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ASB IMPLEMENTS A NEW EU-FUNDED PROJECT „YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS – STRIVE FOR MORE” IN THE TOWN OF KNIN, THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Under the PHARE 2006 programme, the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB) in the Republic of Croatia and the civil society organisation (CSO) „Hoću kući“ from Knin have recently started to implement a new EU-funded project „Young Entrepreneurs – Strive for More!“ in the town of Knin, Šibenik-Knin County. The project is being implemented in close co-operation with the „Kralj Zvonimir“ vocational high school from Knin, „Lovre Monti“ high school from Knin and the „Marko Marulić“ College from Knin. The total value of this project amounts to € 60.053,00 of which € 47.988,35 is being provided by the European Commission, € 6.005,30 by the Central Finance and Contracting unit of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia, and € 6.059,35 by ASB.

Under this project, ASB will enable the civil society sector to actively contribute to the pre-accession process in youth participation. The civil society organisations (CSOs) and institutions will actively participate in the development, implementation and monitoring of public policies and Acquis related policies and contribute in raising awareness of the benefits and challenges of EU accession.

The objective of this project is to mobilise, educate and motivate youth from 14 to 29 in Knin to participate in community development. The youth in the town of Knin are not satisfied with their role in society and their impact on social, economic and political life. Their needs for education, employment, social involvement, cultural creativity, organised and creative use of free time, mobility and information are constantly ignored and marginalised.

Therefore, ASB will organise educational workshops on business administration, capacity building workshops, trainings, field visits, study trips and school fairs for high school and college students in order to help them to create and establish virtual businesses and/or youth associations and to develop a youth programme. In this way, ASB and its partners will improve the quality of life of the youth, strengthen their role in business world as well as in the social and political life of their communities and at the same time, create conditions for better affirmation of the youth in Croatia.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented projects valued at € 83 million in Croatia with funding from the European Union and individual member states. ASB rebuilt more than 4,235 housing units for DPs and refugees and carried out numerous projects in the field of mine-clearance, technical, social and economic infrastructure, sustainability measures and capacity building.

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