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**ASB SEE IMPLEMENTS SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT IN BORDER REGION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND MONTENEGRO**

Under the IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme between BiH and Montenegro, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund for South Eastern Europe (ASB SEE) has recently received funds to implement a "Sustainable management in border region of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro" Project in partnership with the Municipality of Kotor, Montenegro. This project will be implemented in the Municipalities of Foča, Trebinje, Gacko and Bileća in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and the Municipalities of Plužine, Nikšić, Kotor and Herceg Novi in Montenegro in close co-operation with local partner organisations, Local Development Initiative from BiH and Eco Centar Delfin from Montenegro. The total value of this project for both countries is € 295,361.00 of which € 162,361 is allocated for BiH. Out of this amount, € 138,007 is being provided by the European Commission (EC) and € 24,354 by ASB. The contract was signed on 30 December 2011 and the implementation period is 18 months.

The overall aim of this project is to foster joint sustainability development and to increase the effectiveness of waste management in this cross-border area by strengthening capacities of joint institutional networks among private, public and civil society sector. Under this project, ASB SEE and its partners will establish two waste management clusters and at least two Green (Recycle) Backyards as the part of environmental development initiatives in the border area, improve joint management and re-establish cross-border co-operation through establishment of the umbrella Cross Border Cooperation Working Group which will maintain dialogue on environmentally friendly social and economic activities in this cross-border area. In addition, ASB SEE and its partners will raise the public awareness and educate the public, private and public sector as well as citizens on the importance of sustainable waste management.

The implementation of this project will bring together all relevant stakeholders in public, private and civil society sectors with the aim of increasing environment sustainability and improving the economic and overall competitiveness of the cross-border area. In addition, this project will strengthen local stakeholders' capacities to manage waste in a sustainable way and to practice environmentally friendly economic activities in local communities.

Since 1994, ASB SEE has implemented projects valued at over € 154 million, reconstructed more than 8,000 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance since 1991.

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