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REGULATION (GRK) - NO. 32/2024 ON ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, OPERATION AND MONITORING OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN DEVELOPMENT REGIONS¹

¹ Regulation (GRK) No. 32/2024 on Establishment, Organization, Operation and Monitoring of Regional Development Centres in Development Regions, was adopted at the 221th session of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, BY decision No. 11/223, dated 09.10.2024.

The Government of the Republic of Kosovo,

Pursuant to Article 93, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo and Article 19, paragraph 1.2 of Law No. 08/L-190 on Balanced Regional Development (Official Gazette No. 18/7 August 2023), Article 8, paragraph 4 (4.5) of Law No. 08/L-117 on the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.

Issues the following:

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Purpose

- 1. This Regulation determines the manner of establishment, organization, operation and monitoring of the work of Regional Development Centres in the seven (7) Development Regions of Kosovo in relation to the implementation of the provisions of Articles 16 and 17 of Law No. 08/L-190 on Balanced Regional Development.
- 2. This Regulation shall be in compliance with EU Regulations 1299/2013, 1301/2013 and 1303/2013.

Article 2 Scope

1. The provisions of this regulation shall apply to the Regional Development Centres in the respective development regions.

CHAPTER II REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

Article 3 Establishment of Regional Development Centres

- 1. In accordance with Article 6, namely items 1 and 2 of the Law on Balanced Regional Development, the Regional Development Centres shall be bodies responsible for balanced regional development established based on Article 16 (sixteen) of the relevant Law on Balanced Regional Development, the relevant Law on Inter-Municipal Cooperation and the NUTS criterion defined by the Kosovo Agency of Statistics.
- 2. Regional Development Centres under paragraph 1 of this article shall be established in seven (7) Development Regions based on new inter-municipal cooperation agreements, according to the NUTS-3 classification defined by the Kosovo Agency of Statistics.
- 3. The process of Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreements shall be be coordinated by the responsible Ministry of Regional Development, the responsible Ministry of Local Government Administration and the Municipalities based on paragraph 1 of Article 3.

Article 4 Operation

- 1. The Regional Development Centres shall operate based on the agreement issued in accordance with the Law on Balanced Regional Development, the relevant Law on Inter-Municipal Cooperation and the NUTS criterion. According to the NUTS criterion, the Regional Development Centres shall operate in seven Development Regions.
- 2. The Development Regions shall be harmonized with Statistical Regions (see Annex no. 1).

Article 5 Organization

- 1. The organization of Regional Development Centres shall be defined in the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreements.
- 2. The Regional Development Centres shall provide the relevant staff for the implementation of the tasks defined by the cooperation and partnership agreements between the institutions and bodies responsible for balanced regional development in the 7) Development Regions, in accordance with Article 14 of Law No. 08/L-190 on Balanced Regional Development.

Article 6 Scope of Regional Development Centres

1. The scope of the Regional Development Centres in relation to the implementation of the provisions of this Law shall be defined as follows:

- 1.1. Support the process of drafting balanced regional development policies and programmes as well as their respective implementation plans in accordance with the relevant Law on Balanced Regional Development;
- 1.2. Coordinate the process of drafting Operational Regional Development Plans of the relevant Development Regions and support the local self-government units, in accordance with the Law on Balanced Regional Development;
- 1.3. Develop and implement projects and support the local self-government units and other institutions operating in the relevant development regions in the preparation and implementation of projects aimed at implementing the Operational Regional Development Plans in the Development Regions;
- 1.4. Support private sector organizations in the respective Development Regions in advancing the planning and management capacities of investment projects, in order to efficiently use the financial support opportunities from government programmes and donors, in order to create opportunities for economic development;
- 1.5. Collect statistical data and other relevant information from the institutions responsible for the relevant development regions which are necessary for measuring changes in socio-economic indicators related to balanced regional development that are used for reporting and planning processes.

CHAPTER III FINANCING, MONITORING AND REPORTING CRITERIA

Article 7 Planning financial support

- 1. The financing of the operational expenses of Regional Development Centres in relation to the implementation of the scope from Article 6 of this regulation, shall be done on the basis of cooperation and partnership agreements between institutions and bodies responsible for balanced regional development in the seven (7) development regions, in accordance with Article 14 of the law, as well as item 1.10 of Article 15 of Law no. 08/L-190 on Balanced Regional Development.
- 2. The agreements referred to in point 1 of this Article shall define the percentage of shar3e in the financing of the expenses of the Regional Development Centre by the responsible Ministry of Regional Development based on the operational plans of 7 (seven) Development Regions, as well as other donors if identified.

Article 8 Monitoring

1. The relevant regional development unit shall periodically monitor the implementation of the operational plans approved by the responsible Ministry of Regional Development.

Article 9 Reporting

- 1. Regional development centres in the relevant development regions are obliged to report to the responsible Ministry of Regional Development and to the governing board on the implementation of the operational plan of the previous year no later than March 31 of the following year.
- 2. The responsible Ministry of Regional Development and the municipalities of the relevant development region may also request other periodic reporting.

Article 10 Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force seven (7) days after publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

	Albin Kurti	
Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo		
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Annex No. 1

Development regions	Code and label of statistical regions in Kosovo	
	Code	Level 3
Central Region	XK001	Prishtina
North Region	XK002	Mitrovica
Western Region	XK003	Peja
South Region	XK004	Prizren
Southeastern Region	XK005	Ferizaj
Eastern Region	XK006	Gjilan
Southwestern Region	XK007	Gjakova

