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ASB reconstructed 109 houses under the CARDS 2001 programme in Western Slavonia

The reconstruction of destroyed houses in the municipalities of Dragalić, Okučani, Đulovac, Brestovac, Sirač and the towns of Pakrac, Daruvar and Lipik, financed by the European Union and implemented by the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), is another integral step in the ongoing European Union Programme for Reconstruction and Return (Europska Unija Program Obnove za Povratak - EUPOP). This programme is aimed at accelerating multiple-way return and reintegration, encouraging the reconciliation process, and revitalising the regional economy in the Republic of Croatia.

This project is a part of the EUPOP agreement implemented in the framework of the CARDS 2001 programme. ASB finalised the reconstruction of 109 family houses and handed over the keys to all returnee families. The completion of this project brings the total number of reconstructed housing units by ASB in the region of Western Slavonia to 736. Furthermore, ASB started with the reconstruction of additional 73 housing units in the town of Daruvar, Pakrac and Lipik and the municipalities of Brestovac, Dragalić, Sirač and Đulovac, while 17 housing units are under preparation.

The priority of the EU reconstruction programme in Croatia, apart from housing projects and economic assistance, is the repair of public infrastructure. It is necessary to provide conditions for sustainable reintegration by meeting the future needs of the population and to facilitate economic revitalisation. Thus, all the reconstructed houses will subsequently be reconnected to the water, sewage and electricity networks.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented € 67.3 million worth of EU-funded projects in Croatia, reconstructed more than 3,000 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance.

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