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## **ASB FINALISES TWO ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH FUNDS FROM THE BELGIUM GOVERNMENT**

In the Republic of Croatia, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) has recently finalised two economic projects; the reconstruction of the railway bridge at the Danube River and the purchase of a new crane for the port of Vukovar. These projects have significantly contributed to the economic development of the Croatian Danube region and beyond.

The reconstruction of the bridge has been a joint project implemented by ASB and IMG company funded by the Kingdom of Belgium and partially by the Governments of the Kingdom of Norway and Serbia. The Serbian Ministry for Capital Investment, the Croatian Ministry of the Sea, Tourism, Transport and Development and ASB closely worked on co-ordination of the reconstruction activities which were carried out by the selected construction company "Mostogradnja" from Belgrade. The total value of the reconstruction amounts to € 709,546. By reconstructing the bridge, ASB assisted in the resumption of the international railway traffic between Croatia and Serbia, which is of significant importance for further economic development in two very important regions, Vojvodina and the Croatian Danube region.

The second project is the purchase of new crane with 16t lifting capacity for the port of Vukovar, which increased, improved and modernised reloading capacities at the port and raised the quality of service. This resulted in increased customer's satisfaction and also contributed to further development and employment in the region. The total value of this crane purchase amounts to € 2.2 million which is partially funded by the Belgian Government and partially by the Croatian Government.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented projects for a total amount of € 82.1 million in Croatia with funding from the European Union and individual member states. ASB reconstructed more than 4,235 housing units and carried out projects in the field of mine-clearance, technical, social and economic infrastructure, sustainability measures and capacity building. In 2007, ASB continues to provide support especially in the field of economic recovery of the war-affected areas in Croatia, which is still slow and very much needed.

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