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ASB organises a photo contest in the EUPOP municipalities in Croatia:

“With Open Eyes”

A beautiful flower, the smile of a child, the golden colours of sunrise – every day grants us signs of beauty and happiness. Walking with open eyes is the conditions to see these daily wonders, which can give us confidence in the world around us and build hope for the future.

Especially children should be encouraged to develop the sense for seeing the good things around them. Photography is an excellent tool to allow them to actively seek for the things to remember. This is why the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in the Republic of Croatia organised a photo contest this year with a theme "With Open Eyes" in the EUPOP municipalities. The European Commission and its implementing partner ASB, have been implementing the "European Union Programme for Reconstruction and Return" (EUPOP) in Croatia since 1996, which supports sustainable return and reintegration of refugees and displaced person in war-affected areas, through reconstruction, mine clearance, public and social infrastructure development and economic revitalisation.

This contest was held during November 2003 throughout elementary and high schools in the EUPOP municipalities. At the same time, pre-school children participated in the same contest but through singing.

The award ceremony for the winning photos and songs took place on Friday, 19 December 2003 at 11:00 hrs in the library "Bogdan Ogrizovi_", Preradovi_eva 5 Street, at the Flower's square in Zagreb in the presence of children, parents, teachers, donors, and representatives of the Delegation of the European Commission. ASB presented the awards to the winning children consisting of cameras, books, films, one family weekend in Vienna, toys, sweets, etc., which were all sponsored by Croatian companies and the UNHCR.

An exhibition of the best photos will be held in the same library from 19 – 24 December 2003, 9:00 to 14:00 hrs.

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