	Candidate for Municipal Assembly / Candidate for Member of the Parliament	53	-	4	3	-	-	491	35	76	-	10	-	-	-	672	
95	Voter	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	7	-	-	-	76	-	92	
96	Voter living outside the Country	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	16410	-	9172	-	-	-	-	25590	
<b>Total</b>		<b>524</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>16460</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>9187</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>29730</b>	

### Complaints and appeals filed at former ECAC and current ECAP, from 2009 to 2017, by different parties in each municipality

All complaints and appeals filed at former ECAC and current ECAP from 2009 to 2017<sup>7</sup>, from parties with legal interests in election processes in each municipality in Kosovo have been presented on table no. 18.

<sup>7</sup> Upon compiling this table, due to lack of data for the years 2000-2007, the distribution through municipalities could not be presented in terms of complaints and appeals filed by different parties for this period.

**Table 18.** *Complaints and appeals filed at ECAC and ECAP from 2009 until 2017 in each municipality*

No	Municipality	Municipal Assembly Elections- 2009		Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010		Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2013		Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2014		Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2017		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2017		Total complaints and appeals
		Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Total
1	Deçan	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	4	-	8	-	4	6	52
2	Dragash	2	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	25
3	Ferizaj	21	-	17	-	91	-	107	-	37	-	20	1	45	29	368
4	Fushë Kosovë	13	1	5	-	-	-	28	-	1	-	4	-	24	10	86
5	Gjakovë	26	-	8	-	-	-	35	1	3	-	13	-	30	27	143
6	Gjilan	51	1	18	-	-	-	28	2	6	-	35	-	12	12	165
7	Glogoc	2	-	26	-	-	-	25	3	2	-	3	-	32	-	93
8	Graçanicë	23	-	5	-	-	-	19	-	2	3	11	2	3	-	68
9	Hani i Elezit	4	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	15
10	Istog	12	-	2	2	-	-	54	3	5	-	4	-	19	20	121
11	Junik	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	3	7	16
12	Kaçanik	14	1	12	-	29	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	1	4	72
13	Kamenicë	10	-	-	-	-	-	52	1	5	-	19	-	16	24	127
14	Klinë	7	-	11	-	-	-	45	-	1	-	4	-	3	18	89
15	Klokotë	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	34	3	39
16	Leposaviq	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	16	3	5	-	30
17	Lipjan	48	-	4	3	-	-	74	4	1	-	12	-	16	48	210
18	Malishevë	25	-	18	1	-	-	36	-	20	-	12	-	9	18	139
19	Mamushë	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	2	1	2	-	3	1	15
20	Northern Mitrovica	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7
21	Mitrovicë	7	-	32	-	-	-	36	-	10	-	15	1	31	20	152
22	Novobërdë	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	17
23	Obiliq	5	-	2	-	-	-	44	2	1	-	7	-	54	11	126
24	Partesh	13	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	21
25	Pejë	16	-	12	-	-	-	38	2	7	1	19	1	24	7	127
26	Podujevë	20	1	6	-	-	-	30	1	24	-	11	-	14	30	137
27	Prishtinë	60	1	156	8	-	-	99	10	113	7	129	5	67	43	698
28	Prizren	54	1	25	1	-	-	80	1	48	-	21	1	75	53	360

No	Municipality	Municipal Assembly Elections- 2009		Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010		Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2013		Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2014		Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly - 2017		Municipal Assembly Elections- 2017		Total complaints and appeals	
		Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Complaints	Appeals	Total	
29	Rahovec	14	-	2	-	-	-	16	-	7	1	1	-	8	5	54	
30	Ranillug	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
31	Shtërpce	8	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	3	23	
32	Shtime	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	5	-	18	22	69	
33	Skenderaj	19	-	48	1	-	-	2	-	3	-	6	-	25	22	126	
34	Suharekë	31	-	3	-	-	-	15	2	11	-	8	-	7	3	80	
35	Viti	11	-	2	-	-	-	35	-	2	-	5	-	1	13	69	
36	Vushtrri	9	-	12	-	-	-	101	-	2	-	1	-	10	56	191	
37	Zubin Potok	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	
38	Zveçan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	5	
39	Voters living outside Kosovo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16410	-	9172	-	4	-	4	25590	
<b>Total</b>		<b>537</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>120</b>		<b>1089</b>	<b>16447</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>9187</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>29730</b>	

## **Alleged violations according to complaints from 2000-2017**

The Elections Complaints and Appeals Panel received and decided on complaints and appeals with allegations of various violations regarding the electorate process, from the moment of announcing elections to the certification of elections' results.

The following is a presentation of alleged violations of parties in proceedings, during the electoral process 2000-2017, for both complaints and appeals:

1. Early electoral campaign;
2. Damaging propagandistic material during elections campaign (covering posters, ripping posters, drawing graffiti on posters, changing the placard's notices);
3. Placement of ads during the election campaign in public places (posters displayed in the street and over the street, traffic signs, electrical posts, in and outside buildings, and in premises used by different international organizations);
4. Displaying propagandistic materials during the election campaign in private facilities without the owner's permission;
5. Public officers' utilization of public assets during election campaign (using official vehicles, public facilities, institution's logo, institutional activity).
6. Unequal treatment of a political party from the media;
7. Using offensive language during the election campaign;
8. Disrupting rallies of political parties or encouraging others to do so;
9. Holding or displaying unlicensed guns during public gatherings;
10. Threatening, blackmailing, intimidation and violence during the election campaign;
11. Using written language to incite hatred against others during the election campaign;
12. Using pictures, symbols to provoke others during the election campaign;
13. Preventing journalists to carry out their duty in public gatherings;
14. Promising financial rewards for the purpose of gaining the support of voters;

15. Encouraging supporters to commit violence and intimidation;
16. Breaking pre-election silence by sending messages;
17. Breaking pre-election silence through social media;
18. Breaking pre-election silence by displaying propagandistic material closer than 100 m to the Polling Centre (PC) on election day;
19. Family voting;
20. Voting on someone else's behalf;
21. Double voting;
22. Voting with invalid identification documents;
23. Manipulating with the results within the political party (among candidates of the same party) and from another political party;
24. Ineligible voters;
25. Falsifying the ballot;
26. Taking picture of and recording the vote;
27. Announcing invalid ballots in the polling station;
28. Dividing ballots from the stock (before the voters come);
29. Inconsistencies among ballots and the number of signatures in the Final Voters List;
30. Changing the Polling Centre by CEC without a notice in advance;
31. Lack of sensitive electoral material in the polling station (ultraviolet lamps, invisible color – spray, voting book, stamps, security tapes);
32. Number of printed ballots smaller than the number of voters in the Final Voters List in the polling station;
33. Electricity cuts for manipulation purposes: with ballots, with casting ballots, and stealing votes;
34. Changing the candidate's competing number without informing them;
35. Inconsistency of ballots at FRK-FRP, with the final result;
36. Not filling in FRK in the polling station;
37. Names of dead persons in the Final Voters List;
38. Not enabling voters with disabilities to exercise their right to vote;
39. Public voting (displaying votes);
40. Transporting voters to Polling Centers from political parties;
41. Changing the result between FRK, the one achieved at the polling station and the final one, and
42. Financial reports of the election campaign not submitted by political parties.



## Fines imposed on political parties during electoral processes 2009 - 2017

All fines imposed to political parties for each electoral process from 2009 to 2017 are presented on table No. 19.

**Table 19.** *Fines imposed to political parties during electoral processes 2009 - 2017*

No.	Party that has been imposed a fine from 2009-2017	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2009	Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010	Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013	Early Kosovo Assembly elections - 2014	Extraordinary elections for the Mayor of Municipality of Glogoc - 2016	Extraordinary Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2017	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2017	Total fines per each party
		Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Total
1	Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK)	12,720.00 €	77,600.00 €	7,150.00 €	36,300.00 €	3,900.00 €	-	-	17,200.00 €	154,870.00 €
2	Democratic Alternative of Kosovo (DAK)	3,200.00 €	-	-	800.00 €	-	-	-	-	4,000.00 €
3	Alliance New Kosovo (AKR)	21,600.00 €	38,850.00 €	2,000.00 €	11,900.00 €	-	-	-	20,050.00 €	94,400.00 €
4	Alternative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,450.00 €	15,450.00 €
5	Democratic Union (DU)	-	-	-	850.00 €	-	-	-	-	850.00 €
6	Bošnjačka Unija Kosova (BUK)	1,500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00 €
7	Demokracia e Re e Kosovës (DRK)	1,500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00 €
8	New Spirit (NS)	-	3,050.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,050.00 €
9	Fjala	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,600.00 €	-	2,600.00 €
10	G.I. Narodna Inicijativa	-	-	-	400.00 €	-	-	-	-	400.00 €
11	G.I. SDP Oliver Ivanović	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550.00 €	550.00 €
12	Građanska Inicijativa Orahovac (GIO)	500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00 €
13	Traditional Albanian Group (TAG)	-	-	-	-	250.00 €	-	-	-	250.00 €

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		Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Total
14	Citizens' Initiative Klinë	-	-	-	250.00 €	-	-	-	-	250.00 €
15	Citizens' Initiative Koha	500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00 €
16	Citizens' Initiative for Malisheves	-	-	-	500.00 €	-	-	-	-	500.00 €
17	New Initiative of Kosovo (NIK)	3,200.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,200.00 €
18	Jedinstvena Sirinička Župa (JSZ)	500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00 €
19	Kosova Demokrtarik Turk Partisi (KDTP)	-	3,050.00 €	-	250.00 €	1,350.00 €	-	8,400.00 €	2,450.00 €	15,500.00 €
20	Coalition LDK-AKR-Alternative	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,700.00 €	-	71,700.00 €
21	Independent Candidate <sup>8</sup>	1,900.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,900.00 €
22	Kosovo Turk Adalet Partisi (KTAP)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200.00 €	2,200.00 €
23	Movement for Unity (MU)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	250.00 €	250.00 €
24	Democratic League of Dardania (DLD)	9,500.00 €	9,200.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,700.00 €
25	Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	48,900.00 €	88,050.00 €	13,500.00 €	38,100.00 €	10,200.00 €	1,200.00 €	-	78,550.00 €	278,500.00 €
26	Srpska Lista	-	-	-	1,550.00 €	-	-	35,600.00 €	38,550.00 €	75,700.00 €
27	Vetëvendosje! Movement	-	6,250.00 €	3,700.00 €	1,750.00 €	3,500.00 €	-	62,600.00 €	39,400.00 €	117,200.00 €
28	Nova Demokratska Stranka (NDS)	-	-	-	400.00 €	-	-	-	-	400.00 €
29	Initiative for Kosovo (NISMA)	-	-	-	-	9,200.00 €	5,500.00 €	-	6,950.00 €	21,650.00 €

<sup>8</sup> The data refer to all independent candidates to which fines have been imposed.



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		Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Total
46	Srpski Demokratski Pokret (SDP)	3,200.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,200.00 €
47	Samostalna Liberalna Stranka (SLS)	-	3,000.00 €	-	-	-	-	3,800.00 €	-	6,800.00 €
48	VAKAT	-	-	-	-	400.00 €	-	1,200.00 €	-	1,600.00 €
49	Za Bolju Budućnost (ZBB)	500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00 €
50	Za Evropsko Gnjilane (ZEG)	500.00 €	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500.00 €
<b>Total</b>		<b>210,170.00€</b>	<b>377,450.00€</b>	<b>43,950.00€</b>	<b>190,550.00€</b>	<b>86,700.00 €</b>	<b>10,900.00 €</b>	<b>348,900.00€</b>	<b>257,350.00€</b>	<b>1,525,970.00 €</b>

Former CAC and current ECAP have imposed fines in an amount of 1,525,970 to political parties, citizens' initiatives and independent candidates in electoral processes from 2009 – 2017, of which only 12,444.10 Euros have remained unexecuted, until this historical was compiled.

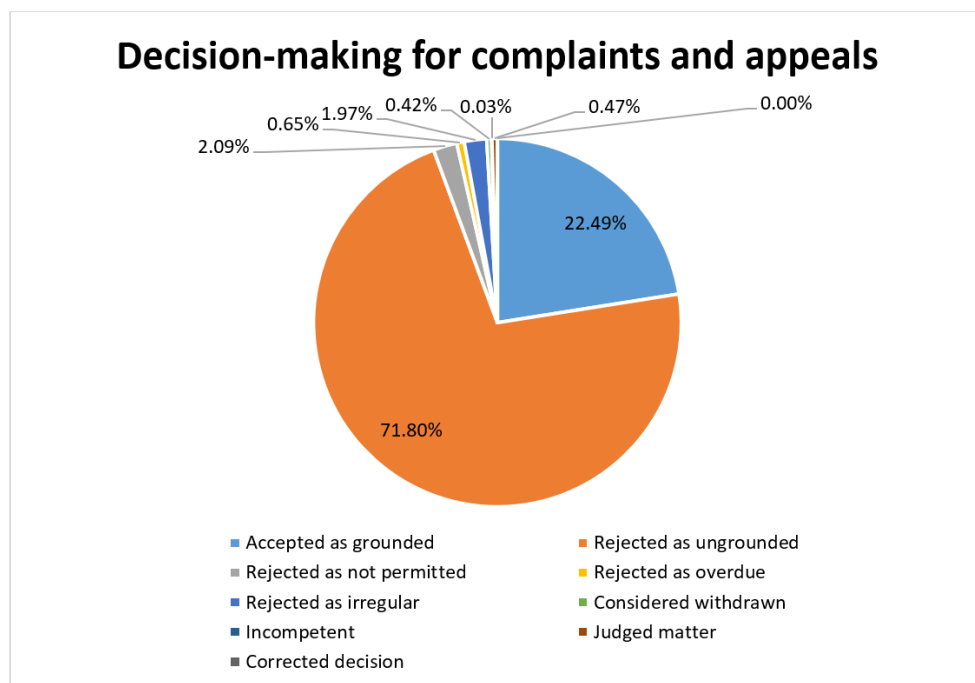
## Decision-making for complaints and appeals

Decision-making of ECAP in relation to complaints and appeals presented from 2009-2017 has been presented in the following table:

**Table 20.** *Decision-making on complaints and appeals*

No.	Electoral year	Accepted as grounded	Rejected as ungrounded	Rejected as not permitted	Rejected as overdue	Rejected as irregular	Considered withdrawn	Incompetent	Judged matter	Corrected decision	Total
1	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2009	115	429	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	544
2	Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2010	150	188	88	22	6	-	-	-	-	454
3	Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012	26	74	15	-	-	1	4	-	-	120
4	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2013	5,592	11,015	281	54	379	66	3	128	1	17,519
5	Early Kosovo Assembly Elections -2014	303	9,030	22	13	114	20	2	9	-	9,513
6	Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Gillogoc Municipality - 2016	8	5	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	17

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7	Extraordinary Kosovo Assembly Elections - 2017	179	150	33	37	4	16	1	1	-	421
8	Municipal Assembly Elections - 2017	322	462	182	68	83	22	-	3	-	1,142
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,687</b>	<b>21,348</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29,730</b>



**Complaints that resulted in cancelation and repeat of voting in municipalities as follows:**

**Local Elections held on November 15, 2009.**

- Repeated elections for Municipality Mayor in Prizren, dated 31 January 2010.
- Repeated elections for Municipality Mayor in Lipjan, dated 31 January 2010.
- Repeated elections for Municipality Mayor in Gjilan, dated 14 March 2010.

**Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly held on 12 December 2010.**

- Repeated elections in Skenderaj held on 09 January 2011.
- Repeated elections in Gllogoc held on 09 January 2011.
- Repeated elections in Deçan held on 09 January 2011.
- Partially repeated elections in Malishevë, held on 09 January 2011.
- Partially repeated elections in Lipjan, held on 09 January 2011.
- Partially repeated elections in Mitrovica, held on 23 January 2011.

**Local Elections held on 3 November 2013**

- Partially repeated elections in Northern Mitrovica, held on 17 November 2013.
- Partially repeated elections in Zveçan, held on 17 November 2013.
- Partially repeated elections in Partesh, held on 17 November 2013.

**Local Elections held on 22 October 2017**

- First round of elections repeated for Municipality Mayor in Partesh, held on 19 November 2017.
- Second round of elections repeated for Municipality Mayor in Istog, held on 17 December 2017.

## Number of persons banned from participating as candidates or administrative staff of an electoral body

In the elections held under the authority of the Central Elections Committee from 2009 to 2017, former ECAC and current ECAP took decisions banning individuals from competing as candidates in elections, or taking administrative part in electoral bodies, as presented in the table below.

**Table 21.** *Number of persons who banned from participating as candidates or administrative parts of an electoral body*

No	Parties	Municipal Assembly elections - 2009	Kosovo Assembly elections - 2010	Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik - 2012	Municipal assembly elections - 2013	Early Kosovo Assembly elections - 2014	Extraordinary Kosovo Assembly elections 2017	Total number of persons prohibited per each political party
		No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	Total
1	Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK)	4	-	1	1	1	-	7
2	Democratic Party of Kosovo (DPK)	3	1	2	3	1	-	10
3	Democratic Union of Ashkali (BDA)	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
4	Zavičaj Citizens' Initiative	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
5	Polling station Chair	-	2	-	-	1	14	17
6	Commissioner	-	6	-	-	-	-	7
7	Polling Centre Manager	-	1	-	-	-	-	1



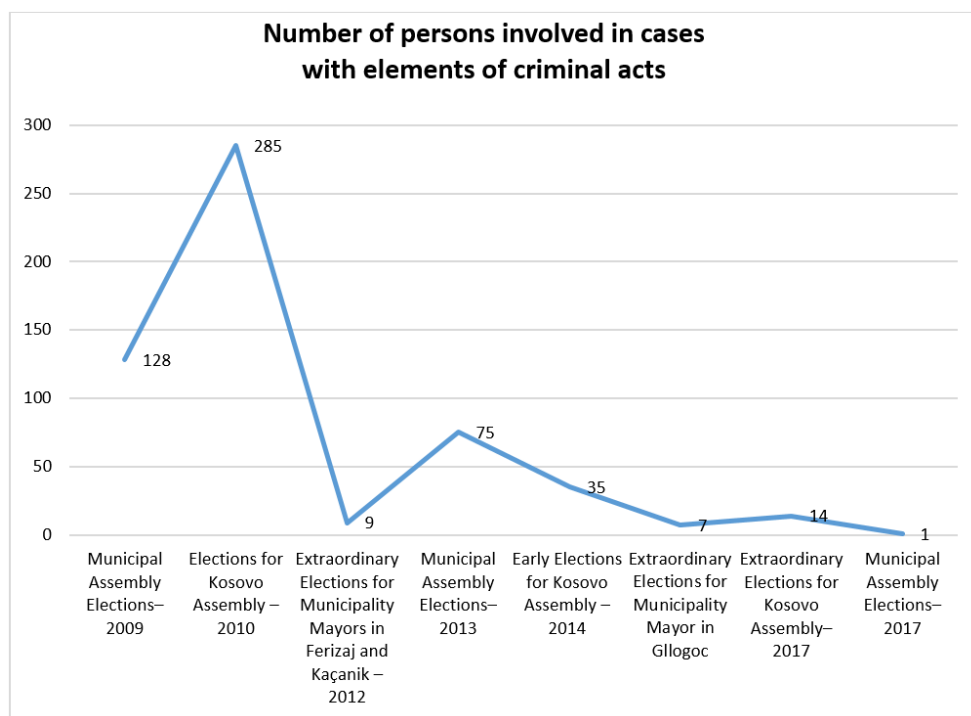
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		No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	No. of persons	Total
8	INPO - Observer	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
9	Justice Party (JP)	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
10	Vetëvendosje! Movement	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
11	Alliance New Kosovo (AAK)	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
12	NISMA	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
13	Alliance New Kosovo (AKR)	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
14	“Mother Theresa” NGO	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55</b>

### Submission of cases with criminal elements to the State Prosecution

As mentioned at the beginning of this document, in the process of fulfilling its legal mandate in terms of identified violations, ECAP, in certain cases, when there were suspicions of criminal acts, filed these cases to the state prosecution, after deciding on alleged violations of the complaint.

Submission of cases with criminal elements to competent bodies can be looked at from two perspectives: successful completion of the mandate, and fruitful cooperation with persecution bodies. In doing this, ECAP has demonstrated firmness in fighting negative phenomena during the electoral process until the end.

Table 22 presents data on all cases and persons involved, which have been filed to the state prosecution from 2009-2017, with an explanation of the number of people involved in a case, although it is identified as a single, because the entire administrative staff of a polling station may have been involved in the alleged violation with elements of the criminal act.



**Table 22.** *Number of cases with criminal elements proceeded to the State Prosecution*

<b>No.</b>	<b>Elections</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Numri i personave</b>
1	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2009	89	128
2	Elections for Kosovo Assembly – 2010	198	285
3	Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik – 2012	8	9
4	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2013	64	75
5	Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly – 2014	34	35
6	Extraordinary Elections for Municipality Mayor in Glllogoc	7	7
7	Extraordinary Elections for Kosovo Assembly – 2017	14	14
8	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2017	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>412</b>	<b>554</b>

### **ECAP decisions appealed to the Supreme Court**

In cases of allegations of violations of human rights or when the amount of fines imposed by ECAP is higher than 5,000 Euros, parties that are not satisfied with the ECAP decision can address the Supreme Court, as the highest body to evaluate the lawfulness of ECAP's decisions.

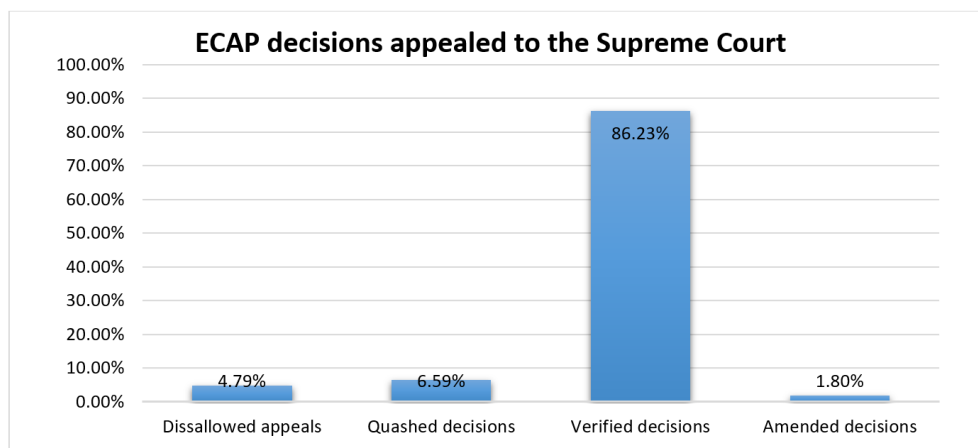
The total number of cases when ECAP's decisions were appealed to the Supreme Court and the way this court decided in terms of these appeals is presented in the table below.

**Table 23.** *ECAP's decisions appealed to the Supreme Court*

No	Elections	Number of appeals	Disallowed appeals	Distorted decisions	Verified decisions	Amended decisions
1	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2009	25	-	-	25	-
2	Elections for Kosovo Assembly – 2010	19	8	1	10	-
3	Extraordinary Mayoral Elections in Ferizaj and Kaçanik – 2012	1	-	-	1	-
4	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2013	48	-	1	47	-
5	Early Elections for Kosovo Assembly – 2014	15	-	3	12	-
6	Extraordinary elections for Municipality Mayor of Glllogoc – 2016	1	-	-	1	-
7	Extraordinary elections for Kosovo Assembly – 2017	11	-	3	8	-
8	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2017	47	-	4	40	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>167</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>3</b>

As seen from the table above, out of 167 appeals against ECAP's decisions filed to the Supreme Court, 144 have been confirmed, whereas only 11 were quashed, 3 of them were revised, and 8 appeals were turned down as inadmissible.

This quite high number of confirmations of decisions from the Supreme Court makes ECAP an institution with credibility in resolving electoral disputes, and increases trust in electoral stakeholders and the public.



### Cases of decisions at former ECAC and current ECAP presented in the Constitutional Court

The total number of cases of former ECAC and current ECAP decisions, presented to the Constitutional Court, and decisions of this Court, will be presented in a statistical form. See table No. 24 for more information.

**Table 24.** *Cases of former ECAC and current ECAP decisions filed in the Constitutional Court*

No	Elections	Number of appeals	Disallowed appeals	Distorted decisions	Verified decisions	Amended decisions
1	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2009	1	-	-	1	-
2	Municipal Assembly Elections – 2017	4	-	-	4	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	-	-	<b>5</b>	-

## **APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION OF ECAP, FORMER-ECAC, AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE LAW ON GENERAL ELECTIONS AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

### **Time period from 2008 to 2010**

In accordance with Article 115, paragraph 2 of LGE, the President of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, under decision No. 381/2008, dated 19.08.2008, appointed the members of ECAP in 2008, including the Chair, from the ranks of judges of the Supreme Court of Kosovo and judges of District Courts in Kosovo, as follows:

1. Rifat Zylfiu, Judge at the Supreme Court, Chairperson of the Committee, from 19.08.2008 - 02.12.2008.
2. Osman Tmava, Judge at the Supreme Court, member, from 19.08.2008 - 31.12.2009.
3. Muharrem Shala, Judge at the Supreme Court in Peja, member, from 19.08.2008 - 07.11.2010.
4. Ymer Hoxha, President Judge of the District Court of Prizren, member, from 19.08.2008 - 07.11.2010.
5. Fahredin Ymeri, President of the District Court of Gjilan, member, from 19.08.2008 - 12.07.2010.

The President Judge of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, under decision No. 627/2008, on 03.12.2008, replaced the Chairperson of ECAP, Mr. Rifat Zylfiu, with Mr. Tahir Rrecaj, Judge of the Supreme Court, who was appointed in the position of the Chairperson of ECAP, on 03.12.2008, and finished his mandate on 06.07.2010.

The President Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, under decision No. 405/2010, on 05.07.2010, appointed Mr. Shukri Sylejmani, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, in the position of Chairman of ECAP, in the position of Mr. Tahir Rrecaj, because of his resignation and appointed Mr. Salih Toplica, Judge at the District Court of Prishtina, in the position of ECAP member, previously occupied by Mr. Osman Tmava.

Also, based on Decision 434/2010, dated 12.07.2010, he appointed Mr. Muhamet Rexha, Judge at the District Court of Gjilan, in the position of ECAP

member, previously occupied by Mr. Fahredin Ymeri, who was appointed in the position of ECAP member on 19.08.2008 and completed his mandate on 12.07.2010.

Mr. Shukri Sylejmani was appointed President of ECAP and Mr. Salih Toplica was appointed ECAP member on 05.07.2010, whereas Mr. Muhamet Rexha was appointed on 13.07.2010 and completed his mandate on 07.11.2010, because of amendment of the Law on General Elections.

### **Time period from 2010 to 2014**

For the purpose of improving and enhancing the electoral process in 2010, the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo adopted Law No. 03/L-256, on Amending and Supplementing Law No. 03/L-073, on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo on 29 October 2010.

The amendment and supplement of LGE, the designation “ECAC” – Election Complaints and Appeals Committee is replaced with “ECAP” – Election Complaints and Appeals Panel, and ECAP’s composition, from five (5) to ten (10) members, including the president.

The President Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, pursuant to this law (Law No. 03/L-256, on Amending and Supplementing Law No. 03/L-073 on General Elections in the Republic of Kosovo, dated 29 October 2010) appointed the Chairman of ECAP from among the judges of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo and appointed the members of ECAP from among the judges of District Courts with a four-year mandate.

The President Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, based on the above-mentioned law, under Decision No. 685/2010, on 08.11.2010, appointed the Chairman and members of ECAP, as in the following:

1. Shukri Sylejmani, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, ECAP Chairman, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014.
2. Ymer Hoxha, President Judge of the District Court - Prizren, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;

3. Muharrem Shala, Judge at the District Court - Pejë, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
4. Hasan Shala, Judge at the District Court - Pejë, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
5. Xhevdet Abazi, President Judge of the District Court-Mitrovicë, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
6. Ferit Osmani, Judge at the District Court - Mitrovicë, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
7. Nehat Idrizi, Judge at the District Court - Prishtinë, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
8. Rafet Haxhaj, Judge at the District Court - Prishtinë, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
9. Muhamet Rexha, Judge at the District Court - Gjilan, member, from 08.11.2010 - 07.11.2014;
10. Vlastimir Dimić, Judge at the District Court - Gjilan, member, from 08.11.2010 - 31.10.2012.

Because of the resignation of Mr. Vlastimir Dimić, who was a Judge of the District Court in Gjilan and exercised the function of ECAP member, from 08.11.2010 until 31.10.2012, the President Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, under Decision Verd. No. 539/12 dated 09.11.2012, replaced him with Mr. Nenad Lazić, Judge at the District Court in Prishtina, who was appointed the position member of ECAP, from 09.11.2012 until 08.11.2016.

In 2014, because the ECAP members completed their mandate, including the Chairman appointed for this position, under decision Verd. No. 685/2010 dated 08.11.2010, the President Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, under decision Verd. No. 410/2014 dated 31.10.2014 appointed five (5) new members and reappointed four (4) members of ECAP, for a new four-year mandate, including the panel's chairman, as in the following:



**Period 2014 - 2018**

1. Nazmije Ibrahim, Judge at the Supreme Court of Kosovo, Chairperson of ECAP, from 08.11.2014 - 17.10.2016;
2. Muhamet Rexha, Judge at the Court of Appeals of Kosovo, (reappointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 17.09.2015;
3. Hasan Shala, Judge at the Court of Appeals of Kosovo, (reappointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.10.2018;
4. Ymer Hoxha, President Judge of the Basic Court - Prizren, (reappointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.10.2018;
5. Nehat Idrizi, Judge of the Basic Court - Prishtinë, (reappointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.03.2016;
6. Zyhdi Haziri, President Judge of the Basic Court - Gjilan, (appointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.10.2018;
7. Fejzullah Rexhepi, Judge of the Basic Court - Ferizaj, (appointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.10.2018;
8. Afijete Sada Glllogjani, Judge of the Basic Court - Gjakova, (appointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.10.2018;
9. Faton Ademi, Judge of the Basic Court - Mitrovicë, (appointed) member, from 08.11.2014 - 31.10.2018.

In 2015, the Presiding Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, under decision GJ.A.Su.A. No. 285/2015 dated 18.09.2015 reappointed Mr. Rafet Haxhaj, Judge at the Court of Appeals of Kosovo, member of ECAP, for a four-year mandate until 17.09.2019 in the position previously occupied by Mr. Muhamet Rexha. Whereas in 2016, the President Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, under decision Verd. No. 584/2016 dated 11.11.2016 reappointed Mr. Nenad Lazić for another four-year mandate until 08.11.2020, whereas Mrs. Gyltene Sylejmani, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, under decision GJ.A.Su.A. No. 537/2016, dated 17.10.2016 was reappointed in the position of ECAP Chairperson, for a four-year mandate until 17.10.2020, in the position previously occupied by Nazmije Ibrahim who completed her mandate on 17.10.2016, and appointed other ECAP, such as Mr. Adnan Konushevci, Judge at the Basic Court in Prishtina, under decision GJ.A.Su.A. No. 135/2016, dated 31.03.2016, for a four-year mandate until 30.03.2020 in the position previously occupied by Nehat Idrizi.

## **Conclusion**

Protection of electoral rights is a sensitive and highly important process in order to ensure electoral integrity.

ECAP now acquired significant experience in protecting electoral rights, including managing and administering all electoral complaint processes from 2000 to 2017, and this publication provides an overview of the complaints process and electoral integrity in Kosovo.

This publication presents all electoral disputes that have characterized electoral complaints in Kosovo, for the period 2000-2017, including: competencies, functioning, composition, administration of complaints and appeals, decision-making, nature of violations, and other statistical data for all electoral processes.

Through this publication, ECAP hopes that researchers, readers and other electoral stakeholders in the field of protection of electoral rights will find it helpful in their research work.

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