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**The European Commission and its implementing partner
“Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund” (ASB) completed reconstruction of
Fire Station in Knin**

One of the priorities of the EU reconstruction programme in the Republic of Croatia, apart from the housing projects, is the repair of the supporting infrastructure since it is necessary to provide conditions for sustainable reintegration by meeting the future needs of the population and to facilitate economic revitalisation.

The reconstruction of the Fire Station in the Town of Knin, financed by the European Union and implemented by the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) under the CARDS 2001 programme is another integral step in the ongoing European Union Reconstruction Programme for Return (Europska Unija Program Obnove za Povratak - EUPOP) which is aimed at accelerating the multiple-way return and reintegration, encouraging the reconciliation process and regional economic revitalisation in Croatia.

On 13 March 2003, the reconstructed building was handed over to the mayor of Knin, Mr. Vinko Marić, who expressed gratitude on behalf of the citizens of Knin to ASB for their assistance.

This project is a part of the extended EUPOP agreement signed with the Municipality of Knin in 2000 and required an investment of € 27,000. The repair of the facilities will enable this vital emergency department to provide a more efficient service to the community.

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